

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP ... Responsive Reading from Psalm 77..... Congregation

Leader: I cry aloud to God that he may hear me. In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord. In the night my hand is stretched out for help from the Lord.

People: I search with my heart in the night. I meditate within my spirit: Has the steadfast love of the Lord ceased forever? Are his promises at an end?

Leader: I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord. I will remember the wonders of old. I will always trust in the Lord.

People: I will meditate on all your work and remember your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy and just.

Leader: You are the God who works wonders. You display your might and pour out your love upon your people.

People: With your strong arm you redeem your people.

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... 2 Kings 2:1-2;6-14..... Reggie Jackson

1 Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. 6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. 7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. 9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." 10 He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." 11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. 12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. 13 He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. 14 He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

HYMN ... “We Are Called To Be God’s People” 390

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... “Come, All Christians, Be Committed” 604

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ... Luke 9:51-62..... Reggie Jackson

51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; 53 but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54 When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" 55 But he turned and rebuked them. 56 Then they went on to another village. 57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." 59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60 But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61 Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." 62 Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

ANTHEM Choir

SERMON ... *Would-Be Disciples?* Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... “Take My Life, Lead Me Lord” 287

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

5:00 p.m. Choir

6:30 p.m. Recreation at East Middle gym

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Swimming at the Park

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. MOVIE NIGHT! *Bring your lawn chairs or blankets!*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY.....Brandi Powers

NEXT SUNDAY Tina Cripps

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 13 Ice Cream Supper and Special Music

July 27 Game Night and Pizza