

Salem Presbyterian Church
10th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 17, 2014

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Hymnals: Great Hymns of the Faith/Welsh and English Hymns and Anthems

Order of Worship

Prelude
Lighting of the Candles Catie Emery
Pastoral Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn **15. Hyfrydol** Welsh Hymnal

Call to Worship **12. Thirsting for God** pg. 469, Hymnal

*Hymn **19. Huddersfield** Welsh Hymnal

*Prayer of Confession **Merciful God, we confess that, just like Jesus' disciples, we too sometimes lose patience with people who need our help and support. Like the disciples, we find ourselves wishing that they would just go away and leave us in peace. In Your mercy, forgive us. Remind us again of the deep love You showed toward us when we were still in need—a love so deep that it sent You willingly to the cross on our behalf. Show us how to love others as You have loved us. Teach us Your compassion, so that we may be Your hands and feet to those in need. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (Take a moment of silent confession before God.)**

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response **Glory Be to the Father** Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response **Hear Our Prayer, O Lord** 535

Special Music Skyler Miller

Epistle Lesson **Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32** 1032

Gospel Lesson **Matthew 15:21-28** 893

A Time with the Children

*Hymn **30. Sanctus** Welsh Hymnal

Sermon **“Persistence and Determined Faith”**
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*

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn **29. Deemster** Welsh Hymnal

*Hymn **13. Diadem** Welsh Hymnal

*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.

This Week:

Sunday:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM
3:00 PM

08-17-14

Worship (nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh)
Sunday School
Celebrate Recovery

Sunday:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM
3:00 PM
6:30 PM

08-24-14

Worship (nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd)
Sunday School
Celebrate Recovery
Youth Group

Announcements:

Gymanfa Ganu flyers (August 31) are available in the vestibule for your use.

We need **salads & desserts** for the light supper held prior to the song service of **Gymanfa Ganu**. Please bring items by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 31.

Children Choosing Christ needs volunteers for the fair. See Carol or the flyer posted on the bulletin board for more information. This is a fun, easy way to share your faith.

We will have **Sunday School** in the upstairs back room continuing with the series set on location in Israel of places where Jesus walked.

Birthdays This Week

8/20 Austin Kimmet
8/22 Jan Jones

Anniversaries This Week

8/19 George & Elaine Siler

Financial Update:

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| Needed Weekly: | \$2,067.00 | Needed to Date: | \$66,144.00 |
| Rec'd 08-10-14: | \$3,034.25 | Rec'd to Date: | \$57,466.30 |



Rooted in our heritage and called into God's future, we proclaim in new ways the unchanging Good News of Jesus Christ in a changing world.

Salem Presbyterian Church
Venedocia, Ohio

Established 1848, Built 1898

Prayer Concerns:

Gretchen Baut (cancer and kidney problems – friend of the Silers)
Jim Beougher (advanced cancer – uncle of Tony Lawrence)
Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)
Bob Drewyore (son of Bette Richards)
Ralph Du Cheney (serious medical testing – father of Stacia Profit)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Cassy Emery (juvenile rheumatoid arthritis)
Jeannie Etzler (daughter of Warren Summersett)
Bree Gosshanbler (paralyzed – friend of Audrey Hobbs)
Vernon Hobbs
Linda Howell (back and heart healing – Jeff Coil's sister)
Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)
Paula Klein (cancer – friend of Evelyn Martz)
Amanda Owens Lamb (granddaughter of Dave & Jean Owens)
Betty Lloyd
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)
Tim Morris (son of Hilda Morris)
Ione Owens
Joyce Profit (heart problems)
Evelyn Pugh (healing of her pelvis break)
Aimee Schulte (friend of Sarah Kimmet)
Warren Summersett (broken hip and leg)
Jesse (mother with drug addictions, needs God's strength)
Audrey Burnett (in hospice care)

Serving our Country:

Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)

Rev. Thomas Emery
“Persistent and Determined Faith” Matthew 15:21-28
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Our passage is the story of a Canaanite woman who came to Jesus begging him to heal her seriously afflicted daughter. Because she was not a Jew, the disciples objected to her coming and tried to send her away. She persisted, refusing to give up. Her faith was so great in its power that it motivated her to action. It brought her to Jesus, and against all odds, it caused her to be determined not to give up. At last her hope was granted, and Jesus said to her, apparently with considerable excitement and deep emotion, "O woman, great is your faith!"

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *There is power in persistence.* Because of her faith, her daughter was made well.

Teaching Point Two: *God sometimes delays answers to test our faith and to instill determination.*

Teaching Point Three: *We have access to God no matter where we come from.* This is one of the fundamental insights of the Christian gospel that the worth of a person is simply on the basis that he or she is a person.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

“‘Dear woman,’ Jesus said to her, ‘Your faith is great. Your request is granted.’ And her daughter was instantly healed” (Matthew 15:29 NLT).

ACTION POINT

The disciples should have learned the lesson that Christ was teaching that day. The lesson is that anyone can come from anywhere to the Lord and to the Kingdom, and the way for coming is the simple path of faith. Why not learn from this lesson and give your own will and your life over to God's direction?