

# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Pastor and Congregation

**LEADER:** Lord, speak to us, the Body of Christ, in this place.

**PEOPLE:** Make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship,

**LEADER:** Narrow enough to shut out envy, pride and strife.

**PEOPLE:** Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back evil's power.

**LEADER:** Make the people inside this house a compassionate people, ready and willing to receive every person you place in our midst.

**ALL:** Lord, make this house a place of love and acceptance and make it a gateway to your kingdom. Amen.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" .....389

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Ephesians 4:1-7* .....Molly Abbott

**I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.**

HYMN ... "The Church's One Foundation" ... vs. 1, 2 and 5..... 246

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ..... Rebecca Blake

**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.

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "In Christ There Is No East or West" ..... 273

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Ephesians 4:8-16* ..... Molly Abbott

**Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." <sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)**

**<sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.**

ANTHEM ... "Pray for the People" ..... Choir

SERMON ..... Pastor

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY

5:00 PM ..... Member Care/Bereavement Committee Meeting

*Wayne and Molly Abbott, John and Alisa Beard, Butch Jenkins, Betsy Crisco, Carol and*

*Roy Myers, Jean Maness*

## USHERS

TODAY ..... Eugene Crisco's Team

NEXT SUNDAY ..... Jeff Robinson's Team

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**TODAY** ..... Chris and Barbie Blake

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Sharon Blake and Jean Maness

### NURSERY

**TODAY** ..... Barbara Smith and Mary Williams

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Pauline and McKenzie Jackson

### PRAYER LIST

<p><b><i>Church family:</i></b> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John &amp; Alisa Beard, Rodney Loflin, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Gary McCaskill, Sarah Jo Wall, Florence Cagle, Frances Hudson</p> <p><b><i>At Home:</i></b> Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner</p> <p><b><i>Friends and Relatives of:</i></b> Molly/Wayne Abbott</p>	<p>Mary James</p> <p>Butch/Nancy Jenkins Candy Loflin</p> <p>Max/Jane Luquire</p> <p>Barbara Lynthacum</p> <p>Jean Maness</p> <p>Sylvia McAlister Pat/Bob Morgan Jeff Robinson Nancy Ruppert Barbara Smith</p>	<p>Benny McBride Bob Moore Pam, Ken Morgan John Moore Cristie Thomas Beth Holt Misty Morgan Iris Luquire Jo Brooks J.D. Thompson Melissa Green Helen Mabe Carol Luther Tammy Parker Jesse Wallace June Spears Marie Spoon Laura Wilson Doris Hinson</p>	<p>friend nephew niece, nephew Nancy's father friend friend friend. sister-in-law friend nephew daughter aunt friend friend friend friend friend sister friend friend</p>
<p>Monnie Jenkins    friend Tony Lawson        friend Toni Atcheson      sister Tammy Laprade     sister Jane Covington     Faye                  sister                             Pete Thomas        brother-in-law                             Lee Kasik            grandson-in-law Ernest , Karen Dailey    Judy and Estella    daughters Mildred Grey           Ernestine Stevenson friend Garrett Gooch           Mary Chunn          grandmother Ray, Frances Hudson                                      daughter Paul/Thelma Hussey    Harold Johnson     brother    Meryl Johnson     sister-in-law    Mildred Hunsucker friend</p>	<p><b><i>Service Personnel:</i></b> Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart</p>		