Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, May 28th, 2017, 7th Sunday of Easter Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh The flowers are given to the glory of God Gwenda Blackmore Prelude Lighting of the Candles Welcome *Pledge of Allegiance to the Cross and to the Flag

- I pledge allegiance to the cross of my Lord, Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior, eternal with mercy and grace for all. Amen. Prayer

* <u>Hymn</u> :	Battle Hymn of the Republic	530
<u>Call to Worship</u>	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	518

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: Almighty God, You poured Your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of Your Spirit among us. We do not listen for Your Word of grace, speak the Good News of Your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of Your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be Your faithful people, doing Your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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Joys & Concerns of the Church Prayers of the People

Prayer Response The Lord's Prayer

Special Music Marie & Phillip Winfield John 17:1-11 Scripture Readings 985 Acts 1:6-11 991 1106 1 Peter 4:12-14 Time for Children *Hymn: Open My Eyes, that I May See 163 Sermon: "Our Purpose" Rev. Thomas Emery

*<u>Apostle's Creed</u>: 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.

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05-28-17 Worship (nursery with Ross & Alyssa Evans) 9:30 AM Recognize Veterans 10:45 AM Adult Sunday School 05-29-17 Memorial Service at Horeb 10:30 AM 11:00 AM Memorial Service at Memorial Park 06-04-16

Worship (nursery with Liz Hobbs) Graduate Recognition Pentecost Offering Adult Sunday School

Announcements:

9:30 AM

10:45 AM

Sunday:

Monday:

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The Adult Sunday school will be 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.

Christina Emery's graduation party is today held at Salem 6-9 pm.

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

We are looking for a new leader for the summer Vacation Bible School to lead the volunteers with the already arranged curriculum.

6th- Cassy Emery

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2nd-Barb Owens 4th-Chad Pugh

Upcoming Anniversaries in June

2nd-Ron & Barb Owens



on this memorial day

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TEACHING POINTS

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Point Two – Jesus told us how to go.

Point Three – Jesus tells us where to go.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

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