

# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Pastor 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 ... *Micah 6:1-8*..... Reggie Jackson

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup>"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." <sup>6</sup>"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

HYMN ... "We Are Called to Be God's People"..... 477

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ..... Rebecca Blake

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.**

OFFERTORY HYMN... "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" ...vs. 1, 2 and 3..... 488

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ...*Matthew 5:1-12*..... Reggie Jackson

**When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:**

<sup>3</sup>**"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

<sup>4</sup>**"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

<sup>5</sup>**"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.**

<sup>6</sup>**"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.**

<sup>7</sup>**"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.**

<sup>8</sup>**"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

<sup>9</sup>**"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**

<sup>10</sup>**"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

<sup>11</sup>**"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

ANTHEM ... "Bow the Knee" ..... Choir

SERMON ..... Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" ... vs. 1, 2 and 4 ..... 497

POSTLUDE

## CALENDAR

TODAY

4:00 p.m. .... Planning meeting for installation service

5:30 p.m. .... Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. .... **COVERED DISH**

6:30 p.m. .... Bible Study and Children's and Youth Programs

**USHERS**

TODAY..... Nancy Ruppert's Team  
 NEXT SUNDAY ..... Dwight Saunders' Team

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

TODAY..... Chris and Barbie Blake  
 NEXT SUNDAY ..... Sharon and Dwayne Blake

**PRAYER LIST**

<b>Church family:</b> 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
<b>At Home:</b> Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner, Florence Cagle			Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother
<b>Friends and Relatives of:</b>				Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Henrietta Garner	friend	Reggie Jackson	Mildred Hunsucker	friend
	Monnie Jenkins	friend	Mary James	Marian Jackson	mother
	Juanita King	friend		Benny McBride	friend
	Tony Lawson	friend		Bob Moore	nephew
	Toni Atcheson	sister		Pam Morgan	niece
	Cassie Jenkins	granddaughter	Butch/Nancy Jenkins	John Moore	Nancy's father
	Martha Garner	sister	Candy Loflin	Cristie Thomas	friend
	Tammy Laprade	sister		Beth Holt	friend
	Audrey Grace Bryan...	friend		Misty Morgan	friend.
Dave/Barb Buckland	Retha Brooks	Sue Ann's mother	Max/Jane Luquire	Iris Luquire	sister-in-law
Jane Covington	Faye	sister		Jo Brooks	friend
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law		Melissa Green	daughter
Tim and Tammy Dunn	Todd Reece	friend	Jean Maness	Helen Mabe	aunt
	Scott Reece	friend		Carol Luther	friend
	Lynn Saunders	cousin	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
Garrett Gooch	Mary Chunn	grandmother	Jeff Robinson	June Spears	friend
			Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
			Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
			<b>Service Personnel:</b> Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart		

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