

Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, July 5, 2015
6th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude
 Lighting of the Candles
 Welcome & Prayer

Isaiah Martz

***United States Flag: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.**

***Christian Flag: I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.**

***Hymn** **Star Spangled Banner** 528

Call to Worship **48. Christian Love** *Back of Hymnal, p. 486*

Prayer of Confession:
 Eternal God, before You nations rise and fall. Help us to repent our country's wrong, and to choose Your way of renewal. **Great God, renew this nation.**

Give us a glimpse of the Kingdom You are bringing to earth, where death and violence and hunger will be no more, and where all nations gather in the light of Your presence. **Great God, renew this nation.**

Draw us together as one people who do Your will, so that we may be a light to our nation; leading the way to Your promised kingdom, which is even now coming among us. **Great God, renew this nation.**

Great God, Eternal Lord, show us there is no law or liberty apart from You, and let us serve You whole-heartedly, as Your devoted followers. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Take a moment of silent confession to ponder the places in our lives where we may resist turning to God for healing and inner change.)

*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 Reading **1 Chronicles 12:32** 367
 John 8:31-36 975
 James 5:16 1103

A Time with the Children
 *Hymn **America the Beautiful** 531

Sermon **"Declaration of Dependence on God"** 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 **Battle Hymn of the Republic** 530
 *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.

Rev. Thomas Emery
“Declaration of Dependence on God” Mark 5:21-43
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Prayer Concerns:

Norma Adams (diabetic issues)
Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)
Ralph Du Cheney (father of Stacia Profit)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit’s niece)
Jeannie Etzler (daughter of Warren Summersett)
Hope Eutsler (leukemia)
Judy Foust (knee surgery)
Bev Hefner (aunt of Jenny Pugh)
Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)
Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)
Betty Lloyd (broken hip)
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)
Steve Martz (pancreatitis intensive care)
Tina Mayes
Tim Morris (liver transplant)
Evelyn Pugh
Aaron Ries (age 15, received a heart transplant – son of Bruce Ries)
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)
Taylar Stephens & Family
Tim (cancer – friend of Barb Good)
Steve West (son-in-law of Jeff & Marcia Pollock)
Haydn Williams (esophagus cancer treatment)
Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)

Serving our Country:

Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)
Will Morrison (U.S. Army Reserves)

The founders knew that they needed to submit their new nation to the Lordship of God. Our founding fathers knew that we have to choose to serve God, or we serve this world. This lordship means that you will no longer live selfishly for yourself seeking your will for your life. It means that you will no longer, live for the power, pleasure, popularity and possessions of the world. Instead, you will seek to please God rather than what pleases you! Declaring your dependence on God comes foremost. If you are here today and a Christian, you have made that affirmation of dependence on God.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *Our nation was founded, rooted and established on Christian principles.*

Teaching Point Two: *You pay a price living up to those principles.*

Teaching Point Three: *Paul gives us some concrete things we can do to bless America.*

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

³¹ Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
John 8:31-32 NLT

ACTION POINT

The founding fathers believed the phrase, “In God we trust.” Our founders knew that because of God’s grace, we have a greater freedom than any constitution can grant us. There is a word for freedom in the N.T. It is the word, "redemption." "Redemption" means "to be set free." It means that we have been bought with a price, that we are freed of our bondage. The Gospel is a message of liberty. It is a liberating message for the poor; it is freedom for the prisoners; it is sight for the blind and it is release for the oppressed. I love the words of Jesus recorded in the 8th chapter of John. “So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.” Are you free? You can be; because if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed!!! Let us choose today to serve God, not this world.