

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 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: God, our Father, Source of all being,

**PEOPLE: we, Your children, were created to glorify You and to enjoy You forever.**

LEADER: God, our Creator, Master of color and shape, song and silence,

**PEOPLE: we, Your children, were created to celebrate You and to praise You forever.**

LEADER: God, our Revealer, Author of wisdom and truth,

**PEOPLE: we, Your children, were created to seek You and to desire You forever.**

LEADER: God, our Redeemer, Fountain of forgiveness and grace,

**PEOPLE: we, Your children, were created to please You and to love You forever.**

LEADER: God, our Sustainer, Manna in the wilderness,

**PEOPLE: we, Your children, were created to trust You and to rely on You forever.**

**ALL: In You, O God, we find our reason for being!**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” .....389

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Genesis 21:1-5* ..... Reggie Jackson

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup>Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup>Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. <sup>4</sup>And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup>Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

HYMN ... “O Worship the King” ... vs. 1, 3 and 4 ..... 52

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ..... Rebecca Blake

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ..... Pastor and Congregation

**Forgive us God,**

**for you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe.**

**You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear.**

**You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have.**

**You call us to be aware of your constant presence, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.**

**Forgive us, God.**

**Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert**

**to the wonders you work in the world every day.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

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

**In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.**

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... “How Firm a Foundation” ...vs. 1, 2 and 4 ..... 425

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Genesis 21:1-3 and 22:1-14* ..... Molly Abbott

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup>Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together. <sup>9</sup>When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON ..... Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... “He Leadeth Me” ... vs. 1 and 2 ..... 68

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

## USHERS

TODAY .....Dwight Saunders’ Team

NEXT SUNDAY ..... Nancy Ruppert’s Team

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

6:00 p.m. .... Choir Practice

**MONDAY**

7:00 p.m. .... Deacons' Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

6:00 p.m ..... **Team 2**

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

**SATURDAY**

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. .... **HURRICANE RELIEF SPAGHETTI SUPPER**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**TODAY** ..... Tina Cripps and Nancy Ruppert/Phyllis Morgan

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Alisa Beard and Mary Beth McCaskill

**NURSERY**

**TODAY** ..... Amy Friery and Laya Smith

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Lesa Speer and Laura Flach

**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

***At Home:*** Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner

***Friends and Relatives of:***

Molly/Wayne Abbott

|                       |                     |                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
|                       | Monnie Jenkins      | friend          |
|                       | Tony Lawson         | friend          |
|                       | Toni Atcheson       | sister          |
|                       | Tammy Laprade       | sister          |
| Jane Covington        | Faye                | sister          |
|                       | Pete Thomas         | brother-in-law  |
|                       | Lee Kasik           | grandson-in-law |
| Ernest , Karen Dailey | Judy and Estella    | daughters       |
| Mildred Grey          | Ernestine Stevenson | friend          |
| Garrett Gooch         | Mary Chunn          | grandmother     |
| Ray, Frances Hudson   |                     | daughter        |
| Paul/Thelma Hussey    | Harold Johnson      | brother         |
|                       | Meryl Johnson       | sister-in-law   |
|                       | Mildred Hunsucker   | friend          |

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|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Mary James          | Benny McBride   | friend         |
|                     | Bob Moore       | nephew         |
|                     | Pam, Ken Morgan | niece, nephew  |
| Butch/Nancy Jenkins | John Moore      | Nancy's father |
| Candy Loflin        | Cristie Thomas  | friend         |
|                     | Beth Holt       | friend         |
|                     | Misty Morgan    | friend.        |
| Max/Jane Luquire    | Iris Luquire    | sister-in-law  |
|                     | Jo Brooks       | friend         |
| Barbara Lynthacum   | J.D. Thompson   | nephew         |
|                     | Melissa Green   | daughter       |
| Jean Maness         | Helen Mabe      | aunt           |
|                     | Carol Luther    | friend         |
| Sylvia McAlister    | Tammy Parker    | friend         |
| Pat/Bob Morgan      | Jesse Wallace   | friend         |
| Jeff Robinson       | June Spears     | 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,

