



FOURTH SUNDAY
In Lent

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1500 North Main

Higginsville, Missouri

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March 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT/CHILDREN'S 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. May God's Word help us each see something or someone in a new way today.

NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO GOD

RINGING OF THE BELL

Piano Prelude "Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"
Baloche/ arr. Leonard

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are blind to many things.

People: Lord, cure our blindness.

Leader: The light of God shines for us today.

People: Lord, pour that light on us.

Leader: Come, worship God, who forgives us and heals our blindness.

People: Open our eyes, O Lord, that we might see opportunities to serve you.

*** HYMN** "Morning Has Broken" No. 60

***INVOCATION (Unison)**

Gracious God, who created us in God's own image, we are grateful for all that you have done for us, for all that you are doing in us, and for all that you will do through us. Open our eyes to see your presence among us, moving in powerful ways at all times and in all places. Open our ears to hear familiar words in new ways—ways that will change us and challenge

us to become the people you created us to be. Grant us the power and the courage to come out of the darkness and into the light of Jesus Christ, that we may serve you by serving others. We love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 623

**HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE
WORD**

CHIME BELL CHOIR “Do Lord”

Spiritual

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

June

LITTLE NOTES “He's Got the Whole World in His Hands”

Traditional

FOURTH GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Emily Bergsieker, Board of Christian Education President

HYMN “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

(Please write your joys and concerns on the card and hand it to the usher during the hymn)

1. I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green;
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.
2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right for Jesus' sake
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

3. They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,
in church, by the sea, in the house next door;
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor,
and I mean to be one too.

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

**MORNING OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING GIFTS**

*Doxology

No. 625

*Dedication Prayer

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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

YOUTH CHOIR “When the Spirit Says Move” Spiritual

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9.1-41 (N.T. p. 96)
Salem Youth

SERMON

“An Astonishing Thing”
Senior High Sunday School

THE SENDING

***HYMN** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” No. 59

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” Spiritual

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*

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Dr. Tommy L. Faris – Pastor

Salem Confirmands – Liturgists

Senior High – Sermon

Salem Youth – Ushers

June Howell – Christian Education Coordinator

Jamie Smith – Music Director

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Sherry Kilpatrick, was admitted to K.U. Hospital on Thursday, March 16.

Steve Sprecher, son-in-law of Mike and Andy Mockridge, had a heart attack Tuesday, March 14. He is 57 years old. He has been hospitalized at St. Luke’s East Hospital.

Jenny Holt, is the niece of Kathleen Begemann. Jenny’s husband passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 14.

Bobby Bergsieker, has been hospitalized at Centerpoint with covid.

Mary Ellen Golt, is the niece of Peggy Pragman. She was hospitalized but is now home and doing pretty good.

Kathy Bird, please keep Kathy in prayer as she continues her cancer battle.

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.

FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS RECEIVING BIBLES:

Emory Gash

Nolan Stoner

Brayton Stoner

NOISY OFFERING

Noisy offering will be going to pay overdrawn lunch accounts at the Higginsville School.

Best Wishes for Birthdays this week...

Janice Johnson, March 20
John Baggs, March 20
Gracie Augustine, March 20
Aubrey Homfeld, March 20
Sherri Siegfried, March 22
Robert Aversman, March 22
Blair Bergsieker, March 22
Dylan Akin, March 23
Betty Nieman, March 24
Lester Homfeld, March 24
Jeremy Nevels, March 24
Emily Bergsieker, March 25
Cassidy Brockman, March 25

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING:

Will be dedicated today, extra OGHS envelopes are available in the back of the sanctuary and by the church office.

TRIVIA & TACOS:

Come join us for a fun night of Trivia & Tacos on Sunday, March 26, 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

LAMPLIGHTER: Articles for the April Lamplighter are due in the church office by Tuesday, March 21. Thank you.

EASTER FLOWERS:

We will appreciate having spring flowers in church again this Easter. If you wish to place a flower in memory of someone, please notify the church secretary (660-584-3603) by **April 5**, so she can print it in the church bulletin. Be sure your name is on the flower that you bring. Please leave it in the Fellowship Hall on the stage by **Noon on Good Friday, April 7.** Suggestions of spring flowers are: Tulips, Daffodils, Hydrangea, Azaleas, Lilies or check with your florist. Thanks! (The flower committee will place the flowers in the sanctuary.)

