

# Salem Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, July 18, 2021, 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: ?



Prelude  
Lighting the Candles  
Welcome & Prayer

\*Hymn: Be Thou My Vision 334

Call to Worship Psalm 89:20-30 535

Prayer of Confession: God, forgive us. **Our walk with You is not always visible to the world.** Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church, making it hard for others to see that we are Your community. **We act as though we do not need each other.** We do not always love one another. **We do not know and bear one another's burdens.** We fail to build each other up. **We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another.** Forgive us, and strengthen us, so that we may live in the unity that You desire of us. **We ask these things in Jesus' Name.** *(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 \*2 Samuel 7:1-17 278  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 916  
Ephesians 2:11-22 1065

Time for Children

Hymn: Have Thine Own Way, Lord! 388

Sermon: "Let God Take the Lead" 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 prayer over our tithes and offerings  
\*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn: Llef *Welsh Hymnal, 56*

\*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:	\$	Needed to Date:	\$
Rec'd 07-15-18:	\$	Rec'd to Date:	\$

**Sunday:** 07-18-21  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs)  
10:45 PM Session Meeting

**Sunday:** 07-25-21  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with ?? )

### Summer Announcements:

**First United Methodist Church** is hosting through July the **on-going Van Wert County-Wide Prayer Meeting**. The next meeting is at **noon, Thursday, July 22th** at 113 West Central Ave., Van Wert, Ohio.

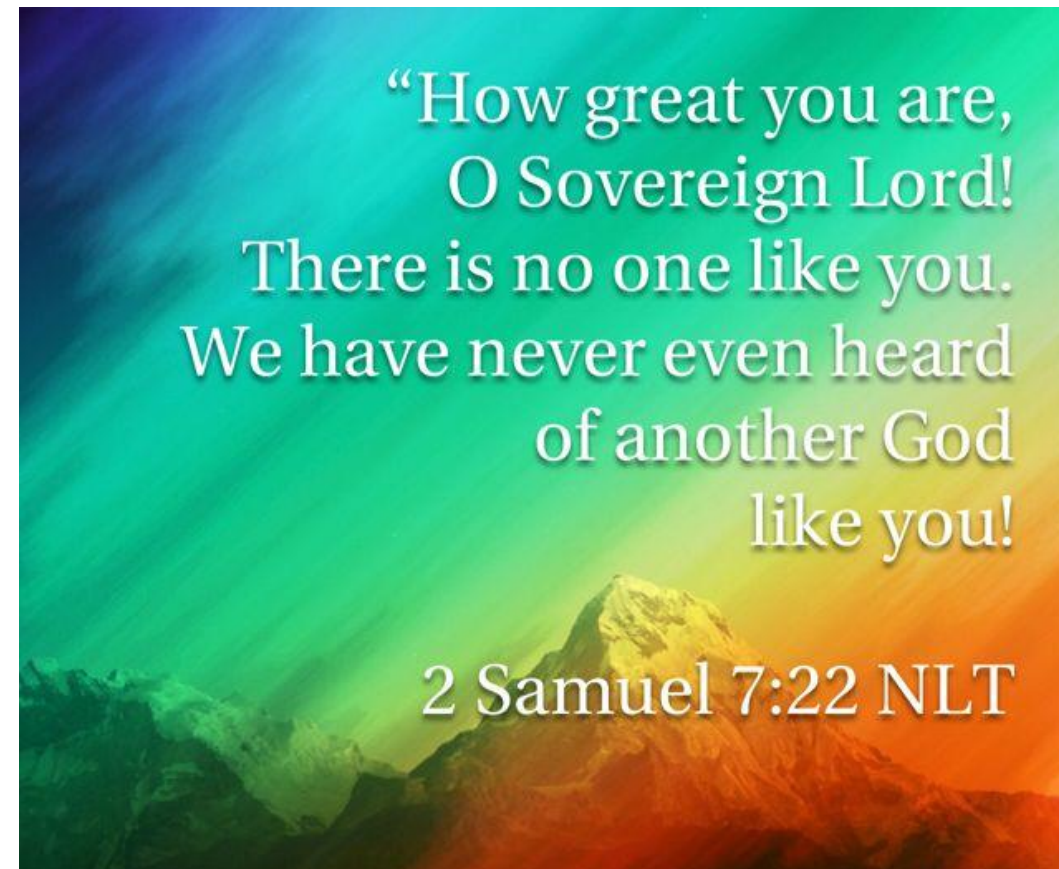
Celebrating **Marjorie Eutsler's 90th birthday** on today, July 18, from 1 to 4 pm at the Lincolnview Community Building. Please join us for appetizers, cake, and ice cream (no gifts please). If you would like to mail a card, her address is: 15044 Main St, Venedocia, OH 45894

