

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Congregation

Leader: We gather to give thanks for God's great goodness and many blessings.

Congregation: We give thanks for the warmth of God's loving goodness towards creation.

Leader: We gather to celebrate God's great mercy towards all peoples and nations.

Congregation: We celebrate the generosity of God's mercy towards vulnerable humanity.

Leader: We gather, with all God's people throughout the world to, sing and praise our liberating God, whose favor shines upon us brighter than the sun's light.

All: We gather to sing, pray and praise God's lavish, life-giving and life-enriching blessings upon us; and for the orderly purposes we encounter in God's creation.

Amen.

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

Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

GOSPEL LESSON ... *John 5:1-9* Molly Abbott

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

HYMN ... "Be Thou My Vision"60

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... Brandi 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

OFFERTORY HYMN... "Now Thank We All Our God"638

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Revelation 22:1-5*..... Reggie Jackson

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

SPECIAL MUSICEnsemble

SERMON..... "An Ongoing Restoration"Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... "The Servant Song"613

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM Supper (Pizza)

6:45 PM Bible Study and Youth and Children's Programs

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Sharon and Dwayne Blake

NEXT SUNDAY..... Pauline Jackson

USHERS

TODAY Nancy Ruppert's Team

NEXT SUNDAY.....Dwight Saunders' Team

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12 JOY Group ... Out to Lunch! ... leave at 11:00 AM
 June 5 GRADUATION SUNDAY
 June 13-15 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 June 23-25 Youth Basketball Camp at Glade Spring, Va.
 July 17-22 Youth PASSPORT CAMP

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			Reggie Jackson	Marian Jackson	mother
At Home: Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner			Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
Friends and Relatives of: Molly/Wayne Abbott				Bob & Sue Moore	niece/ husband
	Monnie Jenkins	friend		Andy Spivey	son-in-law
	Juanita King	friend	Butch/Nancy Jenkins	Pam Morgan	niece
	Tony Lawson	friend		Sylvia Long	friend
	Toni Atcheson	sister		Amy Wilson	friend
	Cassie Jenkins	granddaughter		John Moore	Nancy's father
	Martha Garner	sister	Candy Loflin	Cristie Thomas	friend
	Tammy Laprade	sister		Goldie Loflin	
	Audrey Grace Bryan...	friend		Beth Holt	
John Beard	Pat Jones	brother-in-law	Mabel Ann Luther	Wanda Pierce	daughter
Dave/Barb Buckland	Retha Brooks	Sue Ann's mother	Max/Jane Luquire	Ray Barrett	brother-in-law
Jane Covington	Faye	sister		Jo Brooks	friend
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law		Iris Luquire	sister-in-law
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Harold Lynthacum	Verna Hancock	friend
	Lee Hurley	cousin	Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Wes Key	uncle		Charles Thompson	nephew
	Shelly Hawthorne	friend		Melissa Green	daughter
Tim and Tammy Dunn	Todd Reece	friend	Jean Maness	Helen Mabe	aunt
	Scott Reece	friend		Carol Luther	friend
	Lynn Saunders	cousin	Janet Maness	Polly King	friend
Betty Green	Tom Nelson	brother-in-law		Virginia Long	friend
	Calvin Daniel	friend	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
	Kayleigh Green	granddaughter	Rachel McCaskill	Marsha Norris	grand-daughter
Paul/Thelma Hussey	Janie Rumbly	sister		Kay Rush	daughter
	Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law		Jesse Wallace	friend
	Mildred Hunsucker	friend	Pat/Bob Morgan	June Spears	friend
	Harold Johnson	brother	Jeff Robinson	Ralph McIntyre	friend
			Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
			Angie Tofflemeyer – Principal at Troy Elem.		
			Service Personnel: Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart		

Deacon of the Month ... Bruce McNeill