

Salem Presbyterian Church

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 18, 2022

Rev. Thomas Emery

Music: Becky Reichard & Arlene Amstutz

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Eric & Jen Pugh



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn This Is My Father's World 39

Call to Worship Psalm 79:1-9 529

Prayer of Confession: We confess that we find Your medicine hard to swallow. **The quick fixes of this world are so much more pleasant, leaving us free to go back to our usual routines.** But Your medicine is powerful. **And if we take it, it will remake and renew our lives.** It will reorient us to You and to You alone. **Turn us toward Your love for justice and true worship.** Forgive our sins, for which You weep. **Forgive our hesitation.** Grant us courage to choose You as our physician, and to serve You and You alone. **We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen.** *(Please take a moment of silent confession).*

Assurance of Pardon

Response I Love You Lord See Insert

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings *Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 696

Luke 16:1-13 953

1 Timothy 2:1-7 1080

Special Music Becky Reichard & Arlene Amstutz

Time for Children

*Hymn Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining
(Shine, Jesus, Shine) See Insert

Sermon A Healing Balm in Gilead 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: Prayer of Dedication

*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover

*Hymn For the Fruit of All Creation See Insert

*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: \$78,690.71
Rec'd 09-11-2022: \$1,273.36	Rec'd to Date: \$82,519.90

Sunday: 09-18- Sunday 15th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:30 AM **2022 Blessing of the Harvest / Drive your Tractor to Church** - Worship (*nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell*)
 10:45 AM Potluck after outdoor Service

Tuesday: 09-20-2022
 7:30 AM **Men's Bible Study** at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria.
 7:00 PM **Women's Bible Study** Romans: Lesson 7

Thursday: 09-22-2022
 Noon **Van Wert County Prayer Meeting** is at the Pentecostal Way Church at 1215 Leeson Avenue.
 7:00 PM Music Committee meeting

Sunday: 09-25-2022 16th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow*)
 10:45 AM Session Meeting

Announcements:

The Senior Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 28th, at noon.

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

Upcoming Birthdays:

18th Jayne Morris	18th Morgan McConnell	18th Tyler McConnell
19th Gianna Richards	20 th Megan Jones	23rd April Ellerbrock

Upcoming Anniversaries

28th Eric & Jen Pugh



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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *God does bring judgment for sins.*

POINT TWO – *There is a balm in Gilead.*

POINT THREE – *God has called the Church to be His influence in this world.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

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ACTION POINT

God no longer works through a nation like He did with Israel. He works through His followers—the Church. Paul understood that God’s Kingdom was no longer confined to the borders of Israel, that God’s Kingdom is a Holy Nation, a Royal Priesthood, inaugurated by the Holy Spirit and founded upon a hill called Calvary. The Kingdom has no borders, but Heaven, and no King other than Jesus Christ. Though it is hard for us to see, especially during our sorrow, there is hope with God. There is a balm in Gilead. A physician whose hand can heal. A Teacher whose words are sure. A Healer who will make us whole. A Savior to save our soul. He is Christ Jesus, our Lord. Why not give your will and your life over to Him today?

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