

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYERPastor and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP...*based on Psalm 100*Pastor and Congregation

LEADER: Come before the Lord with joyful songs, because he is good, because he is generous, because we lack nothing.

PEOPLE: **Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.**

LEADER: Serve the Lord with gladness, because of his greatness and justice, because he puts an end to war, and to all forms of violence.

PEOPLE: **Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.**

LEADER: Come before the Lord with joy because he is faithful to his promises, because his Word is eternal.

PEOPLE: **Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.**

LEADER: Know that the Lord is God, and we are his people, his community, his family.

PEOPLE: **Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.**

ALL: **Come, let us worship the Lord, our God.**

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Amos 8:1-12*..... Reggie Jackson

This is what the Lord GOD showed me—a basket of summer fruit ² He said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the LORD said to me,

“The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. ³ The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,” says the Lord GOD; “the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!” ⁴ Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” ⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. ⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? ⁹ On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. ¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. ¹¹ The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of

the LORD.¹² They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

HYMN ... “This Is My Father’s World” 43

CHILDREN’S MESSAGEBrandi 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.

In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

MORNING PRAYER

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ...*1 Peter 4:7-11* Molly Abbott

⁷ The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹ Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

ANTHEM ... “Pray for the People” Choir

SERMON ...*To Be a Steward*..... Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... “The Servant Song” 600

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

5:00 p.m. Choir

After worship..... Leave for **PASSPORT CAMP**

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Swimming at the Park and **DEACONS’ MEETING**

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. **BREAKFAST**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY..... Missy Myers

NEXT SUNDAY Sylvia McAlister

USHERS

TODAY..... Eugene Crisco's Team

NEXT SUNDAY Jeff Robinson's Team

PRAYER LIST

<p>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</p> <p>At Home: Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner</p> <p>Friends and Relatives of: Molly/Wayne Abbott</p>			<p>Paul/Thelma Hussey Janie Rumbly sister Meryl Johnson sister-in-law Mildred Hunsucker friend Harold Johnson brother Reggie Jackson Marian Jackson mother Mary James Benny McBride friend Bob & Sue Moore niece/ husband Pam Morgan niece Butch/Nancy Jenkins Sylvia Long friend Amy Wilson friend John Moore Nancy's father Candy Loflin Cristie Thomas friend Beth Holt friend Misty Morgan friend Mabel Ann Luther Wanda Pierce daughter Max/Jane Luquire Iris Luquire sister-in-law Jo Brooks friend Barbara Lynthacum J.D. Thompson nephew Melissa Green daughter Jean Maness Helen Mabe aunt Carol Luther friend Janet Maness Polly King 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 Nancy Ruppert Marie Spoon sister</p>		
<p>John Beard</p> <p>Dave/Barb Buckland</p> <p>Jane Covington</p> <p>Tina Cripps</p> <p>Tim and Tammy Dunn</p> <p>Garrett Gooch</p> <p>Betty Green</p>	<p>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 Junior Reynolds brother Pat Jones brother-in-law Retha Brooks Sue Ann's mother Faye sister Pete Thomas brother-in-law Lee Kasik grandson-in-law Lee Hurley cousin Wes Key uncle Shelly Hawthorne friend Todd Reece friend Scott Reece friend Lynn Saunders cousin Mary Chunn grandmother Tom Nelson brother-in-law</p>	<p>Service Personnel: Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart</p>			

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 27 Game Night and Pizza

August 3 and 17 Youth Meeting at the Dunn's

August 13 Cookout and Swimming at Biscoe Pool

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