

First Presbyterian Church  
Salem, Ohio

June 14, 2026

10:30 a.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



Worship will be live streamed on  
**Facebook:** First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio,  
**You Tube:** [www.youtube / FPCSALEM](http://www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM); and  
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*"We are centered in Christ and powered by love."*

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*Please stand if you are able.

### PRELUDE

*Prayer  
Andante*

*Ludwig Von Beethoven  
Felix Mendelssohn*

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

### PRELUDE

*Elevation*

*Felix Alexandre Guilmant*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

The Lord hears us when we cry out.

**Praise the Lord!**

The Lord showers us with blessings.

**Praise the Lord!**

Let us lift up the name of Lord for all to hear!

**Praise the Lord!**

Let us sing of God's endless grace and compassion!

**Let us worship God!**

### \*HYMN 384

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We come before God who loves us with a love that surpasses understanding. Even when we struggle to forgive ourselves, God reaches out to us with grace and peace. There isn't anything that could take that love away. So we come to God to name where we have failed, trusting in God's amazing grace.

Friends, let us confess our sin, first together and then in silent prayer:

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison*)

**Loving God, we come with heavy hearts. We have not lived as you have called us to live. We give up too easily. We ignore our neighbor's cries for help and are silent in the face of injustice. We lose hope. We fail to see your blessings among us and are blind to the glimpses of the kingdom all around us. We are weak. Have mercy upon us. Shower us with your grace that we might be enlivened for service and for love. Lord, hear our prayer... Amen.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, God loves you. God wants to be in relationship with you. God allows nothing to come between you and God. Believe this and know that you are forgiven and freed to love and serve. **Alleluia. Amen.**

**\*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.

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

**God of joy and wonder, breathe your Spirit upon us. Open our hearts and ears to hear these ancient words and be surprised. Open our minds and our eyes to see our place in your living word today and every day. Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

*Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup> He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” <sup>10</sup> Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?” <sup>13</sup> The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup> Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” <sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

<sup>1</sup> The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup> Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup> Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. <sup>4</sup> And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup> Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup> Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who

hears will laugh with me.” <sup>7</sup> And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

*Romans 5:1-8*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Jan Cox, Organ; Kara Craig, Piano*

*This is My Father’s World*

*Franklin L. Sheppard*

*Arr. Jeff Bennett and Cindy Berry*

THE GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 9:35-10:8*

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers

are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

This is the Gospel of the LORD!  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

*“Seeing Ourselves Through God’s Eyes”  
Rev. Annie Parker*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 368

*I’ve Got Peace Like a River*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

**We believe in God,  
who loved us before we were born,  
who has high hopes for us  
and who provides for all our needs.  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
in whom we know God most clearly  
and see the person God means us to be.**

**We believe in the Holy Presence  
and dare to claim the fullness of joy,  
the peace that passes all understanding,  
and the fellowship of all those who trust in God.**

MOMENT FOR CELEBRATION

*Lynn Zocolo*

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*John B. Dykes*

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**Generous God, how can we thank you for all that you have given us? We give back but a tiny portion in hopes that it may bless the world as you have blessed us. In the name of Jesus, our brother and our 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 369

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Unison; 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

*Postlude on "Beach Spring"*

*Arr. Marianne Kim*

**Liturgist:** Lynn Zocolo

**Light-Bearer:** Mickey Buck

**Head Ushers:** Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

**Bulletins** have been given anonymously to the Glory of God.

Bulletin donors are needed for June 21, July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Cost is \$15.00 per Sunday.

**Flowers** have been given by Alice Jackson in memory of Jim Wilson, and anonymously to the Glory of God. Flower donors are needed for August 9 (1 vase), August 16 (1 vase), August 23 (1 vase), and August 30 (2 vases). Cost is \$10.00 per vase.

**Office Hours for Rev. Annie Parker:** Tues./Weds., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Summer Concert Series – Today at 6 p.m. at Waterworth Park**

Pipe Dreams – *Contemporary Hits of the 60s, 70s, and 80s*

**Limited Deacon Scholarship Funds** are available for students from our church who are enrolled in College or University and who have not previously received Deacon assistance. Scholarship Applications are available in the Church Office and need to be returned to the Church Office by Tuesday, June 30.

## **Denise's Big Back Yard starts Wednesday, July 8:**

Looking for something fun to do this summer? Want to spend time with your church friends and make some new friends at the same time? Denise's Big Back Yard is the place for you then. We will begin gathering on Wednesday, July 8 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The idea is to use our generously sized "park" and parking lot to provide fellowship between members of our congregation and our neighbors in the community. In addition to the large tent for use for our weekly gatherings, there will be picnic tables! There will also be the addition of an Ice Cream Cart provided after the program each week about 7:15 p.m. Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship! Wednesday Dates and Programs are listed below.

~ *Mark Smith, Mission I and S*

- July 8** Vacation Bible School (*Christian Education*)
- July 15** Bike/Scooter Safety (*Mission I and S*)
- July 22** Jan Cox and Friends (*Worship, Music, and Arts*)
- July 29** Magician (*Preschool Board*)
- August 5** Salem Library – STEM (*Property and Maintenance*)
- August 12** COH, Skits, Games (*Scouts*)

## Vision Statement

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

# Compassion Has No Bounds

JEEWAN RAKSHA KENDRA (LIFE SAVING CENTER)

## **Sita's Story:**

Sita lives in a remote village in Far Western Nepal. She became pregnant as a teenager, her lack of protein and health knowledge put her baby's life at risk. Now because of *Jeewan Raksha Kendra*, her family now uses better seeds to grow more potatoes, providing more food and extra income. A new greenhouse in her village ensures they have fresh vegetables all year long. Soon, her child will eat healthy meals and eggs at school to stay strong and focused in class. This will help Sita's child to learn better in school, her family to have a better income, and for her children to have a brighter future.

## **The Problem:**

In Sudurpashchim Nepal, the statistics tell a devastating story. The region currently records the highest child mortality rates in Nepal: In Dadeldhura and Baitadi, inadequate nutrition and low crop yields lead to chronic hunger, creating barriers to children's growth and development. Geographic isolation with a nearby clinic, often being a several-hour trek, as well as low maternal literacy and adolescent pregnancy can result in illness and death of infants and young children.

## **How You Can Help:**

Your support allows them to expand their greenhouse initiatives, provide more protein-rich meals, and reach the most isolated families in Far Western Nepal. This is your opportunity to share God's love with a broken world! Make checks out to First Presbyterian Church and write 'Nepal' on memo line.

***"By improving nutrition today, we are securing the leadership and health of the community tomorrow."***

Tuesday, June 16

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, June 18

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

**6:00 Regular Session Meeting** (Library/Hybrid)

Saturday, June 20

11:00 Salem History Walk (Mahoning Valley Sojourn to the Past; FH)

Sunday, June 21

9:00 Church School for Adults (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) – *Christian Education*

10:30 Service of Worship (S)

Tuesday, June 23

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, June 25

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, June 26

Church Office Closed

Saturday, June 27

3:00-6:00 Shafer Graduation Party (FH)

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