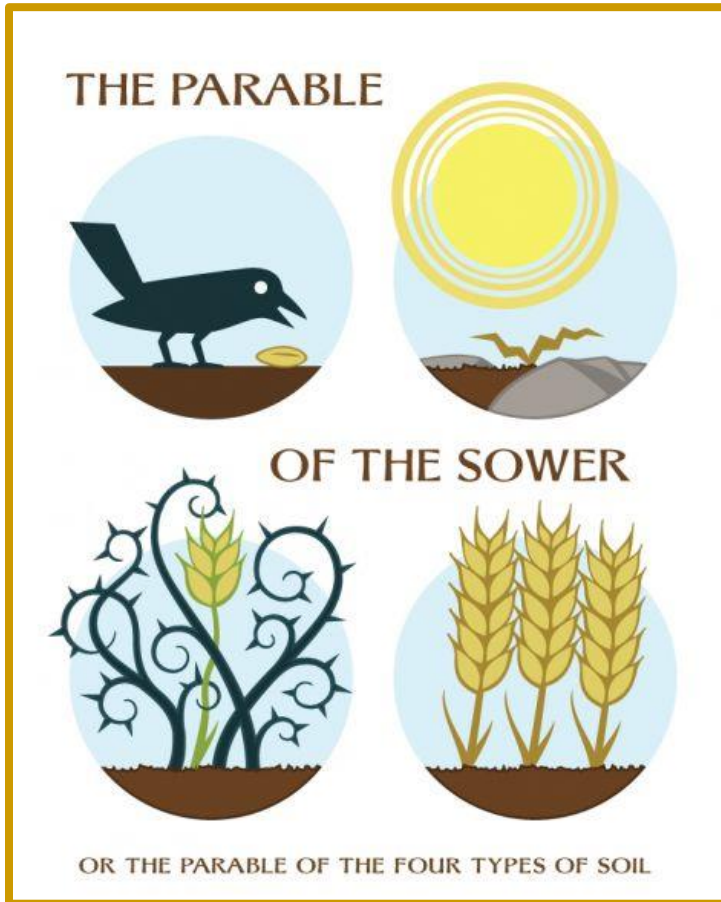


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

June 30, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Worship will be live streamed on
Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio
You Tube: www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM; and
our website, www.fpcsaalem.org.

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

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Children of the Heavenly Father
Impression of a Parade (Brass)
Semper Fidelis (Brass)

Jan Cox, Organist
Arr. Don Hustad
Samuel Baron
John Philip Sousa

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

PRELUDE

Sarabande

Johann Matteson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Stand up and bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. You, even you, are LORD alone; you have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and you preserve them all; and the host of heaven worships you. (*Nehemiah 9:5, 6*)

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

O You whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks Your love: We come to You to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought and

word and deed; We have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; We have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone. But You, O Lord, are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy; there is forgiveness with You. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; Bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let Your Word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news!

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Amen.

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

God Bless America (Brass)

arr. Ron Foster

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

America (Brass)

arr. Stephen Bulla

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-53, p. 13

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

“Let Us Collect Our Lord’s Puzzle of the Proverbs”

Pastor Nick Koretskyy

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 403

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God’s purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Arr. Mark Hayes

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)**

You create us to glorify You, to love You and to serve You with gladness, O God. Thank you for every gift for our mortal life and eternal life so that we can do Your will. Bless our offerings to the purpose You intend to accomplish Your mission through Jesus Christ the Lord. 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 280**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

***CHARGE AND BLESSING (*in Ukrainian by Pastor Koretskyy*)**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord be kind and gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.
Alleluia! Amen.
(*Numbers 6:24-26*)

Нехай Господь пооблагословить тебе, і нехай Він тебе стереже! Нехай Господь засяє на тебе лицем Своїм, і нехай буде милостивий до тебе!
Нехай Господь зверне на тебе лице Своє, і хай дасть тобі мир!
(Чис.6:24-26)

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Hymn 432*)**

Song of Hope

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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

POSTLUDE

My Country, 'tis of Thee (Brass) *arr. Stephen Bulla*
*Please stand if you are able.

We Welcome Pastor Nick Koretskyy to the pulpit today. He served in the Presbyterian Church of Ukraine, Kherson and the Orthodox Church of Ukraine. He is a graduate of Odessa Theological Seminary (1998), Reformed Seminary of Ukraine (2010), and the Theological University of Kampen, the Netherlands (2016). He currently serves as a pulpit supply preacher of Eastminster Presbytery.

Today's appearance of the Western Reserve Brass Quintet is underwritten by the many donors to our Music Fund.

Terry Gale, John Veneskey – Trumpets; Rob Cole – Horn;
Jonathan Willis – Trombone; Benjamin Ammon – Tuba

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Tegan Jackson

Lightbearer: Mickey Buck

Bulletins and Flowers have been given by Tim and Melissa Costa commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and celebration of America's nationhood.

The **Salem Summer Concert** tonight at 6 p.m. at Waterworth Memorial Park will feature the Salem Quaker City Band, “*An American Celebration*”.

Denise’s Big Back Yard – July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7

Join us on Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for food, fun, and fellowship. Picnic Food, Music, Games, Weekly Program. If it rains, gather in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Thursday, July 4

Church Office Closed for Independence Day

Sunday, July 7

9:00 Adult Church School Class (Library)
10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 Service of Worship

Tuesday, July 9

8:30 am Investment Committee *via Zoom*

Wednesday, July 10

6:00 Denise’s Big Back Yard

Vision Statement

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

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