Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, May 14, 2017, 5th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

The flowers are given in honor of all Mothers Marilyn Foust

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 495

*<u>Hymn</u>: Aberystwyth Welsh Hymnal, 17

Prayer of Confession: Jesus said: "If you love Me, you will keep my commandments." Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done your will; we have broken your law. Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." We have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession).

Assurance of Pardon

Response Glory Be to the Father Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

<u>Prayer Response</u> The Lord's Prayer

Special Music Ryan Rager

 Scripture Readings
 John 14:1-14
 982

 Acts 7:55-60
 999

 1 Peter 2:2-10
 1104

Time for Children

*Hymn: O for a Thousand Tongues 46

Sermon: "The Way, The Truth, The Life" Rev. Thomas Emery

*Apostle's Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

Offertory – ushers will receive our tithes and offerings

*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover

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*Prayer of Dedication

*<u>Hymn</u> How Great Thou Art

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$1,934.00 Needed to Date: \$36,746.00 Rec'd 05-07-17: \$1,830.55 Rec'd to Date: \$38,913.96

Sunday: <u>05-14-17</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke)

10:45 AM Sunday School

Thursday: <u>05-18-17</u>

6:30 PM V-Fit

Sunday: <u>05-21-16</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Carol & Katie Emery)

Communion

10:45 AMSunday School12:00 PMSession Meeting5:00 PMTrustee Meeting

Wednesday: <u>05-24-16</u>
Noon Senior Luncheion

Announcements:

The adult Sunday school will be starting the "The Path to The Cross" series today. This will put in perspective on a personal level the meaning of Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

V-FIT is an exercise class happening right here at Salem Church on Thursdays from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. We have been exercising inside, but on nice nights we will begin walking outside.

Katie McClure's high school graduation party on May 21st. from 3-6 pm at the Convoy Community Bldg. **Christina Emery's** party is May 28th held at Salem 6-9 pm.

For the youth in June, we are scheduling tentative dates, that work for the most kids, for a day trip to the Ark Museum in Northern Kentucky near Cincinnati. Please ask Pastor Tom if you have an interest.

Need to recruit people to take photos for the newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays14th- Bob Louth15th-Dane Ebel16th-Chance Mosier17th-Mary Jane Haines17th-Delayna Profit17th-Stacia Profit18th-Ione Owens19th-Holden Price



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Violet Ashton (broken leg)

Arlene Barrientos (Alzheimer's & foot surgery)

Rees Davies (hospitalized)

Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)

Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)

Doris Evans (cancer)

Alice Gamble (car accident)

Colin Good (diagnosed with emphysema – son of Charlie Good)

Larry Howell

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TEACHING POINTS

Point One – Jesus is the only Way to the Father.

Point Two – He is Truth.

Point Three – He is the path to abundant Life.

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