

**Salem Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, April 25, 2021, 4th Sunday of Easter**

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Dave Van Tilburg

The flowers are given in honor of all Mothers by Vern & Liz Hobbs



Prelude  
Lighting the Candles  
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 133 563  
\*Hymn: This Is My Father's World 39

Prayer of Confession: When we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us voice. **When we find it difficult to love one another, forgive us, and give us new compassion.** When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed. **When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace.** When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy. **We pray in the Name of Jesus 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 \*John 20:19-31 989  
Acts 3:12-19 993  
1 John 3:1-7 1111

Time for Children

Hymn: Milwaukee Welsh Hymnal, 6

Sermon: "Getting Beyond Doubt" 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: Seek Ye First Insert

\*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: \$2,108.38 Needed to Date: \$33,434.11  
Rec'd 04-18-21: \$2,742.50 Rec'd to Date: \$44,326.94

**Sunday:** 04-25-21  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris)

**Tuesday:** 04-27-21  
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Sunday:** 05-02-21  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Gwenda Blackmore)  
3:00 PM Remembrance for Danny King at Salem Church  
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

**Announcements:**

The **Women's Bible Study** will be meeting on Tuesday at 7 PM.

**Mother's Day** is May 9<sup>th</sup>, and we will be recognizing Mothers.

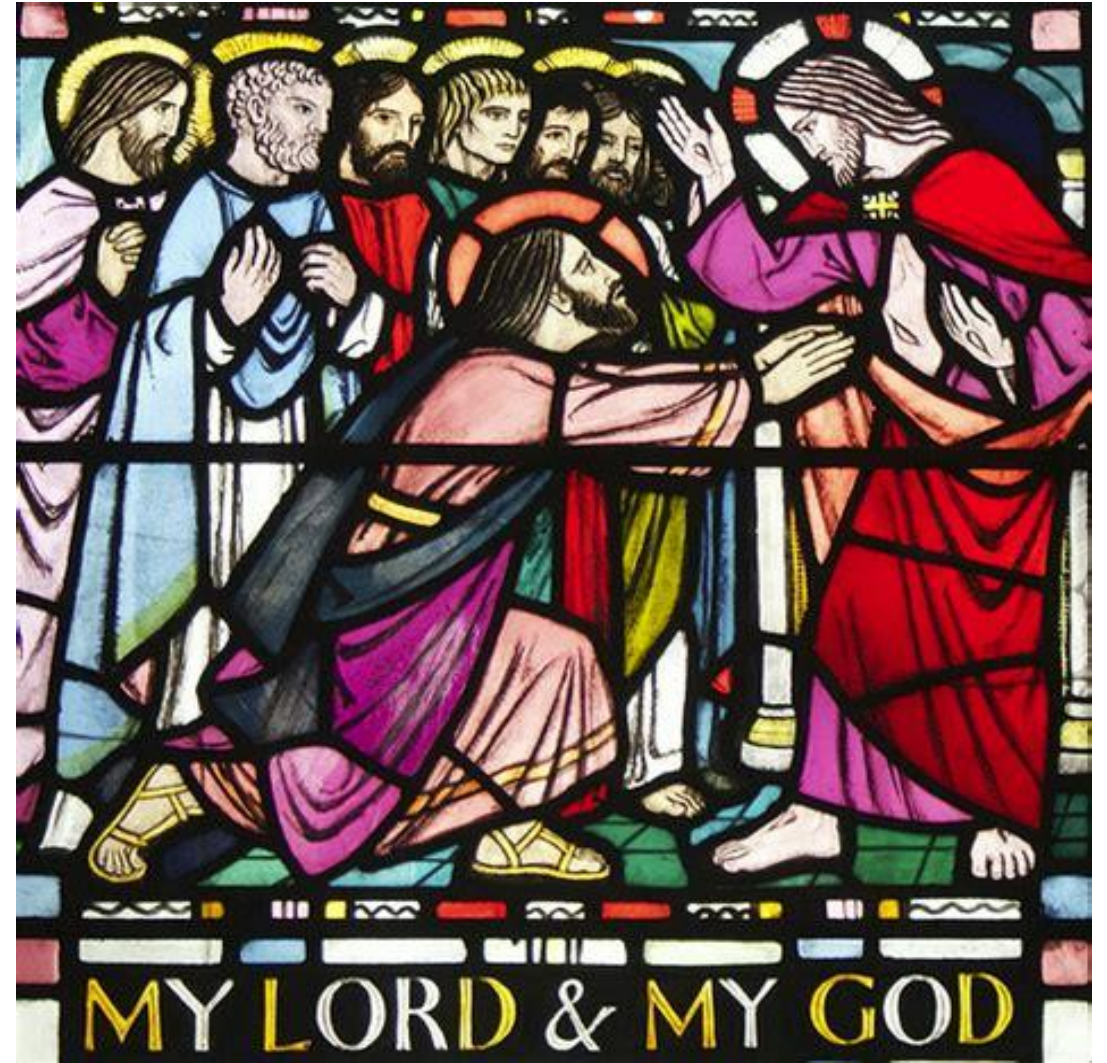
The May **Sounds of Salem Newsletters** will be available this week. Also, please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the June newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc).

Dear Salem, We would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support shown to us in Dave's passing. Thank you to Pastor Tom for his visits and the beautiful service, to the church for the lovely floral arrangement, Connie O'Neill for the wonderful organ music, Catie Emery for her excellent sound tech work, all those who prayed for us, sent cards, gifts, and flowers, prepared and served the lunch or contributed in any way. We are so thankful for loving and caring friends, neighbors and church family. All memorial gifts are going to the Music Committee because Dave had such a great love for music.

**The Owens Family**

**Upcoming Birthdays**

25 <sup>th</sup> Julia Morris/Moliter	26 <sup>th</sup> Gwenda Blackmore	29 <sup>th</sup> Jenny Pugh
30 <sup>th</sup> Ruth Evans	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> Audrey Hobbs	3 <sup>rd</sup> Kim Coil
3 <sup>rd</sup> Eric Pugh	4 <sup>th</sup> Rod Eutsler	4 <sup>th</sup> Heather Matthews



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**Prayer Concerns:**

Kaitie Adams (recovering from surgery)  
Barry Coil (stroke)  
Kathy Comer  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Briana Fair (Pneumonia)  
Denny Febus (cancer)  
Inara Febus (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)  
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)  
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)  
LuAnn (family issues)  
John & Mary Ellen Lloyd  
Donald Martin  
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Byron Mohr  
David Morris (Zeb)  
Marian Morris  
Judy Jones Muhn (health issues)  
Ione Owens  
Steve Peters (surgery & recovery)  
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Shalia Schomaeker  
Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)  
Betty Tennant  
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Raymond Young  
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

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