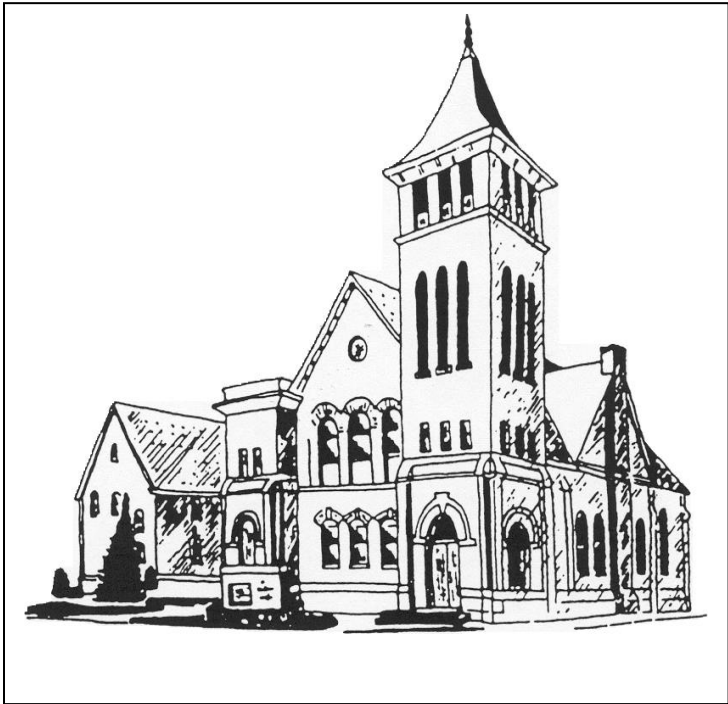


# **SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**1500 North Main**

**Higginsville, Missouri**

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**We are a gathering church sent out  
by God to bring the good news of  
God's grace, justice, peace, and  
love to the world**

May 2, 2021

10:00 a.m.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MUSIC SUNDAY**

**THE GATHERING**

**MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP**

**WELCOME:** No matter who you are or where you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here. Welcome to worship on this beautiful spring day that the Lord has made! "Let us rejoice today and be glad" (Psalm 118:24, NIV).

**NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO GOD**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**Piano Prelude** "How Great Thou Art" Hine/ arr. Kartsonakis

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches. Abide in me as I abide in you."

**People:** We come to reaffirm and renew our connection with the life-giving Vine.

**Leader:** Jesus said, "I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last."

**People:** We want to be fruitful, productive people whose lives make a difference.

**Leader:** Jesus said, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you."

**People:** Christ, you are the Vine. We are the branches. We will bear your fruit. We will abide in your love and share it!

\* HYMN

“Sing, All Creation”

The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee commissioned this hymn from  
Tony Payne, a composer and musician.

Sing, All Creation

Tony Payne  
Text by James Quinn



1. Sing all cre - a - tion, sing to God in glad - ness!  
 2. Know that our God is Lord of all the a - ges!  
 3. En - ter his temp - le, ring - ing out his prais - es!  
 4. Great in his good - ness is the Lord we wor - ship;

Joy - ful - ly serve him, sing - ing hymns of hom - age!  
 He is our mak - er; we are all his crea - tures,  
 Sing in thanks - giv - ing as you come be - fore him!  
 stead - fast his kind - ness, love that knows no end - ing!

Chant - ing his prais - es, come be - fore his pre - sence!  
 peo - ple he fash - ioned, sheep he leads to past - ure!  
 Bles - sing his bount - y, glo - ri - fy his great - ness!  
 Faith - ful his word is, change - less, ev - er - last - ing!

Praise the Al - might - y! Praise the Al - might - y!

