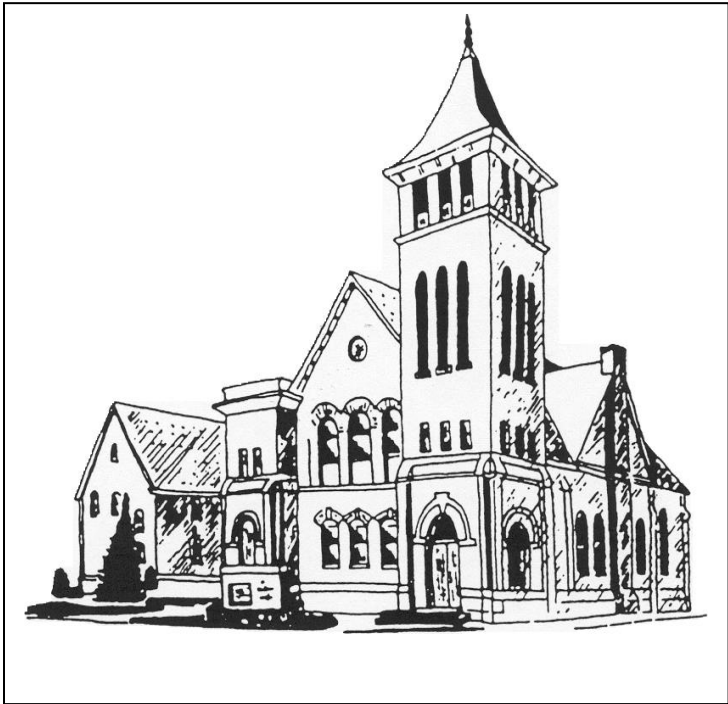


# **SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**1500 North Main**

**Higginsville, Missouri**

web page: [salemucchigginsville.org](http://salemucchigginsville.org)



**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**

September 19, 2021

10:00 a.m.

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**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, Christian education and fellowship. We gather as beloved children of God, members of the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO GOD**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**Piano Prelude** "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Smith/ arr. Leonard

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** With what shall we come before the Lord? Shall we come before God with burnt offerings, or young calves?

**People:** The Lord has told us what is good and what he requires from us. God does not desire lavish offerings. God requires that we do justice, love being kind, and seek always to walk humbly with our God.

**Leader:** Let us come before the Lord prepared to offer what is right;

**People:** We now come as God desires. We come seeking to do God's good will.

**\* HYMN**

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

No. 483

**\* INVOCATION (Unison)**

We draw near to you, O God, Source of all understanding, and ask you to draw near to us. Teach us your wisdom from above, that we may bear good fruit in our lives. Root us beside the

streams of your wisdom, that the green leaves of our goodness, fed by your insight, may not wither. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

No. 623

**HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE  
WORD**

**CHIME BELL CHOIR**

**MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES**

Andy

**YOUTH CHOIR AND LITTLE NOTES**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS** Preparation for prayer

**PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER**

("debts" and "debtors" words in hymn No. 426)

**MORNING OFFERING**

\*Doxology

No. 625

\*Dedication Prayer

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed  
*(Printed inside back cover of Hymnal)*

**PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 9.30-37 (N.T. p. 42)

**SERMON**

"Hard Truth"

Andy

**THE SENDING**

**\*HYMN**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

No. 369

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

"Praise Him, Praise Him"

Crosby/ Allen

**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. Andy Mockridge – Guest Pastor

Dennis Knipmeyer – Liturgist

June Howell – Christian Education Coordinator

Jamie Smith – Music Director

Acolyte

(The Church Secretary is on vacation, so all announcements were current when the bulletin was printed on September 8, updates will be announced by the liturgist)

**PASTOR ON VACATION:** Tommy will be out of the office through September 25. If anyone needs pastoral care during this time, please call the church office, 660-584-3603.

**PULPIT SUPPLY:** It is our privilege to have Rev. Andy Mockridge as our guest Pastor today. We are so blessed that Andy and her husband Mike became members of Salem on February 28, 2021.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Clayton Lettau, we continue to say prayers of thankfulness as there is 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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

In memory and celebration of the birthdays of Bret Tankesley, September 14, and Ann Nuelle, September 21, by Camille, Austin, Blake, and Cindy.

