

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 5, 2018, 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude
Lighting the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn: Blodwen Welsh Hymnal, 60

Call to Worship Psalm 51:1-12 509

Prayer of Confession: **Compassionate One: like David, it is not easy for us to confront those deeds which do not please you. We do not see the gift of Your presence. We spend so much of our lives bemoaning the acts of others, that we have no time to look in the mirror and see our secret faces. Forgive us, Steadfast Love. Grace us with Your mercy, so we might be made whole. Touch our inner being and heal us, so we might know joy and gladness. Create new hearts within us, so they might beat as one, with each other, and with your Son, our Lord and Savior. We ask these things in Jesus' Name.** *(Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our 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 *2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a 281
John 6:24-35 972
Ephesians 4:1-16 1066

Time for Children

Sermon "You Are the Man " 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

Offertory: Ushers will receive God's tithes and our offerings.

*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover *Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: Cwm Rhondda Welsh Hymnal, 40

*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.



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David Hugh Evans
Doris Evans (cancer)
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Jim Francis
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Jan Jones (health Issues)
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Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)
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TEACHING POINTS

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SECOND POINT – Celebrations of acceptance and confession can only honestly happen in “Christian community.”

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