

Third Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Your steadfast love, O Lord, is better than life.

People: Therefore our lips will praise you.

Pastor: We will bless you as long as we live.

People: We will lift up our hands and call on your name.

Pastor: For you have been our help

People: and in your presence we sing for joy.--from Psalm 63

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP... “Sing Hallelujah to the Lord”...p. 214..... Congregation

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Isaiah 55:6-9* Reggie Jackson

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

HYMN ... “O Worship the King” 16

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE..... Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... Congregation

Holy God, in the light of your holiness we see ourselves as we really are. We confess that we are people of impure thoughts and unclean lips; we think too highly of ourselves and too little of others. We cling so tightly to the treasures of this world that we cannot open our hands to receive blessings from above. Our feet follow the paths of sin; we wander so far astray that we become strangers to righteousness. Forgive us, and set us again on the path that leads to life. Deal with us not as we deserve, but according to your mercy; not because we are worthy but because you are gracious. We ask 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 Pastor

OFFERTORY HYMN... “Grace Greater than Our Sin” ...vs. 1 and 3 329

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ... *Luke 13:1-9*..... Molly Abbott

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”

ANTHEM ... “Draw Me Nearer”..... Choir

SERMON ... *A Hopeless Cause* Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... “Amazing Grace” ... vs. 1, 2, 3 and 4..... 330

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:00 a.m. BREAKFAST

5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. PIZZA SUPPER ... please bring desserts

6:45 p.m. Lenten Study and Children/Youth program

NEXT SUNDAY

4:00 p.m. Meeting for Children and Parents

4:30 p.m. Meeting for Youth and Parents

5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

USHERS

TODAY..... Jeff Robinson’s Team

NEXT SUNDAY Nancy Ruppert’s Team

PRAYER LIST

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, Vera McAlister, Molly Abbott`		
At Home: Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner		
Friends and Relatives of: Molly/Wayne Abbott		
	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
John Beard	Pat Jones	brother-in-law
Dave/Barb Buckland	Retha Brooks	Sue Ann's mother
Florence Cagle	James Rorie	friend
	Marshall Bailey	nephew
Jane Covington	Faye	sister
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law
Tina Cripps	Lee Hurley	cousin
	Wes Key	uncle
	Shelly Hawthorne	friend
Tim and Tammy Dunn	Todd Reece	friend
	Scott Reece	friend
	Lynn Saunders	cousin
Betty Green	Tom Nelson	brother-in-law
Paul/Thelma Hussey	Janie Rumbly	sister
	Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law
	Mildred Hunsucker	friend
Reggie Jackson	Marian Jackson	mother
Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
	Bob & Sue Moore	niece/ husband
	Andy Spivey	son-in-law
Butch/Nancy Jenkins	Sylvia Long	friend
	Amy Wilson	friend
Candy Loflin	Cristie Thomas	friend
	Goldie Loflin	
	Beth Holt	
Mabel Ann Luther	Wanda Pierce	daughter
Max/Jane Luquire	Ray Barrett	brother-in-law
	Jo Brooks	friend
	Iris Luquire	sister-in-law
Harold Lynthacum	Verna Hancock	friend
Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Charles Thompson	nephew
	Melissa Green	daughter
Jean Maness	Helen Mabe	aunt
	Carol Luther	friend
Janet Maness	Polly King	friend
	Virginia Long	friend
Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
Rachel McCaskill	Marsha Norris	grand-daughter
	Kay Rush	daughter
Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
Jeff Robinson	June Spears	friend
	Ralph McIntyre	friend
Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
Service Personnel: Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart		

DEACON OF THE MONTH...Barbara Smith