

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER.....Pastor and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIPPastor and Congregation

Open our eyes, Lord, that we may see the needs of others;

Open our ears that we may hear their cries;

Open our hearts so that they need not be without comfort;

Open our eyes and ears and hearts

And give us wisdom and courage

that we may be able to do some work

of kindness and justice

and walk humbly with You.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP...“Open Our Eyes”...*p.* 392.....Congregation

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Psalm 112:1-9* Molly Abbott

Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments. ²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. ³Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. ⁴They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. ⁵It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. ⁶For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. ⁷They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD. ⁸Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. ⁹They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

HYMN ... “The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”..... 249

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... Rebecca Blake

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come before our God, who is full of compassion, to ask forgiveness and mercy ...

When in our excesses we consume more than our share while others go with basic needs unmet;

When we are blinded by our affluence and fail to reach out in care and concern;

When we are overwhelmed by desires to acquire and consume more than we need;

When possessions cloud our view of you and your gracious love;

Forgive us, merciful God.

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN... “Let Your Heart Be Broken” 658

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Isaiah 58:1-12*..... Molly Abbott

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. ³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

ANTHEM ... “Angels Unaware”..... Choir

SERMONRev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... “They’ll Know We Are Christians” 272

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAYDwight Saunders’ Team

NEXT SUNDAY Eugene Crisco’s Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Sharon and Dwayne Blake

NEXT SUNDAY Pauline Jackson

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM..... **TEAM 5**
 6:30 PM..... Bible Study and Children's and Youth Programs

THURSDAY

10:30 AM..... J.O.Y. Out to Lunch

NEXT SUNDAY

2:00 PM..... Valentine Children's Mission
 4:00 PM..... Committee Meetings
 5:30 PM..... Choir Practice

PRAYER LIST

Church family: Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Larry Wilson, Rodney Loflin, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Gary McCaskill			Ray, Frances Hudson	daughter
			Paul/Thelma Hussey	brother
			Harold Johnson	sister-in-law
			Meryl Johnson	friend
			Mildred Hunsucker	mother
			Reggie Jackson	friend
			Marian Jackson	nephew
			Mary James	niece, nephew
			Benny McBride	Nancy's father
			Bob Moore	friend
			Pam, Ken Morgan	friend
			Butch/Nancy Jenkins	friend
			John Moore	friend
			Candy Loflin	friend
			Cristie Thomas	friend
			Beth Holt	friend.
			Misty Morgan	sister-in-law
			Max/Jane Luquire	friend
			Iris Luquire	nephew
			Jo Brooks	daughter
			J.D. Thompson	aunt
			Barbara Lynthacum	friend
			Melissa Green	friend
			Jean Maness	friend
			Helen Mabe	friend
			Sylvia McAlister	friend
			Carol Luther	friend
			Pat/Bob Morgan	friend
			Tammy Parker	friend
			Jeff Robinson	friend
			Jesse Wallace	sister
			Nancy Ruppert	friend
			June Spears	sister
			Barbara Smith	friend
			Marie Spoon	friend
			Laura Wilson	friend
Service Personnel: Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart				

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