

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.

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.

Closing Hymn

I Danced in the Morning
v. 1,3,5 #302 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending *Jesus Loves Me*
 #185 Celebration Hymnal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

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

May 18, 2025
5th Sunday of Easter

Prelude – *Take My Life And Let It Be*

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Minute For Missions

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *Victory In Jesus*
 #353 Celebration Hymnal

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.

Passing of the Peace

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.”*

Hymn of Illumination

Open Our Eyes, LORD
v. 1 #633 Celebration Hymnal

First Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-6 – See Insert

A Moment with the Children – The Power of God With You

Graduate Recognition – Nick Miller

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 11:1-18 - See Insert

Prayer Of Illumination

Sermon – Nothing Can Stop You - Pastor Dan McCurdy

Choral Anthem – *Bound For The Gospel Land*

Prayer of Confession

Risen LORD, we are a people in desperate need of a Savior. Our lives are spent in sadness, anger, and bitterness, and we forever walk in the sin of our ancestors. We do not do the things we are called to do, and often we do the things you tell us not to do. We hold back in our call to ministry, forgetting that you always want us to think bigger, and love harder. Forgive our endless sin, and hear the silent confessions we raise before you.

Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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, Amen.

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

The Gifts of God are all around us, our lives and our homes, our talents and our joys, our family and friends, and the greatest gift of all was the Salvation promised, the life of Christ seeking to end our division from God and each other. When we give, we do not do so to purchase anything... for the gifts of God were already given. Instead, we give in imitation of our LORD, offering what we have to support others, and to be ourselves the gift that God gives the World, so let us worship God with our Giving.

Offertory – *The Prayer* – Nick Miller, Saxophone

First Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 11:1-18

¹ Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

**Nursery Available – 4k and under only
Not staffed**

**Coffee and Cookies
Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall
9:30-10:00 am**

May 18, 2025 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Martha Burdick
Musicians	Caroline Sells
Sound Room	Lily Oldenburg
Choir & Handbells Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Mike Siekert

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Tabitha Circle
Bring your crafts, sack lunch and join us!
The first and third Mondays of each month
11:30-2:30 pm - Bring a Lunch

Exercise Group
Tuesdays and Fridays
9:00 to 10:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Bingo at Mulder's
June 3rd at 2:15pm
Want to help?? Call Rita Thompson
At 608.799.4009

***The ongoing mission of The Presbyterian Women is to support
the Salvation Army and WINN (What I Need Now) collecting
needed items (lists are on tables and Lamplighter. All items
can be placed in the purple tote at the back of the sanctuary.
Money donations are accepted as well.***

Community Dinner
May 28th
5pm – 6pm

Support the West Salem Food Pantry
Please bring food donations
and place them in the shopping carts
between the entryway doors.
The current need is canned vegetables and soups.

Graduate Recognition Sunday
TODAY!

Blood Drive
May 30th
11:30am - 4:30pm

Confirmation Sunday
June 1st

Women's Summer Bible Study
Please contact Jenni Logging or
Sara Oldenburg if you are interested

Spring Roadside Cleanup
Please join the Stewardship and Mission Committee for
roadside cleanup on June 7th at 9:00am. Come to the church
where we will have breakfast before we start the cleanup.
No need to bring anything but a pair of gloves for picking up
trash. When we are all done, we will head to Le Coulee
Cheese Castle for some ice cream!