

Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, July 19, 2015
8th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude
 Lighting of the Candles
 Welcome & Prayer

Elijah Martz

*Hymn **O Worship the King** 1

Call to Worship **Psalms 89:20-37** 535

Prayer of Confession: We have sinned by building walls that divide the Body of Christ, that divide our communities and divide our world. **Forgive us, O God.** We have sinned by claiming our differences as more important than our unity. **Forgive us, O God.** We have sinned by not honoring each other's individual humanity, each other's gifts. **Forgive us, O God.** We have not shown our love for You, O God, with the brothers and sisters you have given us. **Forgive us, O God. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

(Take a moment of silence to offer your personal prayers of confession.)

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 Readings **Mark 6:14-29** 916

Ephesians 2:11-22 1064

A Time with the Children

*Hymn **Deemster** *Welsh Hymnal, 29*

Special Music Lindsay Newlove

Sermon **"Tearing Down Walls"** Rev. Thomas Emery

❖❖❖ The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ❖❖❖

Words of Institution **1 Corinthians 11:23-28**

Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer

Congregational Prayer **Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

*Hymn **Penpark** *Welsh Hymnal, 26*

Christ the Bread of Life: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation, Distribution, and Prayer

*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 *Continue on back.*

*Hymn **Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty** 13

*Taking the Light into the World

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*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover

*Those who are able are invited to stand.



The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by Vern & Liz Hobbs.

Today:

07-19-15

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Carol & Catie Emery)
10:45 AM Adult Sunday School Class
4:00 PM Session Meeting

Sunday:

07-26-15

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Kent & Heather McClure)
10:45 AM Adult Sunday School Class

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$57,876.00
Rec'd 07-12-15:	\$1,780.52	Rec'd to Date:	\$52,526.43

Announcements:

Salem Church Ice Cream Social is next **Friday, July 31, 5:00 – 7:30 pm** at the Lion's Club building in Venedocia. Lion's Club Sausage and Sycamore Ice Cream will be served along with other dinner and dessert items.

Please **sign-up** to help at the Ice Cream Social on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule! There are extra **flyers** for you to take to post in your businesses, neighborhoods, etc.

Adult Sunday School will be in the backroom fifteen minutes after the service.

The trustees have requested that **pets be caged during emergency weather shelter** in the church basement.



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.

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Venedocia, Ohio

Established 1848, Built 1898

Prayer Concerns:

Norma Adams (diabetic issues)
Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)
Ralph Du Cheney (father of Stacia Profit)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
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)
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
John Stutz
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)

Serving our Country:

Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
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TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point 1: *We live in a divided world.* The dividing walls of hostility have been broken down, and all people are now welcomed into the household of God.

Teaching Point 2: *Jesus came to tear down walls between us.* You cannot love God and hate your brother or your sister.

Teaching Point 3: *The church needs to continue to do as Christ did — to break down the walls of hostility between people.* We all belong to one family.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

The Spirit is God’s guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him. (*Ephesians 1:14 NLT*)

ACTION POINT

Dividing walls are deeply rooted in our identities in the world. Breaking them down is difficult. The dividing walls are not melted down by the glorious light of God's love. The dividing walls are broken down only by the blood of Jesus Christ; doing so, is costly and painful. I think this is why the author of Ephesians uses the image of the "household of God" in these verses rather than the "kingdom of God" or the "reign of God." It is one thing to say that we're all welcomed into the kingdom of God. We can live with that. You might think — you stay in your part of the kingdom, and I'll stay in mine. However, the focus here is on the concept of a household — a home — a place where those who were once enemies now live together, where they share the kitchen table and the bathroom. This outlook is much more difficult. The author of Ephesians celebrates this new household of God, as overcoming all divisions, as Good News! Christ tears down walls so we can live as one in Christ!

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