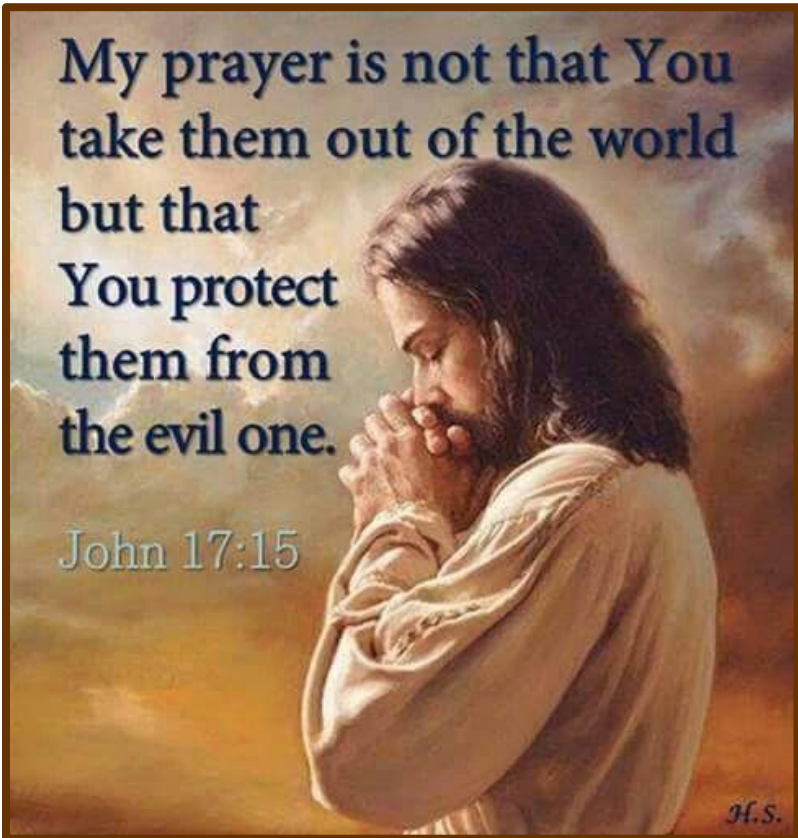


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

May 12, 2024

10:30 a.m.

## Seventh Sunday of Easter



Worship will be live streamed on  
**Facebook:** First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio  
**You Tube:** [www.youtube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) / FPCSALEM; and  
our website, [www.fpcsaalem.org](http://www.fpcsaalem.org).

*"We are centered in Christ and powered by love."*

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*Trumpet Tune*  
*Simple Gifts*

*Charles Callahan*  
*Wilbur Held*

*Let us silently turn our hearts, minds, and  
bodies to the worship of God as the  
light of Christ is brought forward.*

### PRELUDE

*I Love to Tell the Story*

*Dale Wood*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please take a moment to sign and pass the Attendance Pad.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;

**Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God...**

God is love,

**and those who abide in love abide in God,**

and God abides in them.” (1 John 4:7, 16b)

**Let us worship God.**

### \*HYMN 356

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we**

**may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.\***

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned...”  
*(John 3:16-18a)*

Believe the Good News!  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** *(Unison; Hymn 579)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Almighty God, you sent your only begotten Son to become one with us. Through his sacrificial love, we become one with him, and, through him, one with you. Grant to us the enlivening power of the Holy Spirit, so that Christ’s prayer is fulfilled in us, making us faithful disciples who live to glorify you in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING      *Jeremiah 10:1-10a, NRSV, p. 711*  
This is the Word of the LORD! / **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING                      *1 John 5:9-13, NRSV, p. 241*  
This is the Word of the LORD! / **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*No Greater Gift*

*Haviland Choir*

*Ruth E. Schram*

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Though I speak the language of angels,  
though I know all there is to know,  
if I have no love, I am nothing at all.  
There is no gift greater than love.

And though I understand every mystery,  
and my faith could remove any mountain,  
if I have no love, I am nothing at all.  
There is no gift greater than love.

Love is kind and gentle, rejoicing in the truth.  
Love is not proud. Love is not rude.  
Love never fails, though all other gifts will cease.  
Love hopes and endures, love bears and believes.

Though I give all I have to the hungry,  
though I give my very life,  
if I have no love, I am nothing at all.  
There is no greater gift greater than love.

There is hope, there is faith; they will always remain.  
But, there is no gift greater than love.

