



*South Salem
Presbyterian Church* Est. 1752

February 22, 2026 Year A

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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 32



*HYMN 451

Open My Eyes

***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 13:3-23

SERMON

The Thorns (The Bronx Weed)

***HYMN 630**

Fairest Lord Jesus

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 192**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgist is Sam and Minerva Zaffiro

☞ Upcoming Events ☞

Saturday, February 28th 5pm-8pm Wing cook-off competition

SERMON NOTES:

What is the point of Jesus as he tells us the Parable of the Sower? How can we escape the thorns and Bronx Weed that threaten to destroy us? It is the season of Lent to reflect on exactly how to do that.

Church Leaders

Pastor: Mark E Salmon

Minister of Music: Mary Jane Newman

Children's Ministry Director: Samantha Zaffiro

Clerk of Session: Eliza Fraser Travalino

Class of 2026: Richard Cochran, Samantha Zaffiro

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

Class of 2028: Deb Buscema

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