Salem Presbyterian Church

13th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 1, 2019

Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Prelude Lighting of the Candles Welcome & Prayer

* <u>Hymn</u>	Cwn Rhondda	Welsh hymnal, 40
Call to Worship	Psalm 81:1,10-16	530

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: Dear God, we have known you since the time you led our ancestors from bondage to freedom. **We have found no fault in your promise.** Yet we wander from the path that you have set and put our faith in other "gods" which lead us away from justice, compassion and hospitality. **We forsake your blessing.** Forgive our faithlessness and our arrogance. **Restore us to right relationship with you and all those in our midst. We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen.** (*Please take a moment of silent confession*).

Assurance of Pardon

<u>Response</u>	Glory Be to the Father	Inside Front Cover
<u>Joys & Concerns of the</u> Prayers of the People <u>Prayer Response</u>	<u>e Church</u> The Lord's Prayer	
Scripture Readings	*Jeremiah 2:4-13 Luke 14:1,7-14 Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16	685 951 1098

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* <u>Hymn</u>	Ebenezer	Welsh hymnal, 11
Sermon	Abandoned God for Cracked Cisterns	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 God's tithes and our offerings. Jake Wilder		
Praise God	Inside Front Cover	
Sanctus	Welsh hymnal, 30	
*Taking the Light into the World *Charge and Benediction * <u>Congregational Response</u> Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover *Those who are able are invited to stand.		
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Needed Weekly:	\$1,945.26	Needed to Date:	\$66,138.84	
Rec'd 08-25-19:	\$1,917.50	Rec'd to Date:	\$67,094.73	

Sunday:	<u>09-01-2019</u>
9:30 AM	Worship (nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh)
10:45 AM	Sunday School
4 to 6 PM	Meal fellowship
7:00 PM	Gymanfa Ganu
Sunday:	<u>09-08-2019</u>
9:30 AM	Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd)
	Peace Making Offering
10:45 AM	Sunday School
5:00 PM	Trustee Meeting
Sunday:	09-15-2019 Blessing of the Tractors
9:30 AM	Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)
11:00 AM	Potluck dinner

Announcements:

Senior luncheon will start back up on September 26th at noon.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the September newsletter. Submit them to <u>secretary@salemchurch.cc</u>.

Upcoming Birthdays:

1st-Elizabeth Adkins 4th-Claudia LeValley 12th-Jackson Dunlap 1st-Kim Ebel 4th-Katie McClure 3rd-Pete McCollow 11th-Landon Price

Upcoming Anniversaries

8th-Paul & Doris Price 11th-Doug & Jan Jones 15th-Bob & Denise Pugh



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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *Cracks occur in belief over time.* You must continue discipleship: by reading the Word, doing the work, and changing the world.

POINT TWO – *Israel had the wrong priorities*. Stewardship is an indication of what priorities are important.

POINT THREE – *Israel forgot her ideals*. You must continually have the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to guide you.

THIS WEEK'S VERSE

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