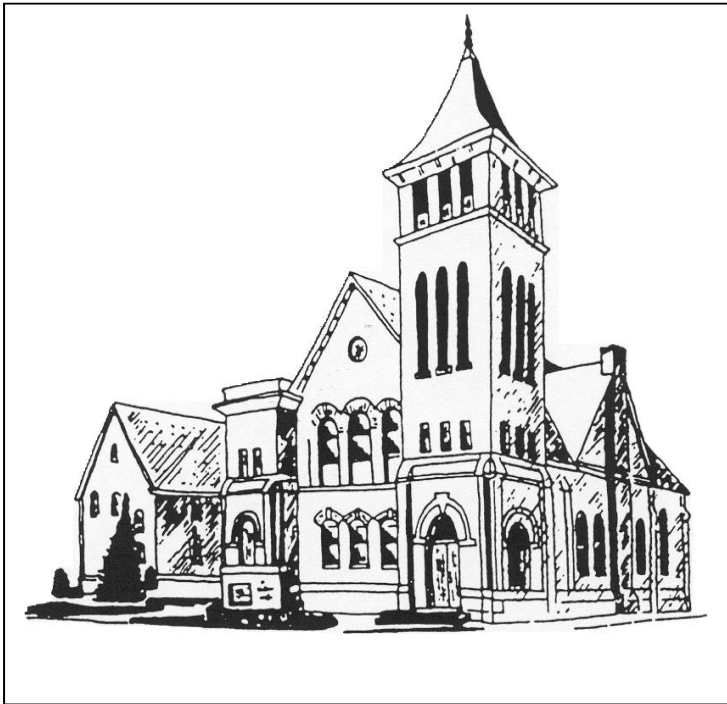


SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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 21, 2023

10:00 a.m.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE GATHERING

MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

WELCOME: No matter who you are or where you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here. In John 17, Jesus prays that his Father will protect and unify his followers. In confidence that God binds us together as Christ's family, let us join in worship.

NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO GOD

RINGING OF THE BELL

Piano Prelude "To God Be the Glory"
Doane/ Crosby/ arr. Leatherman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Shout to God with songs of great joy!

People: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Leader: God has made us whole.

People: God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the love of God!

People: Let us praise God's name and serve God joyfully.

* **HYMN** "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" No. 232

*INVOCATION (Unison)

We adore you, Christ, as the One who promised to be with us to the end of the age. We now lay claim to that promise, for we are gathered here, as your disciples, in anticipation of your blessing and your commission, and for the promised coming of your Holy Spirit. Come to us, Lord, and may we know you in your coming, for we pray in your holy name. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 623

**HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE
WORD**

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

June

HYMN “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

No. 241

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS Preparation for prayer

PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD’S PRAYER

(“debts” and “debtors” words in hymn No. 426)

PRESENTATION OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Amanda Dobson, Board of Christian Education President

MORNING OFFERING

*Doxology

No. 625

*Dedication Prayer

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle’s Creed

(Printed inside back cover of Hymnal)

YOUTH CHOIR

“Joshua Fit the Battle”

Spiritual

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 47 (O.T. p. 490)

SERMON

“Clap Your Hands”

Tommy

THE SENDING

***HYMN**

“God Leads Us Along”

No. 46

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Great is the Lord”

Smith

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
Marc Jensen – Liturgist
June Howell – Christian Education Coordinator
Jamie Smith – Music Director

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Ray Don Paul, is receiving treatment for cancer.

Jana Nowack, is receiving treatment for cancer.

Sherry Kilpatrick, is receiving treatment at KU for lymphoma.

Kathy Bird, please keep Kathy in prayer.

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 Birthdays this week...

Frederick Jungerman IV, May 23

Tiffany Camp, May 23

Terri Gilkey, May 23

Aaron Knipmeyer, May 26

Lacey Wesley, May 26

Abott Good, May 27

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE 2022-2023

1 Year - Micah Gibler

1 Year - Claire Dobson

1 Year - Lincoln Dobson

6 Years - Stella Barnes

7 Years - Charlie Thaller

10 Years - Dixie Thaller

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 in the back of the sanctuary and outside the church office.)

The Mother's Day cards that have been returned are on display.

Thank you for honoring your mother.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Memorial Committee is asking for volunteers to water the flower pots at the front doors of the church. If you are interested please call Mary Homfeld, 660- 584-3060.

IT IS TIME FOR...SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC!

The Choirs are taking their summer break from June - August which provides an opportunity for special music to be shared! 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.

Thank you in advance!

LAMPLIGHTER ARTICLES DUE: June Lamplighter articles are due in the church office Tuesday, May 23. Thanks!

FLAGS AT SALEM CEMETERY FOR MEMORIAL DAY:

We are asking any Salem members that would like to be involved this Memorial Holiday with placing flags at the Salem Cemetery to call Stanton Thompson at (816) 225-9515. The flags will be placed (weather permitting) Friday, May 26, at 10:00 a.m. There are over one hundred veterans buried in the church's cemetery who need to be properly honored.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

This year's theme will be "Babylon" VBS will be held July 30th through August 2nd 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Mark your calendars! Please come and join us! Also, we are in need of volunteers!! If anyone is interested in helping, please let us know! Each volunteer will get a free VBS t-shirt, supper for Volunteers will be provided every night between 5pm and 5:45pm, and Volunteers will have the opportunity to spend time with some great youth from our church and community! Contact June at 660-584-3603 or June's cellphone 660-441-8568. You can sign up for VBS online at <https://vbspro.events/p/salem2023> Or you can find the link on salemucchigginsville.org website page under Christian Education.

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:

MEINERSHAGEN FAMILY REUNION:

Sunday, June 25th at 12:30 p.m. in the Salem dining room. This will be a potluck/basket lunch style meal. Come reconnect with family!

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. Mary Biesemeyer (Ministerial Fellowship) will be leading the month of May. The Bible Study is held every Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

UP COMING DATES:

May 28 – Pentecost Sunday

May 29 – Memorial Day-Church Office Closed

June 14 – Flag Day

June 18 – Father’s Day

June 21 – Summer Begins

FINANCIAL GIVING OPTIONS:

1. Check or Cash
 2. Salem Church website (salemucchigginsville.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.)

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS:

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

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

May 21, thru May 28, 2023

- 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 (Sunday School Perfect
 Attendance) and Live- Stream Worship
 on Facebook
- Monday - No Activities Scheduled
- Tuesday - June Lamplighter Articles Due
 Food Pantry
- 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
- 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
 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship and Live- Stream Worship
 on Facebook



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Psalm 47:1, ESV