

Third Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Pastor and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor 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 ... "The Risen Christ" Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Acts 2:42-47* Reggie Jackson

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

HYMN ... "God of Grace and God of Glory" ... *vs. 1, 2 and 4* 285

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

If we have prayed only for what is possible and hoped only 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 thought only 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 ... "We Are Travelers on a Journey" 278

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *1 Peter 2:19-25*

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

ANTHEM... "Lord of the Dance" Choir

SERMON ... *Counter Cultural Jesus People* Pastor

CLOSING HYMN... "Come, All Christians, Be Committed"... *vs. 1 and 4* 488

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Supper ... **TEAM 6**

6:30 p.m. Bible Study and Children's and Youth Programs

7:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Children's Committee Meeting

THURSDAY

5:00-7:00 p.m. Biscoe Community Center Open House

NEXT SUNDAY ... Mothers' Day

USHERS

TODAY Eugene Crisco's Team

NEXT SUNDAY Jeff Robinson's Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY..... Chris and Barbie Blake

NEXT SUNDAYSharon Blake

NURSERY

TODAY.....Linda McNeill

NEXT SUNDAYLesa Speer

PRAYER LIST

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

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING ...Sunday, June 4th at 4:00 p.m.

Nominating Com. Alisa Beard

JOY Group Com.Molly Abbott

Finance Com. Jeff Robinson

Events Com..... Barbara Smith

Building/Gr. Com.Bruce McNeill
Dwight Saunders

Decoration Com.Nancy Jenkins

Member Care Com..... Jean Maness

Children/YouthSylvia McAlister

YouthMary Beth McCaskill

DeaconsDave Buckland

Church OfficersBetsy Crisco

ChoirJulie McCaskill

