

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 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 of the covenant, we have come to worship you,

**PEOPLE:** for you are ever faithful and your love never ends.

**LEADER:** God of knowledge and wisdom, teach us your ways,

**PEOPLE:** and guide us in your paths of love and forgiveness.

**LEADER:** God of mercy, strengthen us that we may witness to your grace and salvation.

**ALL:** God of the covenant, we have come to worship You.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23* ..... Reggie Jackson

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> He said, "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. <sup>3</sup> Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. <sup>4</sup> Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; <sup>16</sup> and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. <sup>17</sup> Then she handed the savory food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob. <sup>18</sup> So he went in to his father, and said, "My father"; and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" <sup>19</sup> Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." <sup>20</sup> But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the LORD your God granted me success." <sup>21</sup> Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." <sup>22</sup> So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." <sup>23</sup> He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

HYMN ... "Hands of Blessing" ..... 532

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ..... Brandi Powers

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 instead become 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 ... "My Lord Is Near Me All the Time" ..... 59

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Genesis 28:10-17* ..... Molly Abbott

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup> and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

ANTHEM ... "We Are Not Alone" ..... Choir

SERMON ..... Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... "Open My Eyes, That I May See" ... *vs. 1, 2 and 3* ..... 395

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

## CALENDAR

TODAY

9:00 a.m. .... BREAKFAST

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

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. .... **Team 3**

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

**USHERS**

**TODAY** ..... Nancy Ruppert's Team  
**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Barbara Smith's Team

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**TODAY** ..... Alisa Beard and Mary Beth McCaskill  
**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Sharon Blake and Jean Maness

**NURSERY**

**TODAY** ..... Lesa Speer and Laura Flach  
**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Barbara Smith and Mary Williams

**PRAYER LIST**

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Weekly budget needs....\$2,438 ..... Monthly budget needs ....\$10,567**  
**Last week's offering.....\$1,440 .....August offering .....\$7,375**