

welcome!

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 “Thine Be the Glory” #308

OPENING PRAYER

Written by Carol Ascione

Dear Heavenly Father,

We gather here this morning to Rejoice in Gratitude and Praise for this day of celebration. A time to pause and reflect on what our Savior is and what he did for us through the cross. Your Resurrection is a miracle and a pillar for our faith and hope. Holy, Holy is Your Name!. A God, who can do above and beyond all that we can imagine. Thank you, Lord, for giving us the wisdom to see beyond our personal trials, and instead believe in the power of the cross to turn on the light in every place of darkness. Dear Lord, help us to learn from Your example of sacrifice. We pray that our leaders be reminded of your Everlasting Grace and Goodness. May they begin to foster peace and unity rather than hate and division. We Rejoice with heartfelt gratitude for Your salvation, Your Everlasting love and Your constant presence. Magnificent and Glorious Lord Jesus, we Praise you! In your name, we pray: 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

CHILDREN’S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC “Hallelujah [Easter]” *Deb Shepler*

SCRIPTURE *John 20:25-29*

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON “Blessed are Those Who Have Not Seen and Yet Have Believed”

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” #349

COMMUNION

OFFERING PRAYER

Written by Carol Ascione

Dear Lord Jesus, you are the richest gift we could ever have. Teach us, Good Lord, to serve you as you deserve. To give and not to count the cost. May these gifts be our reward of knowing that we do your will to Love and serve others. Lord Jesus, thank you for Who You are and for what You have done. We pray you get all the glory as we magnify Your name this Easter Sunday and all year round. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.

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

CLOSING HYMN “Because He Lives” #364

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG “Shalom to You” (x2)

Pastor ShinAe Speaks Sermon 110 (March 29, 2026) “Were You There in Gethsemane?” (Isaiah 53:3-5; Matthew 26:36-46)

Palm Sunday was the beginning of Jesus’ final week leading to the cross. According to John 12, Jesus came to Bethany six days before Passover and entered Jerusalem the next day, riding on a donkey, fulfilling Zechariah 9:9. The crowd welcomed Him by waving palm branches and shouting, “Hosanna (הוֹשַׁעְנָה),” which means “Save us now.”

This cry reveals the true meaning of salvation. Salvation is not only about physical needs such as healing or provision—it is ultimately about the **forgiveness of sins**. Only God can forgive sins. Throughout the Old Testament, sacrifices were offered as a symbol of atonement, yet they pointed to a greater reality: God Himself would provide the ultimate sacrifice. In Jesus Christ, God came in human flesh, and through His death on the cross, He became the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

As Passover approached, Jesus told His disciples that He would be crucified. However, they did not fully understand. Passover commemorates Israel’s deliverance from slavery in Egypt, when the blood of the lamb protected God’s people from judgment. In the same way, Jesus became the Lamb of God, whose blood brings salvation to the world.

During the Last Supper, Jesus shared bread and wine with His disciples, saying, “This is my body” and “This is my blood.” He was preparing them for His sacrifice, though they could not yet grasp its full meaning.

After the meal, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives, to a place called **Gethsemane**, which means “olive press.” Just as olives are pressed to produce oil, Jesus was under immense spiritual pressure and anguish. He took Peter, James, and John with Him and asked them to stay awake and pray.

In Gethsemane, Jesus experienced deep sorrow, fear, and loneliness. He prayed three times, asking if the cup of suffering could pass from Him, yet ultimately surrendered to God’s will, saying, “Not my will, but Yours be done.” Meanwhile, His disciples fell asleep, unable to keep watch with Him.

From this moment, we learn a powerful truth: **prayer and obedience give us strength in times of suffering**. Jesus not only bore physical pain but also carried the weight of the world’s sin, fulfilling Isaiah 53:5: “He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities.”

Like Jesus in Gethsemane, we are called to pray and submit to God’s will. Through this, we find true peace and strength. “**Were you there?**” is not just a historical question. It is a spiritual invitation to enter into Jesus’ suffering and love personally.

Announcements

PRAYER REQUEST

- Please continue to pray for God’s guidance for Ralph Ascione’s surgery outcome and recovery.