**\* INVOCATION (Unison)**

**O God who holds us all as one, you have given us Christ, your true vine, from which we draw our life and strength. Send to us a new assurance of your ongoing love and care for us as we gather to praise your name, and open our hearts to receive a fresh surge of your life-giving Spirit that we may be fruitful branches of him who gives himself to us always. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** No. 623

**SCRIPTURE READING** Acts 8.26-40 (N.T. p. 119)

**HYMN** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” No. 92

**HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE  
WORD**

**MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES** June  
(Children will please remain in the seats with their families.)

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 22.25-31 (O.T. p. 474)

**HYMN** “Blessed Assurance” No. 345

**HYMN** “Victory in Jesus” No. 473

**JOYS AND CONCERNS** Preparation for prayer  
**PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD’S PRAYER**  
 (“debts” and “debtors” words in hymn No. 426)

**SCRIPTURE READING** I John 4.7-21 (N.T. p. 226)

**HYMN** “For the Beauty of the Earth” No. 560

**HYMN** “To God Be the Glory” No. 66

**MORNING OFFERING**

\*Doxology

No. 625

\*Dedication Prayer

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle’s Creed

*(Printed inside back cover of Hymnal)*

**THE SENDING**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 15.1-8 (N.T. p. 103)

**HYMN**

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

No. 428

**\*HYMN**

“Standing on the Promises”

No. 271

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Allegro Maestoso”

Handel

**Offering plates are at the exits from the sanctuary.**

The Worship Service is over and our Service begins.

*\*Indicates please stand if you are able to do so*

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Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Dr. Tommy L. Faris – Pastor

June Howell – Christian Education Coordinator

Jamie Smith – Music Director

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Bill Soendker, son of Margaret L. Soendker, brother of Karen Homfeld and Joyce Gross, is in need of prayer. He is hospitalized at Truman Medical Center.

Grace Werning, is hospitalized at Centerpoint Medical Center.

Clayton Lettau, had an MRI on April 20. The MRI still shows no new growth.

Brenda Homfeld, please keep her in prayer as she will need a complete liver transplant.

Prayers, for anyone with a health issue, anyone grieving, and anyone that has a heavy burden on their heart, mind, and soul.

Prayers, for our world and nation.

**Best Wishes for May Birthdays this week...**

Anna Marie Rinne, May 2  
Stephanie Cahill, May 2  
Mason Bergsicker, May 3  
Ricky Erdman, May 3  
Scott Jensen, May 3  
Barb Nolte, May 4  
Bradley Robinson, May 5

**HAPPY 99<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!** We would like to wish Anna Marie Rinne a happy 99<sup>th</sup> birthday today! Anna Marie is our member with the most birthdays!!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES:**

The church will recognize all graduates on May 9, 2021, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. If you have anyone graduating from high school or college this spring please call the church office (660) 584-3603 with the information by May 6, 2021, so they can be included in the bulletin.

**HONOR YOUR MOTHER** with a donation for a specially made blanket used for disasters locally and around the world. This is a great way to blanket the world with love. An article and envelope are in the May Lamplighter. (Extra cards are available)

**THANK YOU FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE:**

The Salem Cemetery Committee would like to thank the people that helped with the cemetery clean-up: Mark Hook, Mark Gross, Tommy Fairs, Barb Nolte, Eric Kirchhoff, Ken Telgemeier, and Dennis Stewart.

**IT IS TIME FOR ...SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC!**

With the pandemic last summer, we were unable to have summer special music. Now, with Salem reopening, the worship committee decided to move forward with inviting people to share their talents this summer! If you play an instrument or enjoy singing and would like to share your musical talent during the summer worship service, please call Jamie Smith at 660-232-4470 to schedule a Sunday. You may also call the church office 660-584-3603 and leave a message and Jamie will then contact you. Thank you for considering sharing your talent with us!

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:** The church office will be closed Monday, May 31, 2021, in observance of Memorial Day.

**LAMPLIGHTER ARTICLES DUE:** June Lamplighter articles are due in the church office Monday, May 24. Thanks!

**FACE MASKS:**

Anyone who would like to wear a face mask is welcome to do so.

