

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

CALL TO WORSHIPPastor and Congregation

Pastor: How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

People: We are called to be Easter people!

Pastor: Darkness cannot claim us!

People: Fear cannot bind us!

People: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... "He Is Lord" ... p. 208.....Congregation

GOSPEL LESSON ...*John 14:1-14*.....*Reggie Jackson*

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

HYMN ... "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" ... vs. 1, 3 and 4..... 339

CHILDREN'S MESSAGEBrandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Your ways, O God, are not our ways,
your thoughts are not our thoughts.**

**If we have only prayed for what is possible
and only hoped for what we can see;**

If we have taken your grace for granted

and expected instant answers to our prayers;

If we have allowed waiting on your Spirit to slip into laziness;

If we have only thought of you waiting on us

and not pondered our service to you,

In your mercy forgive us, and free us for greater service

through our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" ... vs. 1 and 2335

OFFERTORY PRAYERUsher

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Acts 7:55-60*.....Molly Abbott

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he (Stephen) gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

SPECIAL MUSIC ... "My Chains Are Gone"..... Julie McCaskill

David Kellis, accompanist

SERMONPastor

CLOSING HYMN... "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"... vs. 1 and 2.....633

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m.Supper ... **ITALIAN NIGHT ... please bring desserts!**

6:30 p.m. Business Meeting

6:45 p.m. Bible Study and Children's and Youth Programs

THURSDAY

11:00 a.m.....JOY Group Out to Lunch

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TODAY Jeff Robinson's Team

NEXT SUNDAYNancy Ruppert's Team

