

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Aug. 30th, 2020, 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Seth Baker

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Morgan and Tyler McConnell



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b 544

*Hymn: Huddersfield *Welsh hymnal, 18/19*

Prayer of Confession: **God of Fire, You are a force beyond our human understanding, that offers an invitation to draw closer, and marking us as Your own.** Yet, there are times when we choose to ignore Your voice, and listen instead to our own needs and desires. **Forgive us for those times; when we have ignored the needs of others; when we have failed to place our feet upon Your path, and when we allow the earthly voice to distract us from Your call.** Loving Lord, in Your forgiveness, offer again Your invitation, to know Your love, to be loved, and to respond to Your call. **We pray in the Name of Christ. 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

Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**

Scripture Readings	*Exodus 3:1-15	49
	Matthew 16:21-28	894
	Romans 12:9-21	1034

Time for Children

*Hymn: Groeswen *Welsh hymnal, 42*

Sermon: **“When God Unexpectedly Shows Up”** 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

*Prayer of Dedication

*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:	\$1,988.78	Needed to Date:	\$67,618.47
Rec'd 08-23-20:	\$2,261.30	Rec'd to Date:	\$70,758.30

Sunday: **08-30-20**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow)
Short Session Meeting in the back room
10:45 AM Sunday School

Sunday: **09-6-20**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

There is a short **Session Meeting** in the backroom today. The Adult Sunday school will begin after that meeting.

Because of the Coronavirus, the **Gymanfa Ganu** had to be canceled this year.

The **Women's Bible Study** will begin again, Tuesday, September 8 at 7 PM.

The **Drive Your Tractor to Church Sunday** will be on September 20, and there will be an informal meal [if possible] served following the service.

We are updating the Prayer List; please inform Liz so that next week's **Bulletin** will be up-to-date. Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the **September Newsletter**. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Please pray for Jennie Evans due to the loss of her husband (Jennie is the daughter of Tom and Bonnie Evans). If you wish to send her a card, her address is: 214 Barkier Blvd, Apt I, Kent, OH 44240.

Upcoming Birthdays:

30th - Kelly Lloyd	Sept 1 st -Kim Ebel	1 st Elizabeth Adkins
3 rd -Pete McCollow	4 th -Claudia LeValley	4 th -Katie McClure

Upcoming Anniversaries:

8th-Doris & Paul Price	11th-Doug & Jan Jones	15th-Bob & Denise Pugh
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And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM:
and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the
children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

Exodus 3:14 (KJV)

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Connie Bassett (breast cancer)
Kyle Baxter (brain cancer)
Barry Coil (stroke)
Kathy Comer
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)
John Davis (stroke)
Cathy Donnal (health issues)
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)
Catie Emery (nightmares)
Jennie Evans (loss of her husband)
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)
JerryHolscher
Tim Huster (cancer)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)
Linda Lissey (cancer)
Bob Louth, Jr (prostate health)
LuAnn (family issues)
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David Morris (Zeb)
Marian Morris
Judy Jones Muhn (health issues)
Kay Patrick
Julie Rickard (mission work in Haiti)
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Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)
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Doug Smith (Jen Pugh's father)
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TEACHING POINTS

First, God calls us.

Second, God isn’t looking for ability, but for our availability.

Third, God has a plan in action for our good.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

Apparently, God chooses people because they don’t have the gifts or important abilities. God usually just picks average people. It’s about the hand of God, not us. As long as I’m the focus of things, I’ll never discover that mere availability can be the gateway to the astonishing. This text tells about God, and it is God that our lives need to be centered around. God is the one who initiates things to happen. It is God who hears, cares, and then comes down to us and takes on flesh in Jesus. Why not open yourself to God and tell Him. “Here I am, use me, God, to build Your kingdom.”

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