

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 13th, 2020, 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Becky Reichard

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Marilyn Foust



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Exodus 15:1-11, 20-21 60

*Hymn: For the Fruit of All Creation Insert

Prayer of Confession: **Lord, Your grace and mercy are ever-present in our lives; Your forgiveness is boundless in mercy, even when we fail to live in Christ-like ways. Even so, we are quick to carry a grudge— quick to find fault, quick to assign blame, and quick to harden our hearts toward others. Set us apart, loving God, to extend and model the grace You have shown us, by offering grace to others. We pray in the Name of the Christ who died so that we might fully live. Amen.** *(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 *Exodus 14:5-31 59
Matthew 18:21-35 896
Romans 14:1-12 1034

Time for Children

*Hymn: Immortal, Invisible 34

Sermon: "When Life Is Difficult, Turn to 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 our tithes and offerings*

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: Sanctus *Welsh hymnal, 30*

*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: \$1,988.78 Needed to Date: \$71,596.02
Rec'd 9/6/2020 \$2,090.22 Rec'd to Date: \$74,180.52

Sunday: 09-13-2020
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Tuesday: 09-15-2020
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 09-20-2020
Drive Your Tractor to Church Sunday
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

We ask that a mask is worn until you are seated with a six-foot separation and every other row social distancing. Our offering plates are at the back doors.

The Adult Sunday school will take place in the Prayer Room today after the service.

The **Drive Your Tractor to Church Sunday** and the **Blessing of the Harvest** will be on September 20. Because of the Coronavirus, there will be no meal this year.

The next Eucharist is on **World Communion Day**, October 4th.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the October newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

18 th -Jayne Morris	18 th -Morgan McConnell	20 th -Megan Jones
23 rd -April Ellerbrock	25 th -Darlene Jones	

Upcoming Anniversaries

15 th -Bob & Denise Pugh	28 th -Eric & Jen Pugh
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Barry Coil (stroke)
Kathy Comer
Cathy Donnal (health issues)
Catie Emery (nightmares)
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)
Jerry Holscher
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)
LuAnn (family issues)
Donald Martin
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)
David Morris (Zeb)
Marian Morris
Judy Jones Muhn (health issues)
Ione Owens
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
Marjorie Rhodes
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TEACHING POINTS

There are poor reactions. Let’s give up and go back! Let’s hide from our problems! Let’s create a pity party! Let’s blame someone!

Second, let’s realize that God has a future for His people.

Third, let’s fully trust in God!

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

None of us escapes trying situations in life. No matter how difficult the circumstance, we must continue to trust in the Lord, knowing that while deliverance may not come immediately, relief is on the way. God is walking with you through it. What God promised, He will provide. We also need to acknowledge that God wants to use all conditions for our good and His glory. In the struggle between good and evil, victory is with God! So, let’s trust in God alone!

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