

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 21, 2017, 6th 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 66:8-20 517

*Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 36

Prayer of Confession: **God of the rainbow, You made a covenant with all creatures, promising life and hope. God of the living and the dead, You have power over all the universe. God of pathways, You show us how we should walk. Yet we forget our connection with one another and think that we are the center of the universe. We wander from Your paths of truth into paths of deceit and pride. Forgive us and lead us back into the arms of your love. 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

Scripture Readings John 14:15-21 983

Acts 17:22-31 1010

1 Peter 3:13-22 1105

Time for Children

*Hymn: Christ Arose 138

Sermon: "Three Days In Hell" Rev. Thomas Emery

Words of Institution **1 Corinthians 11:23-28** 1045

Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer
Congregational Prayer **Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Hymn **PenPark** *Welsh Hymnal, 26*

Christ the Bread of Life: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation, Distribution, and Prayer

Offertory – *ushers will receive our tithes and offerings*

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: **Cwm Rhondda** *Welsh Hymnal, 40*

*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:	\$38,680.00
Rec'd 05-14-17	\$1,003.62	Rec'd to Date:	\$39,917.58

9:30 AM	Worship (<i>nursery with Carol & Katie Emery</i>)
	Communion
10:45 AM	Sunday School
12:00 PM	Session Meeting
5:00 PM	Trustee Meeting

Wednesday: **05-24-16**
 Noon Senior Luncheon

Sunday: **05-28-17**
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Ross & Alyssa Evans*)
 10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

The adult Sunday school is continuing 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.

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.

We need photos for the newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

22 nd -Dawson Kimmet	23 rd -Carolyn Girod	25 th -Taylor Hoehn
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Violet Ashton (broken leg)
Arlene Barrientos (Alzheimer's & foot surgery)
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Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
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Point One – Jesus was crucified and died.

Point Two – He spent three days in the grave conducting spiritual activities.

Point Three – Jesus bought us back from Satan.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

Hell and paradise are real places that Jesus traveled. Death could not hold Jesus when He was put to death “in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit.” Romans 6:23 says that death is the wages of sin, but He never sinned. So, His Spirit remained alive, even after His physical death. Death cannot hold a Spirit Being, as Jesus is God. The grave has no power over those without sin, and it is comforting to know that is why those who are Christ’s will be raised to eternal life. Jesus' righteousness is given to those who believe in Him. Death and hell are real. Why not take a moment to finally decide that you will make Jesus your Lord and Savior?

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