

Easter Sunday

March 27, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Pastor

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus walked the earth with God’s message of peace,
blessing all creation:

People: **Abundant life for all!**

Leader: Jesus preached God’s love—
justice for the poor, full sharing of earth’s bounty;
He rattled the authorities with

People: **Hope and healing; forgiveness and welcome!**

Leader: Worldly powers tried to stop him;
led him to a tree and crucified him;
laid him in the earth: a garden tomb.
Three days in the earth, and then,

People: **Like the seed which dies to live,
so Jesus arose to new life!**

Leader: And so let us celebrate the risen Christ,
alive in our midst even today.

All: **May we be hands and feet,
hearts and minds of that risen Christ,
proclaiming the good news of abundant life for all!**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP... “Hallelujah Chorus”Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*Reggie Jackson

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders

rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN ... “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” 159

CHILDREN’S MESSAGEBrandi Powers

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.

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MORNING PRAYER..... Pastor

OFFERTORY HYMN... “Crown Him with Many Crowns” 161

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ... *Luke 24:1-12* Molly Abbott

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

ANTHEM ... “He Arose”Choir

SERMON ... *Resurrecting Joy*..... Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... “Fairest Lord Jesus” 176

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Sylvia McAlister

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, Vera McAlister, Molly Abbott			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
			Josh/Brandi Powers	John Powers	Josh's father
			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		
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			
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			
	Harold Johnson	brother			

Deacon of the Month ... Barbara Smith