**OPTIONS FOR THE CHURCH BULLETIN:**

You have a couple options for the church bulletin. Paper copies of the bulletin are available or you can view the church bulletin on the church website. Please feel free to use your phone or tablet during worship to view the bulletin.

Salem website: [salemucchigginsville.org/home/church-news/](http://salemucchigginsville.org/home/church-news/)

**COMMUNITY NEWS:**

**TA TRUCK STOP-CONCORDIA COUNTRY PRIDE:**

Travel Centers of America-Concordia, MO-Country Pride Restaurant has a Church Program! We are offering 10% of your ticket price to be donated back to your local church. All you have to do is come in to dine with us, eat, and inform your server that you would like to participate in the program, give your church's name, your name, and we will take care of the rest!

**JOHN KNOX VILLAGE AND MEYER CARE CENTER**

**BIBLE STUDY:** Bible Study has been cancelled until further notice.

**PRAYERS AND CONCERNS:**

Anyone who is in need of prayers, please call the church office,  
(660) 584-3603.

**UP COMING DATES:**

May 9 – Mother’s Day

Recognition of Graduates during the 10:00 a.m. service

May 23 – Pentecost Sunday

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Presentation

**CHURCH INFORMATION:**

Tommy’s email: [tlfaris@ctcis.net](mailto:tlfaris@ctcis.net)

Tommy’s cell phone: 816-352-2052

Church Telephone: 660-584-3603

Church Email: [salemucc@ctcis.net](mailto:salemucc@ctcis.net)

Church Website: [salemucchigginsville.org](http://salemucchigginsville.org)

Fax number: 660-584-5666

Wi-Fi Network Name: Salem UCC

Wi-Fi Password: Resurrection!1870



## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

May 2, thru May 9, 2021

- Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship (Music Sunday)  
with Live-Stream Worship on Facebook  
11:00 a.m. Zoom Sunday School
- Monday - 7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting
- Tuesday - Food Pantry
- Wednesday - 10:30 a.m. Lafayette Area Pastors Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
- Thursday - W.I.C. All Day  
7:00 p.m. Lafayette County Cancer Coalition
- Friday - 7:00 p.m. A. A.
- Saturday - 9:30 a.m. A. A.
- Sunday- Mother's Day  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship (Recognition of  
Graduates) with Live-Stream  
Worship on Facebook  
11:00 a.m. Zoom Sunday School

**OUR FRIENDS AND CHURCH FAMILY IN  
CARE FACILITIES:**

Listed below are our members and friends (at the time of printing of the Bulletin) now residing or recovering at our local and surrounding community nursing homes and care facilities. A card or visit from a church family member would be a delightful surprise!

**Meyer Care Center, 1201 W. 19th St., Higginsville, MO 64037**

Al Dieckhoff

Mary Kirchhoff

Hayes and Grace Niemeier

Anna Marie Rinne

Kenneth Schemmer

Earl Struchtemeyer

Bob Tankesley

Mary Ann Vorwark

**Riverbend Heights Rehab & Health, Lexington Nursing  
Home, 1221 South Highway 13, Lexington, MO 64067**

Mark Gieselman

**Barb Siegfried:**

1001 Quincy Dr.

Warrensburg, MO 64093

## Thank God for good music

“Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul,” said Martin Luther. Of course, he never heard intense rap or loud rock ’n’ roll!

Still, the great reformer of the faith was correct. What other art can so quickly soothe us and bring us inner peace?

Bernard Berenson put it this way: “On the wings of music we soar above and beyond nature, farther than any other vehicle can carry us.”

King Saul often became depressed and inwardly tormented. Some of his servants thought he could find relief by listening to music. The king heard about Jesse’s son David, who skillfully played a lyre (some translations read “harp”). Saul sent for David and heard him play. Saul was so helped by the music that he asked David to join his court.

Thus we read in 1 Samuel 16:23, “Whenever the evil spirit ... came upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand, and Saul would ... feel better” (NRSV).

What songs and hymns have that same effect on you?

Lift  
Your  
Voices

