

The People of God Gathered to Worship As
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM

May 29, 2022
7th Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

The Call to Worship

LEADER: Our God is our refuge and salvation.

PEOPLE: If God is for us, no one can be against us.

LEADER: The World is not our enemy, it is our mission field.

PEOPLE: The Power of God is not our might, it is our calling.

LEADER: We show the love of God to a world sorely in need of it.

PEOPLE: A love that commands us not to conquer, but to embrace.

LEADER: So let us worship our God the Almighty!

PEOPLE: Let us worship the LORD!

Opening Hymn

#262 Presbyterian Hymnal
God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

Prayer of Confession

Most Holy, Gracious, and Merciful God, we are a sinful people, living in a sinful world, during a sinful time. We have often struggled to do as you would have us do, and struggled with doing the things you would have us not do. We seek your power to enforce ourselves over the world, rather than seeking to love it. Forgive us our sins, O God, and hear us as we raise our silent confessions before you.

Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, our gifts are small next to all that you have given us. Take our gifts, LORD, and make them holy, so that they may help to feed the hungry, grow the church, and share your Light with a world lost in Darkness. Amen.

Prayers Of The People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

#372 Presbyterian Hymnal
Lord, I Want To Be A Christian

Benediction

Song of Sending

#472 Presbyterian Hymnal (verse 1)
O Sing to the LORD

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen.

Passing of the Peace *(please remain in your seats)*

Let us greet one another as forgiven sinners with the peace of Christ:

"May the Peace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you!"
And also, with you."

A Moment with the Children – Superheroes

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and

his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

The World's Weirdest Jailbreak

Pastor Dan McCurdy

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church,
The communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The Resurrection of the Body, and the Life Everlasting. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

In the time of Easter, we celebrate the resurrection of our Risen Lord, and remember the incredible gift, the gift of LIFE, that the resurrection gave to us. We cannot buy that gift, it is already given. Instead, when we give, we do so in imitation of the great generosity of God. So let us joyfully worship God with our giving.

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.