EASTER BREAKFAST AT SALEM:

The service committee is busy making plans for the Easter Breakfast. They will serve breakfast at 8:00 a.m. following the Easter Sunrise Service. If you are planning on attending, **please RSVP to the church office (660-584-3603.)** Thank you.

MAUNDY THURSDAY:

Maundy Thursday service with communion will be April 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

MIDWEEK LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE 2023:

We will have our Lenten Midweek prayer services as we have for the last several years, each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and lasting about thirty minutes.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS: are available in the back of the Sanctuary and outside the church office.

SALEM CHURCH APP:

If you would like to download the church app, please call the church office, 660-584-3603 or email salemucc@ctcis.net. We just need to verify your current email address. Then you will receive an invitation by email to download the Salem church app. All the instructions will be provided in the invitation email. The church app gives you access to several years of your financial contribution records, you have a directory of church members that have also downloaded the app and you can make an online contribution from the church app. You can download the church app even if you do not wish to give online.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

JKV AND MEYER CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY:

John Knox Village and Meyer Care Center have a weekly Bible Study that is led, on a rotational schedule, by the Ministerial Fellowship. Greg Fine (Baptist) will be leading the month of March. The Bible Study is held every Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

MARCH SOUPER SUPPER SCHEDULE:

All suppers are 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 26

First Presbyterian Church: Phone: 660-584-3372

Monday, March 27

Salem UCC: Phone: 660-584-3603

(Immanuel Lutheran Church partnering)

Menu: Biscuits with sausage gravy, hash browns, fruit cocktail, & dessert.

Tuesday, March 28

First Baptist: Phone: 660-584-7165

Wednesday, March 29

St. Mary's Catholic Church: Phone: 660-584-3038

(New Beginnings partnering)

Thursday, March 30

Grace United Methodist Church: Phone: 660-584-2211

MEN'S HOLY WEEK BREAKFAST SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, April 4 – Grace United Methodist Church 6:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 5 – Central Christian Church 6:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 6 – Assembly of God Church 6:30 a.m.

Friday, April 7 – First Baptist Church 6:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 8 – St. Mary's Catholic Church 7:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S HOLY WEEK BREAKFAST SCHEDULE:

Friday, April 7 – Assembly of God Church 7:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 8 – Immanuel Lutheran Church 8:30 a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY CROSS-WALK SERVICE:

Friday, April 7, the community service will begin at 11:45 a.m. by gathering at Salem Church with a short prayer. At Noon the cross will be carried down Main Street & Fairground Avenue where it will end at First Presbyterian Church. At that time, a devotional service will be offered to commemorate Jesus' saving act on the Cross. The Cross Walk is open to all who want to participate. Those who feel uncomfortable carrying the cross can walk along and sing or meet us at First Presbyterian Church for devotion.

UP COMING DATES:

March 21 – April Lamplighter Articles Due

March 22 – Lenten Midweek Prayer Service

March 26 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Tacos & Trivia Night (sponsored by Board of Christian Education)

March 29 – Lenten Midweek Prayer Service

April 2 – Palm Sunday

1:30 p.m. Communion at JKV & Meyer

April 6 – 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

April 9 – 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS:

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

FINANCIAL GIVING OPTIONS:

1. Check or Cash

2. Salem Church website (salemuchigginville.org) click on the Resources & Links tab then click the online giving link

3. Text 73256 on your phone and use the code SalemHigg and then click on the link

4. Download the Salem church app and under the giving tab is a link for online giving

(A link on Facebook live is being planned for a later date.)

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

March 19, thru March 26, 2023

- Sunday - One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Dedicated
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 (Children's Sunday) and Live- Stream Worship on Facebook
11:15 a.m. Confirmation
- Monday - 6:00 p.m. Tigers
6:00 p.m. Wolf Pack
6:00 p.m. Lions
7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Board Mtg.
- Tuesday - Food Pantry
April Lamplighter Articles Due
- Wednesday - 10:30 a.m. Lafayette Area Pastors Meeting
6:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten Prayer Service
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- Thursday - No Activities Scheduled
- Friday - 7:00 p.m. A. A.
- Saturday - 9:30 a.m. A. A.
- 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
11:15 a.m. Confirmation
5:00 p.m. Trivia & Tacos Event

‘What do you want to be when you grow up or what did you want
to be when you grew up?
Children’s Sunday, March 19, 2023





I have
seen the
Lord!