

# Salem Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, July 25, 2021, 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Pianist: Lexie Greer  
 “Flowers given in honor of David” from the Owens family



Prelude  
 Lighting the Candles  
 Welcome & Prayer

<u>Call to Worship</u>	Psalm 14	485
<u>*Hymn:</u>	Take Time to Be Holy	376

Prayer of Confession: Merciful God, we hear the story of David and wonder how he could so abuse his power—serving his own interests in such a selfish way. Jesus used his power—serving, healing and nurturing others. **Forgive us when our actions reflect those of David more than those of Jesus.** David demonstrated how things can get out of control when God's rules are not followed, while Jesus demonstrates how God's power can bring peace even into the stormiest situations. **Forgive us the times when we have yielded to the temptation of feeding our own interests to the detriment of others around us.** We pray that we may be powerfully strengthened by the Holy Spirit to witness to Jesus' love and compassion in and through all we do and say. **We ask these things in Jesus' Name.** *(Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession).*

<u>Assurance of Pardon Response</u>	<b>Glory Be to the Father</b>	Inside Front Cover
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Joys & Concerns of the Church  
 Prayers of the People

<u>Prayer Response</u>	<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	
Scripture Readings	*2 Samuel 11:1-15	281
	John 6:1-21	971
	Ephesians 3:14-21	1065

Time for Children

<u>Hymn:</u>	Holy, Holy, Holy	70
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Sermon	“God Knows Everything in Our Lives”	Rev. Thomas Emery
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**\*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 prayer		
<u>*Response</u>	<b>Praise God</b>	Inside Front Cover

\*Prayer of Dedication

<u>*Hymn:</u>	How Great Thou Art	37
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\*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction		
<u>*Congregational Response</u>	<b>Three Fold Amen</b>	Inside Back Cover

*\*Those who are able are invited to stand.*



**Financial Update:**

Needed Weekly:	\$2,108.38	Needed to Date:	\$61,143.07
Rec'd 07-18-21:	\$1,950.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$76,363.06

**Sunday:** 07-25-21  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris)

**Sunday:** 08-01-21  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Gwenda Blackmore)

**Sunday:** 08-08-21  
9:30 AM Worship with Gideons (nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke)  
Pastor off (Guest speaker Dave Hoose)

### Summer Announcements:

**Vacation Bible School is July 27-28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 to 11:30 AM.**

**First United Methodist Church** is hosting through July the **on-going Van Wert County-Wide Prayer Meeting**. The next meeting is at **noon, Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>** at 113 West Central Ave., Van Wert, Ohio.

The **2021 Gymanfa Ganu** is on Labor Day Sunday, **September 5<sup>th</sup>**. The meal begins at 4:30 PM and the singing begins at 7 PM. Kevin Fancher will be the Conductor.

The **2021 Drive Your Tractor to Church / Blessing of the Harvest** (with a potluck lunch) is on **September 19**.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the August newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc).

### Upcoming Birthdays

25 <sup>th</sup> Kent McClure	26 <sup>th</sup> Brent Price	29 <sup>th</sup> Heather McClure
29 <sup>th</sup> Doug Strickler	31 <sup>st</sup> Kristyn Jones	31 <sup>st</sup> Zach Wise

### Upcoming Anniversaries

25 <sup>th</sup> David & Nancy Jo Breese	27 <sup>th</sup> Jeff & Kelly Lloyd
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David overlooking Bathsheba

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Barry Coil (stroke)  
Kathy Comer  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Deb Fair  
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)  
Jerry & Elizabeth Holscher  
Dale Kieszka (leg operation)  
Ann King (cancer)  
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)  
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Byron Mohr  
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**TEACHING POINTS**

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