

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15, 2018

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

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

CALL TO WORSHIP .....Pastor and Congregation

Pastor: Behold, what love God has for us!

**People: We are the children of God.**

Pastor: The world does not understand,

**People: Because the world still does not know God.**

Pastor: Christ has shared God's love for us through his life, death, and resurrection;

**People: We are called to share God's love with one another.**

Pastor: Come, worship Christ, for we are the children of God;

**All May we be filled with God's love, and share God's love with the world. Amen.**

RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL ..... Reggie Jackson

Almighty God, Your Son called men and women to leave the past behind and to follow him as his disciples in the way of the cross. Look with mercy upon us whom he calls today and makes his disciples within the Church ...

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid, and at Easter breathed on them his gift of peace. Look with mercy upon us and give us that peace for which we long ...

Your Son formed around him a company whom he called his brother and sister and mother. Look with mercy upon our families and our friends and upon our communities of faith ...

Almighty God, You have built Your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone: so join us together in unity of spirit, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN ... "We Are Called to Be God's People" ..... 477

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to break down the walls of sin and death. Forgive us, restore us, and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. 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 ... "Will You Come and Follow Me" ...vs. 1, 3 and 5 .....473

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ...*Acts 9:1-19*..... Molly Abbott

**Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest<sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.<sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"<sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.<sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."<sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.<sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.<sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.**

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord."<sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,<sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."<sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;<sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;<sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."<sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."<sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,<sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

ANTHEM ... "Lord, Have Mercy" ..... Choir

SERMON..... Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... "Amazing Grace" ... vs. 1, 2 and 4.....587

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

**USHERS**

**TODAY**..... Dwight Saunders' Team  
**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Nancy Ruppert's Team

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**TODAY** ..... Nicole, Walker Smith and Sylvia McAlister  
**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Toni and Elana Kellis and Kiara Myers

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**  
 6:00 p.m..... Choir Practice  
**MONDAY**  
 7:00 p.m..... Deacons' Meeting  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 6:00 p.m..... **PIZZA SUPPER**  
 6:45 p.m..... Bible Study, Youth and Children's Activities  
**SATURDAY**  
 1:00 p.m. .... **GOLF TOURNAMENT - Denison's Creek Course ... Fund raiser Belize Trip**

**PRAYER LIST**

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Florence Cagle, Carolyn Brown, Paul Hussey, Dwayne Blake, Beverly Saunders, Ernest Dailey			Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner			Butch/Nancy Jenkins	Bob Moore	nephew
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i>			David/Toni Kellis	Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Monnie Jenkins	friend	Candy Loflin	Jennifer Denning	Katie's friend
	Tony Lawson	friend	Max/Jane Luquire	Bill Boyden	cousin
	Toni Atcheson	sister	Barbara Lynthacum	Cristie Thomas	friend
	Tammy Laprade	sister		Beth Holt	friend
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister		Misty Morgan	friend.
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law		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
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
	Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law	Jeff Robinson	June Spears	friend
	Mildred Hunsucker	friend	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
			Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
			<i>Service Personnel:</i> Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart		

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

<b>Weekly budget needs ... \$2,518.07</b>	<b>Monthly budget needs ..... \$10,911.66</b>
<b>Last week's offering ... \$3,585.00</b>	<b>March offering.....\$11,748.75</b>