GRATITUDE FOR GUEST PREACHER

We extend our sincere gratitude to **Rev. Sang Won Doh** (Raritan Shore District Superintendent & Dean of the Cabinet) for delivering today’s precious message. Thank you!

HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joyfully participated and helped prepare for the **Maundy Thursday Worship** and **Friday Passover Seder**. Thank you!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Please join **Pastor ShinAe** on Wednesdays at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will read and study **Matthew 17**. Everyone is welcome!

THURSDAY WOMEN’S SMALL GROUP

Women’s Small Group will meet at 10 am Thursday in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

THURSDAY DINNER CHURCH

Join us on Thursday, April 9, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for **Thursday Dinner Church**. There is a place for YOU here!

WOMEN OF SALEM TRIP

A friendly reminder that the April **Women of Salem** gathering will be replaced by the **Sight and Sound (Joshua) Trip** on April 28th.

COMMUNITY SHARING BOX

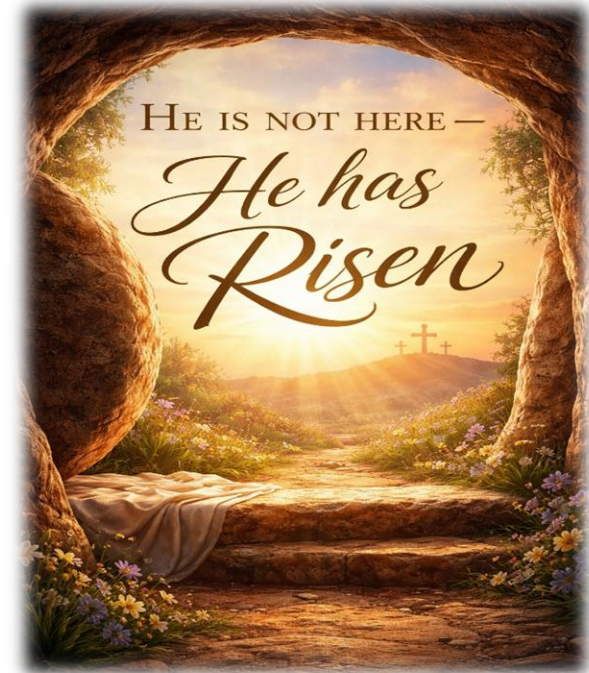
As an extra measure to help hungry families in our community, the **Interfaith Health Network of Schuylkill County** has started a **Community Sharing Box** program. Donors simply place shelf-stable food and paper products in the boxes, and people can take items as needed. These boxes are located at public libraries throughout Schuylkill County, including at the **Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library**. Please consider becoming a regular supporter of the Community Sharing Box. Thank you!

COMMUNITY BUS TRIP TO MUSEUM

A bus trip to see the **Tiffany-stained glass church windows** in the Allentown Art Museum is planned for Saturday, May 2. The bus will depart Orwigsburg at 10 am and return at approximately 5 pm. Cost is \$30 per person, including a tip for the bus driver and a donation to the museum (admission is free). Lunch will be on your own in the restaurant at the nearby Americus Hotel. If interested, please call 570-366-0201. More people are needed to fill the bus, so the deadline to reserve your seat has been extended to April 6th. Thank you!



Salem United Methodist Church
 TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH CHRIST (TLC)
Sunday, April 5, 2026



Looking Ahead...

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Office closed	Office open 9-1 Yoga 7 pm	Office open 9-1 Eat, Pray ...Color! 10:30 am Bible Study 2 pm	Office open 9-1 Women's Small Group 10 am Dinner Church 5:30 pm	Office open 9-1		Morning Worship 10 am
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To Our Cherished Guests Today

Salem extends its warmest welcome. We are so glad to have you here with us as we worship on this sacred day. He Is Risen! We also invite you to join us Sunday, May 24, for Bring-A-Friend Sunday. Bring along a friend, a neighbor, a loved one, so they can hear about the Good Word.

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

They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.
 (Matthew 27:53)

... and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."
 (Luke 14:14)

Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay.
 (Acts 2:31)

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Today's Message "Blessed are Those Who Have Not Seen and Yet Have Believed"

Rev. Dr. ShinAe Kim



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 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