Salem Presbyterian Church

15th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 21, 2025

Rev. Thomas Emery Pianist: Jake Wilder Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jeremy & Samantha Morris

Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

*<u>Hymn</u> This Is My Father's World 39

Call to Worship Psalm 79:1-9 529

Prayer of Confession: We confess that we find Your medicine hard to swallow. The quick fixes of this world are so much more pleasant, leaving us free to go back to our usual routines. But Your medicine is powerful. And if we take it, it will remake and renew our lives. It will reorient us to You and to You alone. Turn us toward Your love for justice and true worship. Forgive our sins, for which You weep. Forgive our hesitation. Grant us courage to choose You as our physician, and to serve You and You alone. We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen. (Please take a moment of silent confession).

Assurance of Pardon

Response I Love You Lord See Insert

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

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

Scripture Readings *Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 696

Luke 16:1-13 953 1 Timothy 2:1-7 1080 Special Music Jake Wilder

Time for Children

*<u>Hymn</u> Lead Me to Calvary 124

Sermon A Healing Ointment in Gilead 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 of Dedication

*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover

*Hymn For the Fruit of All Creation See Insert

*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: \$2,34590	Needed to Date:	\$86,798.16
Rec'd 09-21-2025: \$1,609.25	Rec'd to Date:	\$84,718.11

Sunday: <u>09-21-2025</u> 15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM Worship and (Nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell).

10:45 AM Session Meeting.

Tuesday: <u>09-23-2025</u>

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study meets at the Trinity Global Methodist

Church in Van Wert.

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study in the church basement.

Thursday: <u>09-25-2025</u>

Noon The Van Wert County Prayer meeting is at Living Truth

Ministries, located at 1180 S Washington Street.

Sunday: <u>09-28-2025</u> 16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM Worship with guest Pastor Briana Geiger

(Nursery with Kevin & Kristen Price).

Announcements:

The **Senior Luncheon** will be held on September 24 at noon. Lunch and bingo will be held at the Lion's Club. Come join us!

The Gomer Congregational Church (7350 Gomer Road, Gomer, OH 45809) is having their **108**th **Annual Gymanfa Ganu** on Sunday, October 5, at 7 pm. Truman Littler will be the Director.

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

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

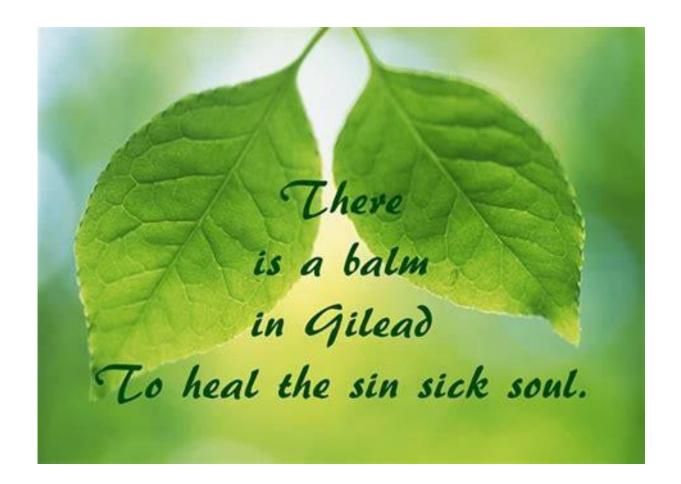
Upcoming Birthdays

23rd April Ellerbrock25th Darlene Jones26th Cindy Barnes27th Brian Ellerbrock27th Lisa Lloyd29th Stephanie Beck

29th Steve Richards 30th Jack Blackmore

Upcoming Anniversaries

28th Eric & Jen Pugh



Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – God does bring judgment for sins.

POINT TWO – *There is a balm in Gilead.*

POINT THREE – God has called the Church to be His influence in this world.

THIS WEEK'S VERSE

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ACTION POINT

God no longer works through a nation in the same way He did with Israel. He works through His followers, the Church. Paul understood that God's Kingdom was no longer confined to the borders of Israel; it is a Holy Nation, a Royal Priesthood, inaugurated by the Holy Spirit and founded upon a hill called Calvary. The Kingdom has no borders, but Heaven, and no King other than Jesus Christ. Although it is hard for us to see, especially during times of sorrow, there is hope with God. There is a healing balm in Gilead. A physician whose hands can heal. A Teacher whose words are sure. A Healer who will make us whole. A Savior to save our souls. He is Christ Jesus, our Lord. Why not give your will and your life over to Him today?

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