

Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, May 5, 2024, 6th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Ladonna Allenbaugh
 The flowers are given to the glory of God by Jeremy & Samantha Morris



Prelude
 Lighting the Candles
 Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship	Psalm 98	540
*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 <u>Response</u>	Glory Be to the Father	Inside Front Cover
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Joys & Concerns of the Church
 Prayers of the People

<u>Prayer Response</u>	The Lord's Prayer
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Scripture Readings	John 15:9-17	983
	*Acts 10:44-48	1003
	1 John 5:1-6	1112

Time for Children

<u>Hymn:</u>	Open My Eyes, That I May See	163
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Sermon:	“Reaching Out”	Rev. Thomas Emery
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***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		
* <u>Offering Response</u>	Praise God	Inside Front Cover

* <u>Hymn:</u>	Cwm Rhondda	Welsh Hymnal, 40
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*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:	\$2,298.10	Needed to Date:	\$39,067.72
Rec'd 2024-04-28:	\$1,327.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$44,344.50

Sunday: 2024-05-05
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Kevin & Kristen Price*)
 10:45 AM Session Meeting

Tuesday: 2024-05-07
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at the Orchard Tree Restaurant
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Thursday: 2024-05-09
 Noon Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at First United Brethren Church

Sunday: 2024-05-12
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd*)

Announcements:

On Tuesdays, the **Men's Bible Study** meets at the Orchard Tree Restaurant in Van Wert at 7:30 AM, and the **Women's Bible Study** meets at 7 PM downstairs at Salem. The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at noon at the First United Brethren Church for May.

Mother's Day is on May 12th, and we will be recognizing Mothers. In May, we will also be recognizing **Salem Graduates**; please let us know of any graduates. The **Memorial Day** observations on May 27th will be at 10:30 AM at Horeb Cemetery and at 11:00 AM at Memorial Park.

Salem is collecting offerings from the heart for the **Salvation Army**. There is a monthly need, and your generosity is greatly needed. Each month we collect different food. The food for May is cereal.

For the **June Sounds of Salem Newsletter**, please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

6 th Emma Jones	7 th Josh Lloyd	8 th Bob Pugh
10 th Rex Lloyd	12 th Sandy Clayborn	15 th Dane Ebel

Upcoming Anniversaries

15 th Steve & Lindsay Richards	19 th Bart & Rosemary Strick
20 th Mark & Melissa Zielke	



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Cindy (Davis) Barnes (liver transplant)
Charles Boroff (heart issue)
Jason Boyd (terminal cancer)
Dave Burnett (heart issues)
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Kim Coil (foot surgery)
Pastor Tom Emery (long Covid healing)
Marjorie Eutsler
Ellen Friesner
Shana Fryer
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Greg Glander
Jane Harter
Jerry & Elizabeth Holscher
David Morris (Zeb)
Larry Miller (cancer)
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Ann Rees (in Van Wert Hearth & Home)
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Second. There is no partiality with God.

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

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

The salvation of 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 an 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 gift of eternal life if you have faith in the Lordship of Christ?

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