

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor and Congregation

LEADER: O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world,

PEOPLE: enable us to be still and know that You are God.

LEADER: O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life,

PEOPLE: breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm.

LEADER: O still, small voice, speak to us this hour,

PEOPLE: that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world.

LEADER: O Lord who beckons, “Come, follow me,”

ALL: Help us to hear and to respond to your call. Amen

HYMN ... “We Are Called to Be God’s People”.....477

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE.....Rebecca Blake

PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....Pastor and Congregation

God of grace, we confess that often so many voices clamor for our attention that your word is hard to hear. Forgive us if you have called us and we have not heard or have been unwilling to respond. We confess that we often fail to recognize you on the familiar roads we travel, and so we fail to discern your presence or your call on our lives. Merciful God, take from us all that hinders our hearing your voice and fill us anew with the Holy Spirit that we may joyfully respond to your call on our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... “Here I Am, Lord”...vs. 1 and 2.....482

OFFERTORY PRAYER..... Usher

OFFERTORY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ...1 Samuel 3:1-21 Molly Abbott

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the

temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” ¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.” ¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” ¹⁷Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD. ²¹The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

ANTHEM ... “What Is Your Passion?” Choir

SERMON.....Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... “Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord”494

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY..... Jeff Robinson’s Team

NEXT SUNDAY.....Dwight Saunders’ Team

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

TODAY..... Shannon, Jeff Robinson

NEXT SUNDAY...Nicole, Walker Smith

NURSERY

TODAY....Chris and Barbie Blake

NEXT SUNDAY... Alisa Beard, Mary Beth M.

CALENDAR

TODAY

5:00 p.m. **Church Council Meeting**
 Alisa Beard, Molly Abbott, Jeff Robinson, Barbara Smith, Bruce McNeill
 Dwight Saunders, Nancy Jenkins, Jean Maness, Sylvia McAlister,
 Mary Beth McCaskill, Dave Buckland, Betsy Crisco, Julie McCaskill

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. **Supper ... Team 4**

6:30 p.m. Business Meeting, Bible Study, Children and Youth Programs

SATURDAY

4:30 p.m. – until.....CHICKEN STEW SUPPER! (proceeds to Belize Mission Trip)

PRAYER LIST

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

Our Love and Sympathy...

to family and friends of Violet Epps ... We will miss her!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,438

Monthly budget needs\$10,567.00

Last week's offering ... \$2,318

September offering\$10,982.95