

Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, May 23, 2021, Day of Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh
The flowers are given to the glory of God by Marilyn Foust



Prelude
Lighting the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 544

*Hymn: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus 257

Prayer of Confession: Forgive us, O God, when we see the world not as it really is, much less the way You seek it to be. **You are the God of life, the God of hope, and the God of new beginnings—even for our dried-up bones and shattered dreams.** The rattling of bones in Ezekiel's vision may be heard as the falling off of shackles that once held us down in fear, sin, prejudice, and guilt. **Let us avoid these deadly entanglements with the power of a godly life.** Renew us with Your grace and ground us with Your Spirit, that we might be empowered to live, in word and deed, as testimonies to the power of Your love. **In Jesus 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 *Ezekiel 37:1-14 791
Acts 2:1-21 992
Romans 8:22-27 1030

Time for Children

Hymn: Just as I Am 249

Sermon: "Christ Offers New Life to our Lifelessness" 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

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

*Hymn: God Be With You *Welsh Hymnal, 117*

*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: \$2,108.38 Needed to Date: \$42,167.63
Rec'd 05-16-21: \$1,661.50 Rec'd to Date: \$52,658.44

Sunday: 05-23-21 Pentecost
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell)
Pentecost Offering [Channel 44:1]
Communion

Tuesday: 05-25-21
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 05-30-21
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow)

Monday: 05-31-21
11:00 AM Memorial Service in Memorial Park

Tuesday: 06-01-21
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Announcements:

This week the **Women's Bible Study** will be meeting on Tuesday at 7 pm.

Graduate recognition will be held on June 6 for Christina Emery, Isaiah Pugh, Dawson Kimmet, and Dominic Adkins. Please see the bulletin insert for an invitation to Dominic Adkins and Dawson Kimmet's graduation parties.

The Ice Cream Social will be held on June 18th from 4:30 to 7:00 and will be a drive thru at the Lion's Club.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

23 rd Carolyn Girod	25 th Taylor Hoehn	31 st Vincent Richards
June 2 nd Barb Owens	4 th Chad Pugh	6 th Cassy Emery

Upcoming Anniversaries

2 nd Ron & Barb Owens	14 th Jeff & K8im Coil
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Barry Coil (stroke)
Kathy Comer
Marjorie Eutsler
Denny Febus (cancer)
Inara Febus (Lou Gehrig's disease)
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)
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TEACHING POINTS

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Second. God’s Spirit can bring new life.

Third. We need God’s Word and prayer to restore us to new life.

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ACTION POINT

On our own, we cannot beat the forces of death that hold hostage our life and world. Even with our best attempts, we seem never able to set all things straight. Broken relationships, suffering, crime, violence, and evil — none of our efforts seem to do away with them forever. When God’s kingdom comes, dry bones will live again, and if dry bones can live again, who could ever doubt that God would also come to our dry valley of sin and despair and death? So, this passage from Ezekiel and for the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is not only looking to bodily resurrection after death, but also talking about the restoration and healing of our life here and now. And it is saying that only God can work that transformation of new life. Come Holy Spirit; breathe new life into us and come and make us whole! Make us Pentecost people alive and fully living for You!

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