



*South Salem  
Presbyterian Church Est. 1752*

*August 3, 2025, Year B*

*This service is being live streamed and recorded. If you prefer not to be on camera, you may sit in the balcony (with the exception of communion). Thank you.*

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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

\*THE PEACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 123



\*HYMN 442

*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

**\*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**

**Matthew 23:1-7, 27-28**

**SERMON:**

**FORMALISM**

**\*HYMN 525**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

**THE OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY 606**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**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.

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN 494**

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Today's liturgist is Susan Kang

## ❧ Upcoming Events ❧

**SERMON NOTES:** We will look at some of the historical issues concerning worship.

### 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 2025: Deb Buscema

Class of 2026: Richard Cochran, Samantha Zaffiro

Class of 2027: Rebekah Habinowski, Chris Jessup, James M. Dodge III

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Board of Deacons: , Donna Ferrara, Veronica Dodge, Brendan Mulligan, Kelly Kim, Brooke Habinowski, Anne Hill, Katie Watkins, Robyn Musicant

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Nursery School Interim Director: Katie Watkins

**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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