

Salem Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 3, 2022

Rev. Thomas Emery

Pianist: Cindy Bowsher

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jason & Sarah Kimmet



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

Pledge of Allegiances to the Christian and American Flags

*Hymn: My Country, 'Tis of Thee 529

Call to Worship Psalm 30 494

Prayer of Confession: O God of hope and healing, we confess that our lives are often marked by brokenness and sin. **We turn to You in the hope that Your hand will pass over us and we will be healed.** Yet in our desire for salvation, we prefer healing that comes in our own way and on our own terms. **When You do not respond according to our expectations, we turn away in anger and disappointment.** Have mercy on us when we grow impatient with Your timing, desiring our own. **Grant us the humility to receive the words of the humble and lowly.** Open our ears to the council of the servants You send us, so that we may be guided into Your path of healing. **Make us whole we pray.** Wash us and make us clean. **And grant us faith beyond all fear, so that we may be clothed with Your joy and give You thanks forever. We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**
(Please take a moment of silent 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**

Special Music Cindy Bowsher

Scripture Readings *2 Kings 5:1-14 332
Luke 9:51-62 945
Galatians 5:1, 13-25 1062

Time for Children

Hymn: God of Our Fathers 532

Sermon *Godly Decision-Making* 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.**

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

*Hymn Diadem *Welsh hymnal, 13*

*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:	\$2,126.78	Needed to Date:	\$55,296.17
Rec'd 06-26-2022:	\$3,339.50	Rec'd to Date:	\$64,758.54

Sunday: 07-03-2022 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:30 AM Worship with Pastor Tom Emery
 (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)

Tuesday: 07-05-2022
 7:30 AM Men's Bible study in the Van Wert Hospital cafeteria
 led by the Gideons.

Wednesday: 07-06-2022
 6:00 PM Weekly viewing of The Chosen at the Delphos
 Presbyterian Church. A meal is also served.

Thursday: 07-07-2022
 Noon Van Wert County Prayer Meeting at the Niswonger.

Sunday: 07-10-2022 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:30 AM Worship with Pastor Tom Emery
 (nursery with Steve & Lindsay Richards)
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

Join Salem Church members with **July 4th fireworks** in Delphos. Bring chairs. Fireworks start at 10 PM.

Come view the backstories of the life of Christ with the video series, The Chosen, at the Delphos Presbyterian Church. Dinner is served (\$5 suggested donation).

Van Wert County Prayer Meeting is at noon at the Niswonger for the month of July.

The July Newsletter is out. Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the upcoming **August newsletter**. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

6 th Charles Boroff	10 th Vern Hobbs	10 th Mark Zielke
12 th Kristen Price	13 th Cory McCollow	15 th Barb Good

Upcoming Anniversaries

4 th Toby & Elizabeth Adkins	15 th Peter & Morgan McCollow
15 th Tuzz & Liz Hobbs	19 th Cory & Sylvia McCollow



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Jim Davis (cancer)
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Pastor Tom Emery (broken foot healing)
Marjorie Eutsler
Deb Fair (cancer)
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)
Shana Fryer
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Brett Hammons
Jane Harter
Jerry Holscher
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)
Ann King (cancer)
LuAnn (family issues)
John & Mary Ellen Lloyd
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)
Anne Morris
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *Naaman's resistance to Elisha's instructions is not unlike the resistance some of us may feel to some of the church's prescriptions for the healing of our souls.*

POINT TWO – *Do What God Desires, Deserves, and Demands.*

POINT THREE – *Don't let our expectations limit us.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

¹¹ But Naaman became angry and stalked away. “I thought he would certainly come out to meet me!” he said. “I expected him to wave his hand over the leprosy and call on the name of the LORD his God and heal me! ¹² Aren’t the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than any of the rivers of Israel? Why shouldn’t I wash in them and be healed?” So Naaman turned and went away in a rage (2 Kings 5:11-12 NLT).

ACTION POINT

Naaman had looked to Elisha for a cure based on the recommendation of an Israelite slave. The way Naaman was healed made it clear to him that Elisha’s God is not an impersonal prophetic power. The healing was delivered by the living Lord at a distance from the prophet. It is the directness of God’s action that convinced Naaman of God’s reality. It is the living Lord, and not Elisha, who must take center stage. Naaman’s response reveals his grasp of what has happened, and he will never again worship any other god. Likewise, the world around us is searching to know the true God; you are the means to lead them to God through Jesus Christ. Why not be forthright about your faith and share it with others?

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