| Salem Presbyterian Church<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br>Sunday, July 13, 2025  |                           |     |  |
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| Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Ron Miller<br>Flowers are given to the glory of God by Mark & Missy Zielke<br>*********************************** |                           |     |  |
| Lighting of the Candle  | es<br>Welcome & Prayer    |     |  |
| * <u>Hymn</u>   | Have Thine Own Way, Lord! | 388 |  |
| Call to Worship   | Psalm 52                  | 510 |  |

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as Your people. We serve many masters—work, wealth, power, addictions—yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us. Forgive us and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us. We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen. (Please take a moment of silent confession)

# Assurance of Pardon

| Response  | Glory Be to the Father                              | Inside Front Cover |
|---|---|--------------------|
| Joys & Concerns of the<br>Prayers of the People<br><u>Prayer Response</u> | <u>Church</u><br>The Lord's Prayer                  |                    |
| Scripture Readings  | *Amos 8:1-12<br>Luke 10:38-42<br>Colossians 1:15-28 | 840<br>946<br>1072 |

Time for Children

Rec'd 2025-07-06: \$1,190.00

| * <u>Hymn</u> | Take Time to Be Holy       | 376               |
|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Sermon        | Israel Ripe for Punishment | 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 God's tithes and our offerings.

| * <u>Response</u><br>*Prayer of Dedication  | Praise God       | Insic           | de Front Cover |
|---|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| * <u>Hymn</u>   | Holy, Holy, Holy |                 | 70             |
| *Taking the Light into the World<br>*Final thoughts<br>*Charge and Benediction<br>* <u>Congregational Response</u> Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover<br>*Those who are able are invited to stand. |                  |                 |                |
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| Financial Update:   |                  |                 |                |
| Needed Weekly: \$2,34   | 5.90             | Needed to Date: | \$63,339.20    |

Rec'd to Date:

\$66.404.86

| Sunday:   | 07-13-2025 5th Sunday after Pentecost                     |                                       |
|-----------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 9:30 AM   | Worship (Nursery with Jason & Danielle Lloyd)             |                                       |
| 10:45 AM  | Trustee Meeting   |                                       |
| Tuesday:  | <u>07-15-2025</u>   |                                       |
| 7:30 AM   | Men's Bible Study meets in the Global Methodist Church at |                                       |
|           | Crawford and Walnut Streets.                              | THE DAYS ARE COMING WHEN              |
| Thursday: | <u>07-17-2025</u>   | I WILL SEND A FAMINE THROUGH THE LAND |
| Noon      | The Van Wert County Prayer meeting is at the Trinity      |                                       |
|           | Global Methodist Church; meet in the "Gate."              | - NOT A FAMINE OF FOOD OR A           |
| Sunday:   | 07-20-2025 5th Sunday after Pentecost                     | THIRST FOR WATER,                     |
| 9:30 AM   | Worship (Nursery with Dave & Carla Breese)                | BUT A FAMINE OF                       |

#### Announcements:

The **Vacation Bible School** theme title this year is: "Give with Your Heart: Serving Jesus by Serving Others!" This VBS teaches kids that what matters most to God is not how much we give, but the heart behind our giving—and that when we help others, we are showing love directly to Jesus. The Mission for VBS is The Haven of Hope Men's Homeless Shelter. Please see the signup form to bring items for "Love Packages" the children will assemble for them. The VBS is **July 29 & July 30, 9:00-11:30 AM**, for ages: 4 years old to 6th grade. Hope to see you and your children there!

Salem gives **Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army**. Each month, we collect different items; the food we collect for July is canned fruit.

The **Venedocia Lions Club** is activating its yearly recruitment drive. Many Salem men belong and support the organization. If you're interested, you are welcome to drop by a meeting or check it out at VenedociaLions.org. The next meeting is on July 22 at 7 PM.

Please take photos and contribute updates, recipes, and ideas for the next **Salem newsletter**, **"Sounds of Salem**." Submit them to <u>PastorTomEmery@live.com</u>

#### Upcoming Birthdays

13th Cory McCollow15th Tootsie Young16th Johnathan Young18th Marjorie Eutsler

Ing 15<sup>th</sup> Barb Good tsler 22<sup>nd</sup> Dave Rees

Upcoming Anniversaries

15th Scott & Katey Lloyd15th Tuzz & Liz Hobbs19th Cory & Sylvia McCollow24th Bill & Ruth Evans

15<sup>th</sup> Peter & Morgan McCollow 25<sup>th</sup> David & Nancy Jo Breese

OF THE LORD. 7Mos 8:1

Amos 8:1-12

HEARING THE WORDS

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