

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 2, 2021, 5th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Connie O'Neill
The flowers are given in honor of all Mothers by Vern & Liz Hobbs



Prelude
Lighting the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 22:25-31 491

*Hymn: It Is Well with My Soul 256

Prayer of Confession: Creator of the universe, we stand amazed at Your power and glory. **We are eager to worship You and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear You calling our name.** We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. **Forgive us when we forget Your promise to be with us always, O God.** Renew us with the power of Your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim Your justice throughout the world. **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 15:1-8 983
*Acts 8:26-21 1000
1 John 4:7-21 1112

Time for Children

Hymn: Trust and Obey 261

Sermon: "The Spirit of God Will Lead You" 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.**

*Offering Prayer of Dedication

*Offering Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: Deemster *Welsh Hymnal, 29*

*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:	\$35,842.49
Rec'd 04-25-21:	\$1,566.50	Rec'd to Date:	\$45,893.44

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

Tuesday: 05-04-21
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 05-09-21
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke)

Announcements:

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

Do not forget to vote on Tuesday, May 4th.

A Remembrance for Danny King will be held today at 3 PM at Salem Church.

Mother's Day is May 9th, and we will be recognizing Mothers at the service.

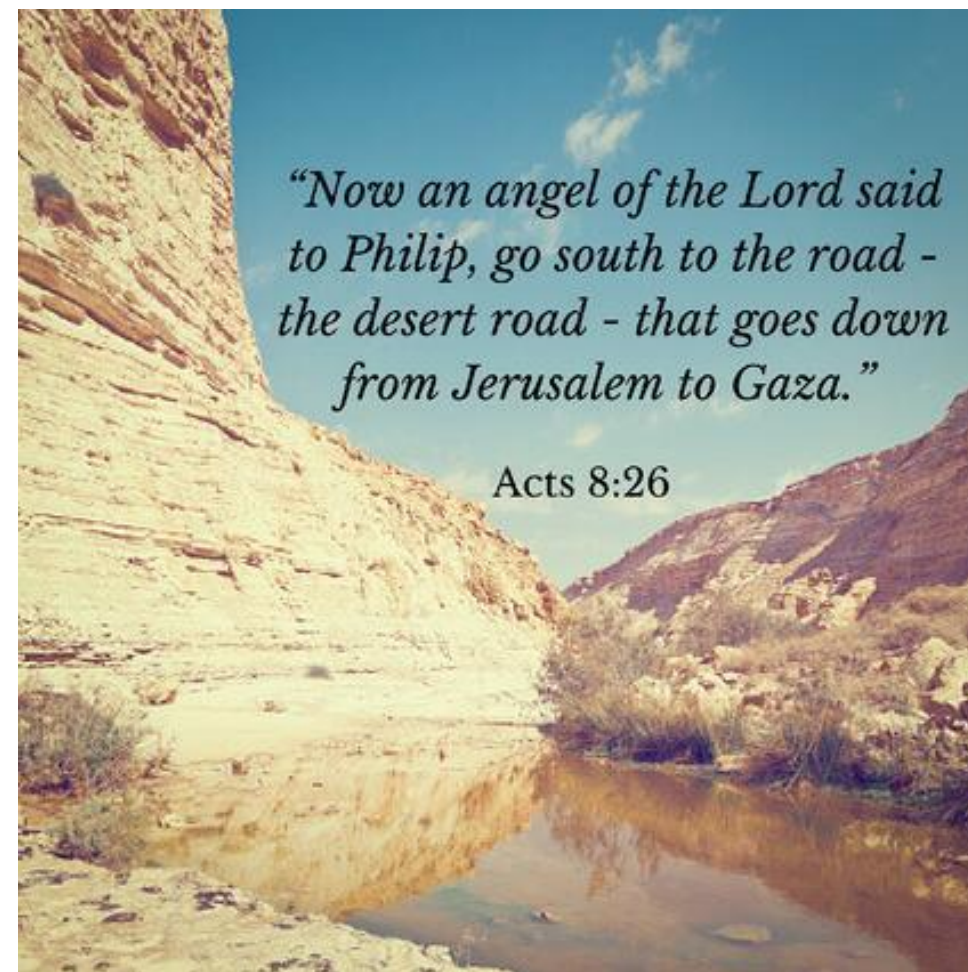
The May **Sounds of Salem Newsletters** is available. Also, please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the June newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

2 nd Audrey Hobbs	3 rd Kim Coil	3 rd Eric Pugh
4 th Rod Eutsler	4 th Heather Matthews	6 th Emma Jones
7 th Josh Lloyd	8 th Bob Pugh	10 th Rex Lloyd

Upcoming Anniversaries

13 th Jerry & Marilyn Foust	15 th Steve & Lindsay Richards
19 th Bart & Rosemary Strick	20 th Mark & Missy Zielke



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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 Kieszka (leg operation)
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LuAnn (family issues)
John & Mary Ellen Lloyd
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TEACHING POINTS

First. The Holy Spirit will call you.

Second. The Holy Spirit will communicate God’s truth through you.

Third. The Holy Spirit enables you to make a life-changing commitment to God.

Fourth. As the Holy Spirit transforms you life, He will draw us into Christian community.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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Philip parted company with the Ethiopian, and we read that his new disciple "went on his way rejoicing" (v. 39) simply because he had found Christ. Moreover, the Ethiopian undoubtedly felt that on his return to his homeland he would never be bewildered anymore. Now, his life had new meaning and purpose. Even amid heathen unbelief, he would know within himself a Godly Presence that calms and satisfies every human heart. Why not also seek that same peace that God offers to you?

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