THE GOSPEL READING

*John 17:6-19, NRSV, p. 111*

This is the Gospel of the LORD! / **Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

*"No and Yes"*

*Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 361

*How Firm a Foundation*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

*("A New Creed", The United Church of Canada, 1968)*

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*Jesus Loves Me (Piano)*

*Fred Bock*

*(The first church song we teach our children.)*

*Pentecost Offering envelopes are in pew racks through May.*

\*RESPONSE HYMN 592 *(Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow)*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Unison)*

**We bring offerings to celebrate your goodness, and to further the work of the Church in glorifying your holy name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God forever. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION/LORD'S PRAYER *(Sins)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*HYMN 263

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Hymn 467, How Great Thou Art, Refrain*)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

*Please remain standing as the Light of Christ  
is carried into the world.*

POSTLUDE

*Fugue in C Major    Dietrich Buxtehude*

\*Please stand if you are able.

Question for thought: What do you think God's judgment means?

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**The Congregational Care Committee** would like to honor all Mom's, Grandma's, and Great Grandma's worshipping with us today. All ladies are invited to take home and enjoy a delicious scone prepared by Gen and Judson Smith of the Brimfield Bread Oven.

**Head Ushers:** Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

**Liturgist:** Pat Garick

**Bulletins** have been given anonymously in honor and memory of loved ones. *Bulletin donors are needed for June 9, 16, July 7, 28, August 4, 11, and 18. Cost is \$15.00 a Sunday.*

**Flowers** have been given by Paul and Barb Fennema in memory of Norma Emily Jason Woods and Edna Mae Kent Fennema; by Margaret Winch for the gift of Dallas Korff; and by Goldie Burrier in memory of loved ones.

The **Rosebud** on the Communion Table is in honor of Bennett Michael, born May 6. Proud grandparent is Barbara Loudon.

**Big Item Recycling Opportunity** – Carl Hunt AKA “Carl the Scrap Guy” has volunteered to help FPC with our recycling efforts during the month of May. He can come to your house to collect any unwanted items that contain metal. Call him at 234-320-2363 if you have something for him to pick up.

**Calling All Used Cell Phones!** If you have a cell phone that you threw in a drawer somewhere, it’s time to dig it out. The Environmental Team is sponsoring a collection drive during the month of May to gather old cell phones for recycling. There will be a box at each entrance throughout the month. Just drop in the phone and the ET will do the rest. It doesn’t matter what condition the phone is in, or what kind of phone it is. Folks at the Verizon store say that if a phone can be refurbished, it can be given to a women’s shelter or military personnel. If it’s a wreck, no worries; it can be used for parts.

**Prayer Concerns:** Nancy Boing (*Gloria Shafer’s sister*), Lorrie Brinker (*Sandy Herman’s sister*), Rose Marie Crookston, Rich and Pat Eichler, Dawn Ellis (*Tracey’s mother*), Sandi Flake, Mary Lou Gamble, Phyllis Garlock, Carolyn Gorley (*Scott and Deb Boyd’s sister-in-law*), Patti Hays (*Bob and Sue Merry’s sister-in-law*), Karen Hezlep (*Ryan Gillis’ mother*), Mark Lerchen (*Carol Ricciardi’s nephew*), Lois Middleton (*Alice Jackson’s sister*), Peggy Pikunas (*Andrew Skiba’s mother-in-law*), Charity Ricciardi (*Carol Ricciardi’s daughter-in-law*), Roselyn Stephens, Special Care and Military, Pastor Search Committee

**Birthdays this Week:** Richard Lobdell (13), Amanda Swinhart (13), Jim Newman (14), Carol Dougherty (17)

### **Special Care**

Altercare in Alliance – Goldie Burrier, #215

Brookdale Alliance – Carol Dougherty, #138

Brookdale Bowling Green – Barbara Marra, #121

Lexington Place Assisted Living – Helen Hayes, #211

Whispering Pines – Kay Rousseau, #315

### **Military**

Haley Herman Rivera (*Granddaughter of Sandy Herman*); Roger Knizat (*Grandson of Ellen Maticik*); Adam Pawlosky (*Son in Law of Jim and Ruth Newman*); Zach Smith (*Nephew of Mickey Buck*); Cody Tonkinson (*Son of Ed and Melissa Tonkinson*)

Sunday, May 12

3:00 Sandy Beaver Chapter OA (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)

Monday, May 13

**9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours**

10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)  
6:30 Scouts Troop 3 (SR) and 2003G (209)  
**7:00 Congregational Care (L)**

Tuesday, May 14

**9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours**

Wednesday, May 15

**9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours**

10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)  
6:15 Carillon Ringers (S)  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Thursday, May 16

**9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours**

**7:00 Regular Session Meeting, Zoom/Hybrid**

Friday, May 17 – Church Office Closed

Vision Statement

*To glorify God and share the Spirit and love of Christ  
with our community and the world.*

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