Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, May 9, 2021, 6th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Connie O'Neill

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Marylin Foust

Prelude

Lighting the Candles Welcome & Prayer

<u>Call to Worship</u> Psalm 98 540

Hymnal Recognition

*Hymn: He Lives 132

Prayer of Confession: Jesus prepared his disciples to be witnesses of love. We have heard these words before, but far too often, we have turned our backs to this message. We don't quite believe that we are capable of actually living our whole lives in Christ's love. So, we act in ways that are often neglectful and hurtful of others. We take more time pampering ourselves than we do helping other people. It is easier to justify our selfish desires, than it is to witness to Christ's transforming love. Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Turn us around. 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

<u>Prayer Response</u> The Lord's Prayer

Special Music Junior Bells

Scripture Readings John 15:9-17 983

*Acts 10:44-48 1003 1 John 5:1-6 1112

Time for Children Honoring Our Mothers

Hymn: Open My Eyes, That I May See 163

Sermon: "Jesus Is Reaching Out to 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

*<u>Hymn:</u> Cwm Rhondda Welsh Hymnal, 40

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover

<u>Financial Update</u>:

Needed Weekly: \$2,108.38 Needed to Date: \$37,950.87 Rec'd 05-02-21: \$2,971.50 Rec'd to Date: \$48,864.94 Sunday: <u>05-09-21</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke)

Tuesday: <u>05-11-21</u>

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: <u>05-16-21</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Toby and Elizabeth Adkins)

Pentecost Offering

10:45 AM Session Meeting

Announcements:

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

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

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the June newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

10th Rex Lloyd 12th Sandy Clayborn

15th Dane Ebel 16th Chance Mosier 17th Mary Jane Haines

17th Delayna Profit 17th Stacia Profit 18th Ione Owens

Upcoming Anniversaries

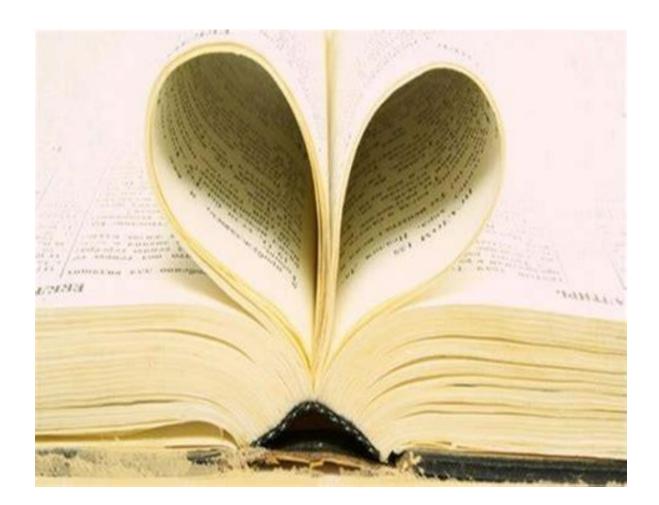
13th Jerry & Marylin Foust 15th Steve & Lindsay Richards

19th Bart & Rosemary Strick 20th Mark & Missy Zielke

Hymnal Dedication-We present these hymnals to the glory of God and for service in the life of this congregation. Let us pray:

- Eternal God, we thank You for the gifts of music and song through which creation has offered You praise and thanksgiving, confession, lament, prayers, and petitions.
- May this new hymnal inspire our own songs in times of joy and sorrow.
- Enable us to sing in one voice as Your gathered people, and to join in harmony with all who worship You.
- By Your grace, may the words and melodies shape our faith for years to come,
- and in ways that forever give glory to You.

We pray in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen



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Barry Coil (stroke)

Kathy Comer

Marjorie Eutsler

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)

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TEACHING POINTS

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Second. There is no partiality with God.

Third. The church has a compelling story to tell the world.

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ACTION POINT

The salvation to the Gentiles originated with the Gospel that "God sent to the people of Israel" (10:36). Peter emphasizes that "all the prophets testify about Jesus" (10:43). Thus, the Gospel of Jesus Christ that is now reaching to the Gentiles is not an accident in history. The fact that this Gospel to the Gentiles is preached by the leader in the Jerusalem church also points to the continuity between the Jewish and Gentile churches. God wants everyone to have the abundant life in Christ. God is at work in the world orchestrating events; why not open yourself to be used by God in building His Kingdom? Why not tell others about this free-gift of eternal life if you have put your faith in the Lordship of Christ?

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