

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 4th, 2021, Easter Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Connie O'Neill
The flowers are given to the glory of God by Gwenda Blackmore



Prelude
Lighting the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

Easter Skit

Call to Worship	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	554
*Hymn	Christ Arose	138

Prayer of Confession: O God, still creating, we hear your promises of a new day of joy and peace, and we are skeptical. **We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse. The past will keep us guilty,** the future will make us afraid, **and the present will burden us with too little time and too much to do.** Forgive our lack of faith, **our quickness to believe that you do not hear us,** and our pessimism about tomorrow. **Do a new thing in our hearts, and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care; through Christ we pray. 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

Scripture Readings	*Isaiah 65:17-25	682
	John 20:1-18	988
	Acts 10:34-43	1002

Special Music Heather McClure

Children dismissed to Sunday School

*Hymn	He Lives!	132
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Sermon: "He Died So You Can Live" 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.**

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

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

Invitation, Distribution, and Prayer

*Prayer of Dedication of the Offering
*Offering Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 137

Charge and Benediction



*Taking the Light into the World
*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover
*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Financial Update:

Needed weekly	\$2,108.38	Needed to date:	\$27,408.96
Rec'd 03/28/21	\$3,458.50	Received to date:	\$38,777.44

Sunday:
9:00 AM Flowering of the Cross
9:30 AM Easter Service with Easter Skit and Communion
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Tuesday:
7:00 PM **04-06-21**
Women's Bible Study

Sunday:
9:30 AM **04-11-21 2nd Sunday of Easter**
Worship w/guest speaker John Zerbe
(nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs)
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Tuesday:
7:00 PM **04-13-21**
Women's Bible Study

Sunday:
9:30 AM **04-18-21 3rd Sunday of Easter**
10:45 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)
Session Meeting

Announcements:

The **Women's Bible Study** will continue to be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

6 th Carol Emery	8 th Andy Breese	12 th MaKenna Kimmet
13 th Sami Jones	16 th Bill Evans	16 th Anne Morris

Upcoming Anniversaries

21st John & Mary Ellen Lloyd (this will be their 65th anniversary)



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Barry Coil (stroke)
Ken Coil
Kathy Comer
Asher Eberle
Marjorie Eutsler
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)
Danny King (hospice)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)
LuAnn (family issues)
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But, what does the creation of a new heaven convey? Earlier parts of the Book of Isaiah have made it clear that problems in the heavens and on earth are two sides of a single coin. The heavens are the place of supernatural forces whose battling lies behind battles on earth (13:5). The heavens mirror the actions of Yahweh on earth (13:10), and the heavens are shaken as is the earth when Yahweh acts in wrath (13:13). The destruction of evil in heaven (34:4–5) must accompany the destruction of any evil opposition on earth.

TEACHING POINTS

First. Only God could redeem the mess God's people had made of their world and its effects on their present and future.

Second. Christ's sacrificial death was the payment to redeem the earth.

Third. In this life, you have a decision to make.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

Believers will see the fulfillment of God's original vision of creation, of a perfect life with God. Joy will replace grief (v. 19), long life will replace earthly death (v. 20), and fulfillment in work will replace frustration (vv. 21–23). All our sins, all our despair, all the scars of the oppressions of the past are gone. They belong to the former things that will no longer be remembered. When you get free of your old anxieties, your wounds, and your self-seeking selfishness, it is like a fresh start, a new world, with Jesus as your Lord. Are you hurting, anxious, or paralyzed by your past, by a destructive lifestyle, or by what society says you are? Why not seek a cleansed new relationship with God through the actions of Christ's payment for your sins? With Christ in your life, you can begin anew!

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