**Vacation Bible School** is **July 27-28th, 9:00 to 11:30 AM**.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the August newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc).

### Upcoming Birthdays

### Upcoming Anniversaries



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### **Prayer Concerns:**

Kaitie Adams (recovering from surgery)  
Barry Coil (stroke)  
Kathy Comer  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)  
Jerry & Elizabeth Holscher  
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)  
Ann King (cancer)  
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)  
LuAnn (family issues)  
John & Mary Ellen Lloyd  
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Byron Mohr  
David Morris (Zeb)  
Marian Morris  
Judy Jones Muhn (health issues)  
Ione Owens  
Steve Peters (surgery & recovery)  
Paul & Doris Price  
Marjorie Rhodes  
Reddington Rothgeb (leukemia)  
Shalia Schomaeker  
Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)  
Stacy Smith (Covid)  
Betty Tennant  
Harold & Rosa Wollenhaupt  
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

### **Serving Our Country**

Gyer Blackmore (U.S. Army)  
Dillon Ellerbrock (U.S. Marine Corps)  
Butch Eutsler (U.S. Army)  
Phoebe Eutsler (U.S. Army)  
Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)  
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)

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“*Let God Take the Lead*” 2 Samuel 7:1-17  
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After David built a grand palace out of the cedars of Lebanon, he wanted to also create a magnificent temple for the Lord (7:1–7). The prophet Nathan encourages him, but then God reveals to Nathan that David will not be allowed to construct the temple. The reason is that David is a man of war who has shed much blood and that his son, Solomon, will be “a man of peace and rest,” who will be allowed to build the temple (1 Chron. 22:8–9). The reasoning in 2 Samuel seems to concern the direction of authority: who is whose benefactor? God does reveal through Nathan that he will continue to bless the entire nation and David through his dynasty (7:8–17).

### TEACHING POINTS

FIRST POINT – Sometimes our dreams and ideas are from God, and sometimes they are not.

SECOND POINT - God is not limited to a temple but is consistently on the move with His people.

THIRD POINT – God is the one who is in charge.

### THIS WEEK'S KEY PASSAGE

“Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever” (2 Samuel 7:16 NLT).

### ACTION POINT

The narrator views David as the instrument of the Lord in fulfilling the promises to Moses and renewing the success of Joshua. In addition, God promises to make David's name great, just as he promised to do for Abraham (Gen. 12:2). God promises to maintain a special “father-son relationship” with each new king, assuring him of divine counsel. As the Lord's “son,” however, the king is required to obey His commands faithfully. If the Davidic king sins, God will punish him, but he will not take the throne away from David's family (1 Kings 11:34). Eventually a king will arise who will reign “with justice and righteousness” (Isa. 9:7), and the Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him (Jesus) in a powerful way (Isa. 11:2). Many of the later prophecies about the Messiah draw on this great promise to David. That is our hope as well that God will be our loving Father who will guide those who obey His commands faithfully, and God will not give up on us in His desire for us to come back to Him like Prodigal Sons and Daughters when we become rebellious.