



SALEM CONGREGATION

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Siblings in Christ,

We are in the midst of unprecedented challenges in our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. After prayer and discernment the Salem Congregation Central Elders have decided to conduct the 248th Easter Sunrise Service by live-stream only. The service will be live-streamed in its entirety from the Home Church sanctuary. We hope to incorporate views of God's Acre that will allow viewers to see the sunrise. We will still declare that "the Lord is risen!" We are asking you to join us in that proclamation by going to www.moraviansunrise.org at 6 a.m. on Sunday April 12th or tuning into WSJS for a live radio broadcast. A PDF of the Order of Service will also be available on www.moraviansunrise.org, www.salemcongregation.org, and the Salem Congregation Facebook page.

In addition to Easter morning changes the Great Sabbath Service will not be held on Saturday April 11th. There will be a rebroadcast of the 2019 service at 7:00 p.m. on April 11th at www.homemoravian.org. In addition, this means there will be no band rounds Saturday night or Easter Morning band breakfast.

We are also making adjustments to grave cleaning. Churches and youth groups are not responsible for cleaning and flowering graves they were assigned this year. Salem Congregation will not be providing pots, flowers, cleaner, or supplies on Saturday April 11th. If you come to clean family gravestones please bring all your own supplies, observe all guidance on remaining six feet apart from one another, and do not congregate in groups larger than ten. We encourage people to stagger their grave cleaning as much as possible.

This was a difficult decision and this Easter will be different for us all, but we have faith in a God who brings hope out of fear. So set your alarm, brew a cup of coffee, and join us on your back porch as we proclaim the resurrection of our Lord. As a way of remembering we are still a community we invite you that morning to take a picture of your sunrise and post it on social media with #Moraviansunrise. This year will be different, but in the years to come, when we look back, it will be clear that we boldly proclaimed the resurrection of our Lord. So may we all remain steadfast in the faith, love, and hope of our Wounded Savior, Jesus Christ

Grace & Peace,

The Rev. Chaz Snider

Chair of Salem Congregation Central Board of Elders

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