

Hear my cry,
hear my call
Hold my hand,
lest I fall



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Welcome & Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Prelude Patrick Tervo

Call to Worship

Elder Patrick Nyarko, liturgist

Liturgist: The steadfast love of God never ceases.

People: God's mercies never come to an end;

Liturgist: they are new every morning.

People: Great is your faithfulness, O God.

Liturgist: Weeping may linger for the night,

People: but joy comes with the morning, for you hear us when we cry.

Liturgist: So we will praise you and will not be silent.

People: Sing praises, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

***Opening Hymn** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* #404

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Liturgist: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

***Gloria Patri** #579



Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: God sends this message of joy to all people, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Let us share this holy peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Music for Meditation *O Lord of Every Shining Constellation* Patrick Tervo

Prayer for Illumination (Liturgist)

Loving God, your Word has the power to restore our lives. Open our hearts to the presence of your Spirit, for you are mighty to save. Amen.

New Testament Readings *John 16: 31-33; 2 Corinthians 4: 16-1; James 1:2-4* – Liturgist

Liturgist: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Sermon *Are You Just Going to Stand There?* Jim Haverstock

***Sermon Hymn:** *Seek Ye First* #333

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Apostle's Creed (traditional) led by Jim Haverstock

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer – Jim Haverstock

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.

Call for the Offering – Elder Don Root

Offertory – *Abide with Me*

**Doxology #592*

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn:** *O for a Closer Walk with God* #396

Charge and Benediction Elder Don Root

Postlude Patrick Tervo

*Please stand if you are able

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com.

Bob Hammel Kevin Jones Roby Lorimer Virginia McCartney

Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson Benjamin Watkins

His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka Global in Uganda

The people of Georgia, Lebanon, Nigeria, Middle East, Sudan, Syria and Ukraine

The Salem Presbyterian Church, led by Elder Richard Clark, was founded in 1817 and the present still-used sanctuary was built in 1842. Our church bell is still rung at the beginning of every Sunday service. Our members continue to serve the church and the rural community in the spirit of Christian love, and are active in the community, volunteering at the Washington County Food Bank and other organizations. We assist foster children in Washington County through our connection with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). The church library is open every last Wednesday of the month to meetings of the Washington County Pride Organization and the Salem Presbyterian Church is a member of the Matthew 25 Church Group. More than a year ago the Salem Presbyterian Church opened a warming station downstairs in our dining room, Mariner's Hall. It's open every Monday evening from 5 - 8 pm. This also includes food being brought in by volunteers from the Salem community and other churches to help those who are homeless. During very cold weather when temperatures are in the 30's or below, the warming station is open throughout the week until the cold weather is gone. The warming station, which can also mean warm hearts, is a time of fellowship and supplies are given to those who need them; including clothing, canned food, water, and safe warming devices. Our vision and hope are that someday Washington County will have a Shelter House that is open 24 hours/7 days a week. We ask for continued prayers for the Salem Presbyterian Church and for Pastor Richard Clark.



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A Change for the UPC Little Red Wagon

The UPC Deacons have had a Little Red Wagon just outside of Fellowship Hall for many years. Our congregation has faithfully and generously filled it week after week with food and hygiene items for the Monroe County United Ministries Food Pantry. In January, MCUM became Pathways and restructured their goals to a specific program to break generational poverty. This program has worked successfully in communities across the U.S.A. They now only assist family units, therefore, the food pantry collections go only to these clients, about 7% of those formerly served. MCUM collaborated with area not-for-profits in planning this change and is making referrals for those seeking assistance such as the elderly, disabled and single parents. The UPC Session has determined that continuing to serve the community-wide will continue to be our goal. Food/hygiene donations placed in the Little Red Wagon will go to our blessing box and to Pantry 279, one of the agencies to which MCUM is making referrals. Session is looking into ways to



support the Pathways program financially. Following is information regarding Pantry 279.



Food Collection

From the Staff of 279:

Pantry 279 was conceived, built, and run by 10 Girl Scouts from troop 69-279 as their Silver Award Project. The girls, ranging between age 11 – 13 at the time, wanted to build a food pantry to help their friends at school who were only getting food while at school, due to family crisis.

With the help of their Leader, parents and a partnership with Trinity Lutheran Church, this was achieved and Pantry 279 opened Nov. 2, 2015.

We expected that after a year of operation, to be serving approximately 30 people a week. This happened on week two. Our first month we served 607 people, the second, over 1,200, third – over 1,400 and so it has continued.

The pantry grew much faster than anyone ever expected! Then COVID-19 happened and our numbers doubled. We currently serve over 1,800 families a month, which is over 9,000 people a month, and we continue to grow. The girls who started this are now young adults, Many have recently graduated high school and have gone on to college. Some of the founding group still volunteer and one sits on our board. We are expanding our community services and now



provide education about food need, and food insecurity. We provide a place people, families and groups, can learn. We also provide community gardens, sponsor [Children's Summer Food Program](#) and Thanksgiving box meal. Mostly we provide food once a week for those in need. You are welcome to share in our continuing journey via our [Facebook page \(Pantry 279\)](#) or pantry279.org. Thank you.