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

Jessica Pressly, September 19  
Wendy Jensen, September 19  
Desmond Williams, September 19  
Kathleen Begemann, September 20  
Max Bergsieker, September 20  
Jeff Kirchhoff, September 20  
Clara Salyer, September 21  
Dillon Bergsieker, September 21  
Karen Fiene, September 21  
Brittian Shaul, September 22  
Cheryl LaRue, September 23  
Shane Siegfried, September 24  
Palmer Schloman, September 24  
Adelynn Schloman, September 24

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT:**

A family fun night is being sponsored by the Board of Christian Education. It will be Saturday, September 25, at Salem from 4-7:00 p.m. There will be a food truck and games. This event is weather permitting.

**BEST CHOICE LABELS:** Please drop your Best Choice labels by the church office. We are collecting them for Festival of Sharing.

**FACE MASKS:**

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

**MASK UPDATE FROM**

**THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

When Board of Christian Education decided to start in person Sunday school last winter, we made a promise to protect our kids and to follow the COVID protocol set by the Higginsville public school. The BCE has decided to continue to follow the protocol. Therefore, in order to keep our kids safe, all kids and adults helping with Sunday School will be required to wear a mask during the Sunday School time and during the Children's message.

**LAMPLIGHTER:** Articles for the October Lamplighter are due in the church office by Tuesday, September 21. Thank you.

**HANDBELL CHOIR:**

The Hand Bell Choir will start rehearsals on Wednesday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. They will play during our worship service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of October, December, February, and April. Come and make a joyful noise with our Choirs!

See you soon!

Jamie Smith, Director

**FESTIVAL OF SHARING 2021:**

This year the Board of Elders have chosen two projects members of Salem can contribute to for Festival of Sharing, they are “Missouri Paper Product Pack and Missouri Personal Hygiene Pack.” Please consider donating any of the many items involved with these packets or a monetary donation is also accepted. An article with all the items listed is in the September Lamplighter and an envelope will also be enclosed in the September Lamplighter. Extra envelopes are in the back of the sanctuary and outside the church office.

**CROP WALK 2021:** This year the Crop Walk will be held Sunday, October 3, 3:00 p.m. at Confederate Park. Please see the article in the September Lamplighter.

**CHURCH COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION:**

Because of the rise in Covid cases, if you are not feeling well, please stay home and watch our service on Facebook live. Please take care of others by taking care of yourself.

**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:**

### **JKV AND MEYER CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY:**

The Bible Study is led, on a rotational schedule, by the Ministerial Fellowship. They are looking for someone to lead during the month of September, when the church office knows, that information will be printed. The Bible Study is held every Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

### **PRAYERS AND CONCERNS:**

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

### **UP COMING DATES:**

September 22 – First Day of Autumn

September 26 – Festival of Sharing Offering dedicated

October 3 – World Communion Sunday

Crop Walk at Confederate Park

October 10 – NIN Offering dedicated

### **CHURCH INFORMATION:**

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

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Wi-Fi Network Name: Salem UCC

Wi-Fi Password: Resurrection!1870

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM**  
September 19, thru September 26, 2021

**Sunday** - 8:00 a.m. Early Worship  
8:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal  
8:45 a.m. Sunday School  
8:50 a.m. Little Notes and Chime Bell Rehearsal  
10:00 a.m. Worship and Live-Stream Worship on Facebook

**Monday** - No Activities Scheduled

**Tuesday** - Food Pantry  
October Lamplighter Articles Due

**Wednesday** - 10:30 a.m. Lafayette Area Pastors Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday** - No Activities Scheduled

**Friday** - 7:00 p.m. A. A.

**Saturday** - 9:30 a.m. A. A.  
4-7:00 p.m. Family Fun Night

**Sunday** - 8:00 a.m. Early Worship  
8:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal  
8:45 a.m. Sunday School  
8:50 a.m. Little Notes and Chime Bell Rehearsal  
10:00 a.m. Worship (Dedication of Festival of Sharing Gifts) and Live-Stream Worship on Facebook  
11:15 a.m. Confirmation  
11:15 a.m. Zoom Sunday School