



*South Salem*  
*Presbyterian Church* Est. 1752

*March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Year B*

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PRELUDE

The Prelude is a sacred curtain dropped between the World and the Sanctuary. We cross the threshold of the secular to the sacred, from the common to the uncommon from the profane to the Holy.

WELCOME

OPENING WORDS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**(Unison)** Almighty and Everlasting God, we confess before you, source of all forgiveness, that we have strayed from your path. We have allowed pride to cloud our judgment, leading us to selfishness and neglect of your loving hand. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have held on to grudges and refused to extend the same forgiveness you so freely offer.

We confess, with heavy hearts, the instances where we failed to show compassion towards those in need, turning away from opportunities to offer comfort and understanding. Forgive us, O Lord, for allowing walls of indifference to separate us from our fellow beings.

Cleanse our hearts, oh God, and wash away the stains of our transgressions. Grant us the strength to forgive ourselves and others, just as you forgive us through your infinite grace. May your love guide us toward reconciliation and mend the broken bonds we have caused.

Empower us, Lord, to be instruments of your forgiveness in the world. Help us offer understanding where there is judgment, and compassion where there is coldness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

**\*THE PEACE**

Pass the Peace by emailing or calling someone later today.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Based on Psalm 103, to be read responsively*

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**Congregation: Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits!**

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Congregation: Our Lord does not always chide, nor does God keep his anger forever.**

Leader: Let us come before God with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**\*HYMN 66**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again 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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**



SCRIPTURE READING

**Old Testament - Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**New Testament – Colossians 3:12-17**

**Gospel – Matthew 18:21-22**

SERMON

*As We Forgive Others*

**\*HYMN 166**

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY 606

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament will be celebrated each week during worship so have your own bread and wine/juice with you before we begin the service if you are joining us by virtual.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**\*HYMN 213**

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgist is Lisa Smith

BIOGRAPHY OF DAVID G. BURPEE

David Burpee is a member of the Bedford Church, a ruling elder, and the chair of their Worship Committee. He currently serves on the Presbytery's Council and the Ghost Ranch Education and Retreat Center Board of Directors. David has served on the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, and as chair of the Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center Board. He has been a commissioner to the General Assembly twice, and has a Master of Divinity Degree. David met his wife Linda at Holmes Camp when they were both camp counselors. Linda is an elder law attorney. They have three adult children and two grandchildren.

## ❧ Announcements ❧

- INTERESTED IN A SUNDAY AFTERNOON WIFFLEBALL GAME...picnic lunch,.etc ( when snow is goneband Temps are up)? ALL AGES...ALL SKILLS. Let Mark know if interested.
- Very soon the **ASK JONATHAN** (after Jonathan Edwards) Class for prospective members OR simply interested current members. It will probably only last about 90 minutes and we plan to schedule every 3 months or as needed/wanted. Mark and Liza will lead. Let us know of your interest.
- **Please give us your email address** so you can be included in weekly blast and the weekly friends of SSPC
- If you're interested in being a **liturgist for a service**, email the office to plan a date [office@southsalempc.org](mailto:office@southsalempc.org).
- **For our SSPC Friends:** I will at times send a special devotional to our Friends of South Salem Presbyterian Church (and hope to have an occasional Zoom meeting). If you are not yet on our Friends of SSPC mailing list...please sent a request to [bikinmark@aol](mailto:bikinmark@aol), [markemmettsalmon@gmail.com](mailto:markemmettsalmon@gmail.com) or [office@southsalempc.org](mailto:office@southsalempc.org).
- **Please send** prayer requests so they may be included with the Prayer Team
- Joining communities across the country including Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Concorde New Hampshire and in Canada and England, we have began the practice of **ringing the church bells** each evening at 7 PM in tribute to the sacrifices being made each day by doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers, as well as first responders and essential workers like those in the food industry who work on the front lines every day to keep society functioning through the COVID-19 crisis. May God bless all of them.
- Those neighbors who live nearby and wish to participate can sign up to help by calling the church office at 914-763-9282 and leaving a message or emailing [office@southsalempc.org](mailto:office@southsalempc.org).

## Church Leaders

Pastor: Mark E Salmon

Minister of Music: Mary Jane Newman

Children's Ministry Director: Donna Ferrara

Clerk of Session: Eliza Fraser Travalino (Class of 2025)

Class of 2024: Lisa Smith, James M. Dodge III

Class of 2025: Deb Buscema

Class of 2026: Richard Cochran, Samantha Zaffiro

To contact Session email [Session@southsalempc.org](mailto:Session@southsalempc.org). Board of Deacons: Rebekah Habinowski, Donna Ferrara, Veronica Dodge, Brendan Mulligan, Kelly Kim, Brooke Habinowski (Youth Deacon), Anne Hill, Kaitie Watkins

To contact the Deacons email [Deacons@southsalempc.org](mailto:Deacons@southsalempc.org).

Nursery School Director: Pamela Leibman

**THE HAMMER THAT CHANGED THE WORLD** is a weekly radio program hosted by our minister, Mark, each Saturday night at 9 pm (Eastern) for 10 minutes. It is broadcast on the international radio station WRMI and can be heard on 9955 KHz shortwave, or on WRMI.net or even ASK ALEXA to turn on WRMI radio about a minute before 9 pm. Mark has also started another weekly radio program (only 5 minutes) on WRMI called YANKEE BASEBALL.

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