

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord God, we are here to worship you.

People: **We believe in your power to change us;**

Leader: your creating power making relationships new,

People: **your redeeming power saving us from despair,**

Leader: your sustaining power giving us courage and strength.

All: **In this hour, as we sing and pray and listen together, we open ourselves to the power of your kingdom, changing our hearts, our lives and our world. Amen.**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... "Great Is the Lord"... p. 12.....Congregation

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Deuteronomy 30:15-20* Reggie Jackson

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

HYMN ... "We Are Called to Be God's People" 390

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God in Christ, who endured the agony of the cross for our sakes, hear us as we confess our sin. We would be your bold disciples, but we fear suffering; we would carry our cross, but it weighs too heavily. We count the cost of following you—as long as there are benefits; but to renounce all we have is a devastating prospect. Forgive the conditions we make when we try to obey, and free us by your grace to forsake all and follow you.

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

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN... "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"...vs. 1, 2 and 3605

OFFERTORY PRAYER..... Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ...*Luke 14:25-33*..... Reggie Jackson

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

ANTHEM ... "God Alone" Choir

SERMON ... *There's Always a Cost* Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" ...vs. 1, 2 and 4 305

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Supper

6:45 p.m. Bible Study and Youth and Children's programs

NEXT SUNDAY

4:00 p.m. Planning Meeting for Opening/Dedication of New Building

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Pauline Jackson

NEXT SUNDAY Nicole and Walker Smith

USHERS

TODAY..... Nancy Ruppert's Team

NEXT SUNDAY Dwight Saunders' Team

PRAYER LIST

Church family: Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Larry Wilson, Rodney Loflin, Melissa Nelson, Florence Cagle, Jane Covington, Karen Dailey, Bob Morgan, Dave Buckland, Barbara Lynthacum, Gary McCaskill, Tina Cripps			Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter
At Home: Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner			Paul/Thelma Hussey	Janie Rumbly	sister
				Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law
				Mildred Hunsucker	friend
				Harold Johnson	brother
			Reggie Jackson	Marian Jackson	mother
			Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
				Bob & Sue Moore	niece/ husband
				Pam Morgan	niece
			Butch/Nancy Jenkins	Sylvia Long	friend
				Amy Wilson	friend
Friends and Relatives of: Molly/Wayne Abbott				John Moore	Nancy's father
			Candy Loflin	Cristie Thomas	friend
				Beth Holt	friend
				Misty Morgan	friend
			Mabel Ann Luther	Wanda Pierce	daughter
			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
John Beard Dave/Barb Buckland Jane Covington Tina Cripps Tim and Tammy Dunn Ernest , Karen Dailey Garrett Gooch Betty Green			Pat Jones	brother-in-law	
			Retha Brooks	Sue Ann's mother	
			Faye	sister	
			Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	
			Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	
			Lee Hurley	cousin	
			Wes Key	uncle	
			Shelly Hawthorne	friend	
			Todd Reece	friend	
			Scott Reece	friend	
Lynn Saunders	cousin				
Judy and Estella	daughters				
Mary Chunn	grandmother				
Tom Nelson	brother-in-law				
			Janet Maness	Polly King	friend
			Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
			Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
			Roy and Carol Myers	John Myers	son
			Jeff Robinson	June Spears	friend
			Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
Service Personnel: Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart					

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 11Planning meeting for celebration of opening of new building

September 22 JOY Group excursion

September 29 and 30..... Feed football teams from EMHS ... Volunteers needed!