

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP..... Congregation

LEADER: When it seems that prison walls surround me,
And I am shackled by the cares of this world;

PEOPLE: When my adversaries taunt me, and say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”

LEADER: I will remember the Lord, my God; the sustainer of my soul.

ALL: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,
my help and my God. *from Psalm 42*

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP... “I Love You, Lord”...*p. 212* Congregation

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Acts 16:16-24* Reggie Jackson

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

HYMN ... “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us” ... *vs. 1, 2 and 3* 61

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... “Higher Ground” ...*vs. 1, 2 and 3* 484

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Acts 16:25-34*..... Molly Abbott

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

ANTHEM ... “Again and Again” Choir

SERMON ... *Telling Silas' Story* Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... “Come All Christians, Be Committed” ... *vs. 1, 2 and 3* 604

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY ... Mothers' Day

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. COVERED DISH

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

THURSDAY

11:00 a.m. OUT TO LUNCH!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY..... Pauline Jackson

NEXT SUNDAY Nicole and Walker Smith

USHERS

TODAY..... Dwight Saunders' Team

NEXT SUNDAY Eugene Crisco's Team

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16.....Deacons' Meeting
 May 18.....Vote on Constitution
 May 22.....Breakfast
 June 5.....GRADUATION SUNDAY
 June 13-15.....VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 June 23-25.....Youth Basketball Camp at Glade Spring, Va.
 June 29.....MOVIE NIGHT! *Bring your lawn chairs*
 July 13.....Ice Cream Supper ... Special music!
 July 17-22.....Youth PASSPORT CAMP
 July 27.....GAME NIGHT! *Bring your favorite board game*
 August 13.....Picnic at Biscoe Pool
 August 27.....Back to School Bash! *at Cam and Carolyn's home*

PRAYER LIST

<p>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</p> <p>At Home: Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner</p> <p>Friends and Relatives of: Molly/Wayne Abbott</p>	<p>Reggie Jackson Marian Jackson mother Mary James Benny McBride friend Bob & Sue Moore niece/ husband Andy Spivey son-in-law Pam Morgan niece Butch/Nancy Jenkins Sylvia Long friend Amy Wilson friend John Moore Nancy's father Candy Loflin Cristie Thomas friend Goldie Loflin Beth Holt</p>	<p>Mabel Ann Luther Wanda Pierce daughter Max/Jane Luquire Ray Barrett brother-in-law Jo Brooks friend Iris Luquire sister-in-law 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 Jeff Robinson June Spears friend Ralph McIntyre friend Nancy Ruppert Marie Spoon sister Angie Tofflemeyer – Principal at Troy Elem.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Service Personnel: Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart</p>
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Deacon of the Month ... Jeff Robinson