

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERPastor and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP Congregation

God of all, we have come today to worship You.

We come into your presence

seeking your peace

seeking your hope

seeking your comfort

seeking the courage to speak your truth.

Equip us in this hour to be your faithful people.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... "Holy Is the Lord"... p. 9.....Congregation

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Jeremiah 23:23-29* Reggie Jackson

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back – those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

HYMN ... "Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray" 601

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wise and powerful God, you have given us your light and truth to guide us through confusion, yet we have relied instead on our human wisdom and have lost our way. You offer to share our burdens and give us your strength, yet we trust in our own efforts and find ourselves exhausted. Forgive us, and bring us back into your presence, O God; overcome our separation from one another and from you. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN... "God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle" ... vs. 1 and 2618

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ...*Luke 12:49-56*..... Reggie Jackson

"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

Father against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

ANTHEM ... "Here I Am to Worship" Choir

SERMON ... *God of Division* Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... "Open My Eyes, That I May See" 502

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

6:00 p.m.....A Community Service of Hope and Renewal at EMHS Auditorium

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

7:00 p.m. Swimming at the Park

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Youth Meeting at the Dunn's

NEXT SUNDAY

4:00 p.m. **Planning meeting for Dedication of New Building**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Amy Friery and Laya Smith

NEXT SUNDAY Mary Beth McCaskill and Elizabeth Loflin

USHERS

TODAY..... Eugene Crisco's Team

NEXT SUNDAY Jeff Robinson's Team

PRAYER LIST

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| Church family: Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Rachel McCaskill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Larry Wilson, Rodney Loflin, Melissa Nelson, Florence Cagle, Jane Covington, Karen Dailey, Bob Morgan, Dave Buckland, Barbara Lynthacum, Gary McCaskill, Tina Cripps | | | Paul/Thelma Hussey | Janie Rumbly | sister |
| At Home: Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner | | | | Meryl Johnson | sister-in-law |
| Friends and Relatives of: Molly/Wayne Abbott | | | Reggie Jackson | Mildred Hunsucker | friend |
| | Monnie Jenkins | friend | Mary James | Harold Johnson | brother |
| | Juanita King | friend | | Marian Jackson | mother |
| | Tony Lawson | friend | | Benny McBride | friend |
| | Toni Atcheson | sister | Butch/Nancy Jenkins | Bob & Sue Moore | niece/ husband |
| | Cassie Jenkins | granddaughter | | Pam Morgan | niece |
| | Martha Garner | sister | | Sylvia Long | friend |
| | Tammy Laprade | sister | | Amy Wilson | friend |
| | Audrey Grace Bryan | friend | Candy Loflin | John Moore | Nancy's father |
| | Junior Reynolds | brother | | Cristie Thomas | friend |
| John Beard | Pat Jones | brother-in-law | | Beth Holt | friend |
| Dave/Barb Buckland | Retha Brooks | Sue Ann's mother | Mabel Ann Luther | Misty Morgan | friend |
| Jane Covington | Faye | sister | Max/Jane Luquire | Wanda Pierce | daughter |
| | Pete Thomas | brother-in-law | | Iris Luquire | sister-in-law |
| | Lee Kasik | grandson-in-law | Barbara Lynthacum | Jo Brooks | friend |
| Tina Cripps | Lee Hurley | cousin | | J.D. Thompson | nephew |
| | Wes Key | uncle | Jean Maness | Melissa Green | daughter |
| | Shelly Hawthorne | friend | | Helen Mabe | aunt |
| Tim and Tammy Dunn | Todd Reece | friend | Janet Maness | Carol Luther | friend |
| | Scott Reece | friend | Sylvia McAlister | Polly King | friend |
| | Lynn Saunders | cousin | Rachel McCaskill | Tammy Parker | friend |
| Ernest , Karen Dailey | Judy and Estella | daughters | | Marsha Norris | grand-daughter |
| Garrett Gooch | Mary Chunn | grandmother | Pat/Bob Morgan | Kay Rush | daughter |
| Betty Green | Tom Nelson | brother-in-law | Roy and Carol Myers | Jesse Wallace | friend |
| | | | Jeff Robinson | John Myers | son |
| | | | Nancy Ruppert | June Spears | friend |
| | | | | Marie Spoon | sister |
| Service Personnel: Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart | | | | | |

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 17 Youth Meeting at the Dunn's

August 25 Lunch with Arnold Jacob

August 27 Back to School Bash at Cam and Carolyn Brown's