



SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OPENING PRAISE SONGS “Great in Power”
 “This is the Day” #657

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP John 4:23-24

APOSTLES’ CREED

OPENING HYMN “This is My Song” #437

OPENING PRAYER *Written by Bobbi Spence*

Good morning and welcome to everyone gathered here today, our Church Family, visiting friends and those who may be joining us for the first time. We are grateful you are here. No matter where you come from or what burdens you carry, we believe God has brought each person here for a purpose. Heavenly Father, we come before you with thankful hearts, grateful for the freedom to gather in worship and praise. Lord, your word reminds us in Psalm 33:12 that “Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord.” As we look around at our world and our nation today we know that true blessing does not come from power, wealth or success but from people who turn their hearts to you. Help us as your people to live with faith, humility, kindness and truth. Let our homes, our church and our community reflect your love and goodness Teach us what it truly means to be a blessed nation, a people who seek your wisdom, honor your ways, care for one another and place our trust in You. We pray for our Nation, for our Leaders, for families and for all who may be struggling with fear, uncertainty or discouragement. Bring Peace where there is division, hope where there is despair and healing where there is hurt. Bless this Service. Be with Pastor ShinAe as the message is shared on what makes a Nation blessed. Open our hearts to hear your truth and help us not only to listen but to live out your Word in our daily lives. We welcome every person here today, members, friends and new faces. May each one feel your presence and know they are loved and welcomed in this place. We ask all these things in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAYER “To God Be the Glory” #98 (v.1)

PATRIOTIC MESSAGE “Remembering our Heritage”

 Steve Freeman portraying John Hancock

 Bert Tripp portraying Thomas Jefferson

CHILDREN’S TIME “God Bless America”

 Children signing with congregation participation

PATRIOTIC POEM “What Freedom Means to Me” By Amey Wert

SPECIAL MUSIC “America the Beautiful” Giana Frederick & Logan Foster

SCRIPTURE Book of Psalms 33:12

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON “What Makes a Nation Blessed?”

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” #349 (2x)

OFFERING PRAYER *Written by Bobbi Spence*

Heavenly Father, as we bring our offerings before you today, we thank you for the many blessings you have given us as a people and as a Nation. Help us to honor our Country by

living with faith, kindness, unity and love for one another. Bless these gifts and use them to serve your people and share your love within our community. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

OFFERING HYMN “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” #95

CLOSING HYMN “Proud to be an American” (God Bless the USA)

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG “Shalom to You” (x2)

Pastor ShinAe Speaks
“Micah, Who is Like You, Lord?”
(Micah 6:8; Psalm 145:18)

The prophet Micah's name comes from the Hebrew phrase “Mi-El Kamokha,” meaning, “Who is like the LORD?” His name itself reminded people that no one compares to God in power, holiness, justice, and mercy. Through Micah, God called His people to move beyond empty religious rituals and live a faith that reflected His character in daily life.

Micah prophesied around 740–700 BC during the reigns of Kings Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah of Judah. Raised in the rural village of Moresheth-Gath, he saw simple farmers depending on God's grace. In contrast, the cities were filled with corruption and moral decay despite outward prosperity and stability.

Three major injustices dominated society. Dishonest merchants cheated the poor with false scales, wealthy landowners seized the homes and fields of vulnerable people, and judges accepted bribes while favoring the rich. Greed and abuse of power had become common throughout the nation. Yet the people still performed elaborate religious ceremonies, believing sacrifices alone would please God. Their worship, however, was meaningless because their hearts and actions were far from Him.

Through Micah, God declared that true worship is not defined by rituals but by the way people live. This message is clearly expressed in Micah 6:8:

“He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”

This verse reveals three essential qualities of genuine faith. First, “to act justly” means living with honesty, fairness, and integrity while protecting the weak and rejecting corruption. Second, “to love mercy” refers to hesed, God's faithful covenant love, which is shown through kindness, compassion, and forgiveness toward others. Third, “to walk humbly with your God” means surrendering pride, depending on God daily, and trusting His guidance.

The passage also teaches that human effort alone cannot overcome selfishness and injustice. Psalm 145:18 says that “God is near to those who sincerely call upon Him.” When believers honestly confess their weakness and seek God through prayer, He gives them the spiritual strength to live according to His will.

Finally, the Bible offers practical guidance for daily life. We, all believers, are called to practice honesty and integrity in our work and relationships, rejecting any dishonest actions that harm others for personal gain. They are also encouraged to show mercy through simple acts of kindness and compassion toward those who are lonely, hurting, or in need. Most importantly, each day should begin with sincere prayer, relying on God's grace and guidance rather than personal strength. Ultimately, Micah's message teaches that true faith is not about outward religious appearances, but about a lifemarked by justice, mercy, humility, and daily fellowship with God. May the Lord help us to walk holding His hand. Amen!

Announcements

WELCOME & BLESSINGS

We warmly welcome everyone to today’s worship service and pray for the Lord’s blessings upon you. You are a precious daughter and son of God. The God who loves you is holding your hand today.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Mr. Thomas’s surgery was completed successfully by God’s grace. Please pray for his recovery and for Yvonne..
- Pray for Randy McCurdy’s smooth and speedy recovery, for Julie, and for the entire family.
- Please continue to pray for Bob Guers, Bruce Ernst, Carol Schaeffer, Robin, Wendy Campbell, Scott (Kathy Schaffer’s husband), Tom Boyer and Casey Schu.

NEEDED: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We are recruiting teachers for the Sunday school. We invite you to join this meaningful ministry to nurture and support the next generation of leaders in God’s Kingdom. Please get in touch with Steve Freeman or the pastor.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Matthew Chapter 21 (2nd) will be studied at 2:00 pm.

DINNER CHURCH

Thursday at 5:30 pm. We are looking for volunteers. Please contact Brenda Binns.

WOMEN’S SMALL GROUP

The group meets this Thursday at 10:00 am. Please see Brenda Binns for more information.

WALK ACROSS AMERICA

Join our three Orwigsburg congregations (St. John’s, St. Paul’s and Salem) in our summer walking program, Walk Across America. We will walk from Orwigsburg to California. We start on Memorial Day and walk until Heritage Day in September, logging our miles to see what our grand, collective total will be. Please find walking logs at the Welcome Desk. For more information, see Rose Galuska.



Welcome, Friends!

Friends, neighbors and visitors, we hope you enjoyed today's service. Remember, UMC Sunday Service is live on YouTube. Visit us at youtube.com/@SalemUMCLiveStreaming.



Below are a few Bible verses to help inspire your prayers.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.
(John 15:13-15))

They spoke against God; they said, "Can God really spread a table in the wilderness?"
(Psalm 78:19)

Looking Ahead...

WEEK OF MAY 25-31

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
Office closed	Office open 9-1	Office open 9-1	Office open 9-1	Office open 9-1	Office closed	Morning Worship 10 am
Happy Memorial Day!	Yoga 7 pm	Bible Study 2 pm	Farmers Market 4-8 pm			
Parade 8 am Veterans Memorial Hall			Dinner Church 5:30 pm			
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Salem United Methodist Church
TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH CHRIST (TLC)

Sunday, May 24, 2026



Today's Message

"What Makes a Nation Blessed?"

Rev. Dr. ShinAe Kim



Our Mission

Transforming Lives Through Christ (TLC)
We Share Christ's Love
We Serve Others Through Christ
We Worship, Glorify, and Praise God
We Nurture People to Live as Disciples of Jesus Christ