

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Holy Ground Ministry is available in the lobby. Help yourself to drinks and snacks.  
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## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**OPENING PRAISE SONG** "Great in Power"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INDEPENDENCE DAY REMARKS

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP** John 4:23

## LIGHTING CANDLES, PRELUDE

**HYMN** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

**OPENING PRAYER** Selected by Bob Guers  
Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do as I command. Instead, I have called you friends. For everything I have learned from my Father I have made known to you.  
(John 15:13-15)

## CHILDREN'S TIME

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "More I Seek You"

## PRAYER TIME

## 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.

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Please see insert.

**SERMON** "Dining with Jesus, Communion"

## COMMUNION

**OFFERING PRAYER** Selected by Bob Guers

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give. You shouldn't give if you don't want to. You shouldn't give because you are forced to. God loves a cheerful giver.  
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

**HYMN** "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" #622

## BENEDICTION

**HYMN** "The Old Rugged Cross" #504

**SENDING SONG** "Shalom to You" #666



# welcome!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are so glad to have you here and hope you feel at home. If you are here for the first time (or haven't been here in a while), please complete a Connect Card and place it on the offering plate.

## Pastor Shinkle Speaks

June 30, 2024 – Dining Table in the Wilderness

Psalm 78:19 (Psalm 23:3)

In Korean, a family is called '식구 (Sik-Ku)' which is made up of two syllables: sik and ku. Its meaning is 'a person who lives in the same house and eats meals together.'

Jesus must have loved the table. He was so happy to eat with tax collectors and sinners from the lower classes that he was nicknamed the "Eater and Drinker." Eating together is an almost constant feature of Jesus' ministry. He ate with the Pharisees, he ate with sinners like tax collectors, he spent his last hours with his disciples, he met with them again after his resurrection, and he comforted Peter after his mistake and sent him on his mission again. The fact that he is seen eating so often shows that Jesus intended to eat together and that the church and food are **inextricably** linked. Jesus' meals were not about us, but about inviting those who needed to be saved to sit down and enjoy grace together, giving them a taste of the eternal feast of heaven to come.

The importance of eating together as a community was already a command of God before Jesus emphasized it. When God told the Israelites, "**There, in the presence of the Lord your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to because the Lord your God has blessed you.**" (Deut. 12:7) God was already teaching them to eat together as an extension of worship.

Jesus' eating with sinners was a way to bring them to God – to open their hearts and allow them to repent and enter into a right relationship with God.

Jesus tells us. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come into him and will sup with him, and he with me." (Revelation 3:20)

Psalm 78:19 reminds us of Israel's distrust of how God would provide for them as they walked in the wilderness for 40 years after the Exodus. "Is He going to provide a table in the wilderness?" We know how that turned out. God provided fresh manna every day at dawn. The 40 years in the wilderness were an invitation to the table God had prepared.

Are you walking through a wilderness right now, a wilderness of loneliness, hunger, sadness, pain, and fear? God is calling to you, preparing a table, just respond to that invitation. Come to the table of prayer, come to the table of Bible study, come to the table of worship. Let's eat at the table God is setting.

# Announcements

## PRAYER REQUESTS

The following were lifted up in prayer:

- Harold Royal, the brother of Robin Parker, who fell from a tree he was trimming and passed away. Please pray for their family.
- Gary, Helen, and Missy, for healing.
- Jen's sister Paulette, who has an interview for a new job.
- The daughter of Renita's boss, Tatiana, who keeps having seizures. She flatlined the other day and is fighting for her life.
- Addalyn Stack, who broke her arm. Pray for her healing.
- Gary Manelly, who recently had heart surgery.
- Ed Folk, who recently underwent cancer treatment.
- Dolly Stein, who is in the hospital.
- Pastor Tim.
- Our president Joe Biden.
- Salem United Methodist on our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## JOYS

- Bill and Katy Heckman celebrated their 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 30!

## WORSHIP IN THE WOODS

SUMC's Annual Worship in the Woods for our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year will be held on Sunday, July 14 at Albright's Woods at 10:00 am. We will gather for a meal and fellowship after worship. Please bring a dish to share: either a main dish, side dish, or dessert. Paper products, utensils, and drinks will be provided. Come join us in 'Still walking with Jesus.'

## KNOEBELS PICNIC

Our annual Church Outing at Knoebels Amusement Resort is coming up fast! This year it will be held on Saturday, July 27 in Pavilion D. A signup sheet will be on the Welcome Desk. Discounted tickets are also being sold – anyone interested should contact Emily Krause at [Emily.stein19@hotmail.com](mailto:Emily.stein19@hotmail.com) ASAP. Thank you!

## CHURCH ORGANIST

We are still in search of a new organist/pianist who can take the place of our beloved James. This role would require attendance of a weeknight practice session and weekly Sunday service. This person should be familiar with both contemporary and traditional worship music, and passionate about learning more. Compensation will be based on level of experience. For more information, please reach out to the Church Office.

## WALKING IN GOD'S BEAUTIFUL WORLD 2024

This year, join our three congregations in Orwigsburg (St. John's, St. Paul's, & Salem) to participate in our walking program, "Walking in God's Beautiful World." Just like last year, when we walked to Bethlehem, we start on Memorial Day and walk until Heritage Day in September. We will log our miles to see what our grand total will be. This year each church will present an event at our new Schuylkill County Park – Frog Hollow – near Friedensburg. A flyer will be posted on the Welcome Desk along with the log to track your miles. Please join us in thanking God for this beautiful earth!

- Sunday, July 14 – Whisper/Sensory Walk at 2:00 pm
- Sunday, August 11 – Bench Yoga at 2:00 pm

## History of Salem UMC

Evening of music by Gary MacCready, Tom Drogalis, Kathy Miller and Jenna McBreen will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Salem United Methodist Church, Orwigsburg.

A Christmas cantata “Silent Was the Night” will be presented at the 9 a.m. Sunday worship service. Pastor Tim Patterson will preach on at the 10:30 a.m. regeneration service.

Jean Kovach and Mildred Deibert will be ushers; Casey Schu, acolyte; Martha Shoener, greeter; at the early service.

Caitlin Koch and Stacey Harless will be ushers; Wilbur and Susan Miller, greeters; Elizabeth Abel, lector; Violeta Boyer, acolyte, at the late service.

Congregation will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday to “Follow the Star to the Stable” at the Brodhead farm, Orwigsburg. Pastor Patterson will have a Christmas message, and there will be special holiday music. Refreshments will follow at the church.

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## The Week Ahead

<b>Mon</b> 7/8	Office Closed
<b>Tue</b> 7/9	Office Open 9 am – 1 pm 7 pm – Yoga with Ed Folk 7 pm – Faith Night at the Hamburg Strand
<b>Wed</b> 7/10	Office Open 9 am – 1 pm 5 pm – Finance Meeting 6 pm – Church Council Meeting
<b>Thu</b> 7/11	Office Open 9 am – 1 pm
<b>Fri</b> 7/12	Office Open 9 am – 1 pm
<b>Sat</b> 7/13	
<b>Sun</b> 7/14	10 am – Morning Worship / Worship in the Woods 2 pm – WGBW Whisper/Sensory Walk at Frog Hollow 6 pm – SNL Movie Night

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## Salem United Methodist Church

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH CHRIST (TLC)

# Sunday, July 7, 2024



## Today’s Message “Dining with Jesus, Communion”

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