

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God’s love and warm embrace last forever.

Leader: When we cry out in distress, the Lord hears our call.

People: Praise the Lord who delivers us from sin and death.

Leader: Christ calls us to clothe ourselves in righteousness.

People: Worship the One who wraps us with justice, and helps us grow in the image of our Creator.

Leader: Love well, for your heart is where your treasure is.

All: May our hearts be filled with God’s blessings, and with divine provisions that meet our true needs.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... “I Love You, Lord”... p. 212.....Congregation

GOSPEL LESSON ... Luke 14:1, 7-14 Reggie Jackson

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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... “Because I Have Been Given Much”605

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ...Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Reggie Jackson

Let mutual love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” ⁶ So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” ⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

ANTHEM ... “Angels Unaware”Choir

SERMON ... *A Call to Righteousness*Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... “The Servant Song”613

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:00 a.m.Breakfast

5:00 p.m.....Choir Practice

6:30 p.m.....Recreation

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

TODAY Sharon and Dwayne Blake

NEXT SUNDAY Pauline Jackson

USHERS

TODAY..... Youth Team

NEXT SUNDAY Nancy Ruppert's Team

PRAYER LIST

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

Our Love and Sympathy...

to all friends and family of our Rachel McCaskill

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7 Wednesday Night Service resumes

September 11 Planning meeting for celebration of opening of new building

September 22 JOY Group excursion

September 29 and 30..... Feed football teams from EMHS ... Volunteers needed!