Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, May 17, 2020, 6th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Connie O'Neill The flowers are given in honor of all mothers by Marylin Foust

Prelude Lighting of the Candles Welcome & Prayer

<u>Call to Worship</u>

Psalm 66:8-20

*<u>Hymn</u>: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 36

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: 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	
<u>Joys & Concerns of th</u> Prayers of the People Prayer Response	<u>e Church</u> The Lord's Prayer		
Scripture Readings	John 14:15-21 Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22	983 1010 1105	

Time for Children

*<u>Hymn</u>:

Christ Arose

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Sermon: "Understanding the Three Days in the Grave" 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.

Special Music Shine Jesus Shine Offertory – Our tithes and offerings will be taken in the back of the church *Response Praise God Inside Front Cover *Hymn: Cwm Rhondda 40 *Taking the Light into the World *Charae and Benediction *Congregational Response Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover *Those who are able are invited to stand. ****************************** Einancial Undato

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Needed Weekly	\$1,988.78	Needed to Date:	\$37,786.79
Rec'd 05-10-20	\$4,818.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$43,372.78

<u>05-17-20</u> Worship (*nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins*) Sunday School Session Meeting <u>05-19-20</u> Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 9:30 AM 10:45 AM

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Tuesday:

9:30 AM

10:45 AM 11:30 PM

7:00 PM

05-24-20 Worship (*nursery with Dave & Carla Breese*) Sunday School

Announcements:

Unfortunately, because of the Coronavirus regulations, we are not able to have the Memorial Day Ceremony in the park this month nor the Gymanfa Ganu for September.

Our next **Communion** is scheduled for May 31, the Day of Pentecost. The Confirmation Class will also be presented to the Salem Congregation for Membership during the Service.

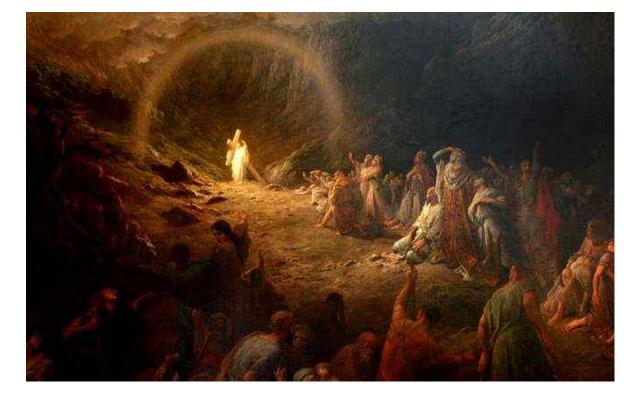
The Adult Sunday School is looking at "Free Will" and our faith in a loving God.

Please let us know if you are aware of high school or college graduates. We need photos and stories for the newsletter. Submit them to <u>secretary@salemchurch.cc</u>.

Our Facebook pages are: "Salem Presbyterian Church Venedocia" for our Facebook Live Sermon posting and the Group Page is "Salem United Presbyterian Church" for spiritual churchwide discussions. Our shortrange FM station is FM 87.9 for the Venedocia area.

Upcoming Birthdays

17th-Mary Jane Haines 18th-Ione Owens 23rd-Carolyn Girod 17th-Delayna Profit 19th-Holden Price 25th-Taylor Hoehn 17th-Stacia Profit 22nd-Dawson Kimmet



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Upcoming Anniversaries 19th-Bart & Rosemary Strick

20th-Mark & Missy Zielke

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

Point Three – Jesus bought us back from Satan.

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