

# Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS & THANKSGIVINGS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Pastor and Congregation

Pastor: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel. In the night also, my heart instructs me.

**Congregation: I keep the Lord always before me.**

Pastor: Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

**Congregation: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices.**

Pastor: My body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

**Congregation: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy. Amen.**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP...“Open Our Eyes Lord”..... 392

GOSPEL LESSON...*John 20:19-31*..... Molly Abbott

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

HYMN...“All Creatures of Our God and King” ..... 307

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ..... Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We pray you: in your mercy forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, giving thanks in all circumstances through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

**In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.**

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN...“Low In the Grave He Lay”.....207

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ...*Acts 2:14a, 22-32*..... Reggie Jackson

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, <sup>22</sup>“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ <sup>29</sup>“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

ANTHEM..... Ensemble

SERMON..... Pastor

CLOSING HYMN...“O How I Love Jesus” .....601

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## CALENDAR

TODAY

4 PM..... Nominating Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6 PM..... Supper... Team 3

6:30 PM..... Business Meeting

6:45 PM..... Bible Study... Children & Youth Programs

NEXT SUNDAY

4 PM..... Youth & Parent Meeting for Summer Trips

5:30 PM..... Choir Practice

**USHERS**

**TODAY**..... Nancy Ruppert's Team

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Dwight Saunders' Team

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**TODAY**..... Sylvia McAlister

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Shannon Robinson

**NURSERY**

**TODAY**..... Angel Robinson

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Jean Maness

**PRAYER LIST**

<b>Church family:</b> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Rodney Loflin, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Gary McCaskill, Sarah Jo Wall,			Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother
<b>At Home:</b> Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner, Florence Cagle			Mary James	Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law
				Mildred Hunsucker	friend
<b>Friends and Relatives of:</b> Molly/Wayne Abbott    Henrietta Garner    friend Monnie Jenkins    friend Juanita King        friend Tony Lawson        friend Toni Atcheson      sister Cassie Jenkins     granddaughter Martha Garner     sister Tammy Laprade    sister Audrey Grace Bryan... friend Jane Covington        Faye                    sister Pete Thomas        brother-in-law Lee Kasik            grandson-in-law Ernest , Karen Dailey    Judy and Estella    daughters Garrett Gooch            Mary Chunn          grandmother Ray, Frances Hudson     daughter			Butch/Nancy Jenkins	John Moore	Nancy's father
				Candy Loflin	Cristie Thomas
			Max/Jane Luquire	Beth Holt	friend
				Misty Morgan	friend.
Barbara Lynthacum	Iris Luquire	sister-in-law			
	Jo Brooks	friend			
Jean Maness	J.D. Thompson	nephew			
	Melissa Green	daughter			
Sylvia McAlister	Helen Mabe	aunt			
	Carol Luther	friend			
Pat/Bob Morgan	Tammy Parker	friend			
Jeff Robinson	Jesse Wallace	friend			
Nancy Ruppert	June Spears	friend			
Barbara Smith	Marie Spoon	sister			
	Laura Wilson	friend			
	Doris Hinson	friend			
<b>Service Personnel:</b> Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart					