

## 9:00 am Worship Service

Prelude  
 Welcome and Announcements  
 \*Call to Worship  
 \*Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #327  
 Prayers for the People & Lord's Prayer  
 Salem Singers *Ride On! Ride on in Majesty* W.Ehret  
 Impact of Your Generosity  
 Offering Prayer  
 \*Doxology #95  
 \*Praise Song *Goodness of God*  
 Scripture Matthew 21:1-11  
 Sermon The King They Didn't Want  
 \*Hymn *Take My Life, and Let it Be* #399  
 Blessing  
 Choral Benediction *Now Go in Peace*  
 Postlude

### Our Salem Church Family Prayer List

Samantha Enck	Sue Shaub	Greg Steffy
Mark Blankenship	Ronald Young	Jim Messman
Marlin Ruhl	Jean Daniels	Joan Summy
Gloria Wolf	Mary Lane	

\*Please stand if you are able. An assisted listening system is available from a smartphone application to help people to hear the service better. Download the WaveCAST Audio Receiver app and log in to the SalemGuest Wi-Fi – the password is MINISTRY. If you need assistance, please go to the sound booth.

Our entire worship service, including the Children's Message, is live-streamed and recorded. By entering the sanctuary or allowing your child to participate, you consent to being filmed. Those wishing to avoid the camera may sit in back half of the Sanctuary. Salem United Methodist Church of Manheim is not responsible for any unauthorized use of recordings by outside parties.

## Welcome!

We hope our time together is a source of hope and peace.

**Nursery Care** is provided during worship for infants to age 4.

**Prayer Requests** can be written on the cards located in the lobby. Place your request in the prayer quilt near the sanctuary entrance.

**Friendship Pads** are in the pews. Please take the time to fill them out and pass them down the row. The information you provide helps us with attendance and to follow up with guests.

### Sunday School at 10:15 am

Children (K – 4<sup>th</sup> grades) – Room 204

Youth (5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Room 403

Wrestling with Grace (Adult Class) – Room 406 **(no class this week)**

(Join us to go deeper reflecting on the sermon.)

Ages and Stages (Adult Class) – Room 404

**Children's Chapel** - The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade children can attend Children's Chapel after Children's Time during the morning service.

**Coffee Time** – Join us after the service in Fellowship Hall.

**Offering Collection Boxes** – If you would like to make a gift to support the mission and ministry of Salem, please place your gift in one of the offering boxes on the back walls of the Sanctuary. Offering envelopes are available in the pews for your convenience.

**E-Giving** Use the QR code to make a one-time gift or to set up recurring giving. Salem's e-giving provider is Nucleus Giving. If you want to support a monthly special offering, just make a note on the memo line.



### Building Community One Question at a Time

A good conversation comes down to being a good listener. Listen carefully and ask follow-up questions: Try asking:

*What's something you really hope occurs (or is invented) in your lifetime?*  
 Share the question. Have fun while getting to know others a little better.

### Electronic Newsletter Sign Up!

Each Friday we distribute an electronic newsletter called *Friday Friendly*. Please use this QR code to sign up or notify the Office Manager to be included.



## Spring Forward Together ~ Final Day!

Today is the final day of our **Spring Forward Together** campaign—and what an incredible journey it has been! Because of your generosity and faithfulness, we have already raised **\$22,000 toward our \$24,000 goal** to replenish our General Fund Reserve. 36 members/households have donated to this special campaign. That's something to celebrate! It's a powerful reminder that when we come together as a church family, God can do more than we imagine. Just \$2,000 stands between us and our goal. \*Let's finish strong. \*Let's cross the line together. \*Let's **Spring Forward—together. THANK YOU!**



**Holy Thursday** is a meaningful way to step into the heart of the Easter season. This sacred service invites us to remember Jesus' final meal with His disciples, His act of humble service, and His call to love one another. By gathering in worship on this night, we will experience Communion and have the opportunity at a "foot wash". We will be preparing our hearts to fully experience the hope, grace, and renewal of Easter.



### A Generous Experiment

Jayne and Rich Pavlik, owners of Blind Bean Roasters, are running a bold experiment in giving—and we're invited to be part of it! For a limited time, they are donating 100% of the proceeds from coffee sales made to our church family back to Salem UMC. You can

participate by ordering through the church office, with pickup at Salem. A 12 oz. bag of premium roasted coffee is \$16. Order forms are available in the Front Office. Blind Bean Roasters, founded by Jayne and inspired by Rich, is about more than great coffee—it's about connection, inclusion, and making a difference. Thank you, Jayne and Rich!



Cards are available in the Welcome Center. Salem UMC is an awesome place! Let's all spread the word about our friendly congregation and all we have to offer.

**Save the Date!**



**March 29**  
**Salem Softball Pancake Breakfast** (10:00am)



**April 19**  
**Member Exploration Class** (10:15 am)



**June 7**  
**Strawberry Sundae Social & Talent Show** (4:00pm – 8:00pm)

**This Week at Salem**

**Today, March 29**

9:00 am – Worship service  
10:00 am – Softball Team Pancake Breakfast  
10:15 am – Sunday School (no Wrestling with Grace)

**Wednesday, April 1**

6:15 pm – Bell Choir Practice  
7:00 pm – Salem Singers Practice

**Thursday, April 2**

7:00 pm – Holy Thursday Service

**Friday, April 3**

6:30 pm – Youth First Friday Hangout

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**Going Deeper in “The King They Did Not Want”**

**Read the following a few times:**

Matt 21:1-11; Zech 9:9; Rom 12:1; Matt 6:10; Prov 3:5-6

**Reflect on the following:**

1. What kind of king were the people likely expecting Jesus to be?
2. Why do you think the same crowd that shouted “Hosanna” would later turn against Him?
3. What expectations do people today often place on Jesus that don’t match who He reveals Himself to be?
4. When you picture Jesus as King, what emotions come up for you—comfort, resistance, confusion, trust? Why?
5. What’s one expectation you’ve placed on God that He hasn’t fulfilled the way you hoped? How has that affected your trust in Him?
6. Have you ever felt disappointed with God? What kind of “king” were you hoping He would be in that moment?
7. What would it look like for you to truly surrender to Jesus’ leadership in your daily decisions?
8. Who or what tends to take the “throne” in your life instead of Jesus (success, comfort, approval, security, etc.)?
9. How do you typically respond when Jesus leads you in a direction that feels uncomfortable or inconvenient?
10. What “cloak” (symbol of identity, status, or security) might Jesus be asking you to lay down before Him?
11. How would your week look different if you fully lived as someone who has welcomed Jesus as King?

**Spiritual Challenges:**

1. Lay It Down - Just as the crowd laid down cloaks and branches, identify one thing you’re holding onto (control, expectation, worry). Actively surrender it to Jesus in prayer this week.
2. Go and Tell - The crowd proclaimed who Jesus was—even if imperfectly. Share with one person this week why Jesus matters to you.



**March 29, 2026**

**Rev. Dr. John A. Laughlin, Sr., Pastor**



Frank Rittenhouse, Organist

Terri Briskie, Accompanist

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**Office Hours:**

Tuesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Wednesday 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm