

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 8, 2018

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

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

CALL TO WORSHIPPastor and Congregation

PASTOR: Almighty God, You have called us to be a people of faith, yet we are often people with doubts. We doubt that love can grow again in relationships where anger and bitterness reign supreme.

PEOPLE: You know the strength of love and the power of prayer ... help us to be steadfast in our love for others.

PASTOR: We doubt that peace can come in this world where divisions and hatred reign supreme.

PEOPLE: You know that the seeds of peace are growing ... help us to be faithful peacemakers.

PASTOR: We doubt that the hungry of this world can be fed where despair and hopelessness reign supreme.

PEOPLE: You know there is enough to feed us all ... help us to be generous and committed.

PASTOR: Lord we want to believe; help our unbelief!

ALL: Give us faith, small as a mustard seed, so that we can be your faithful people. Amen.

HYMN ... "Higher Ground" ...vs. 1, 2 and 3..... 641

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... Rebecca Blake

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.

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" ...vs. 1, 2 and 4 215

OFFERTORY PRAYER..... Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ...*John 20:19-31*..... Reggie Jackson

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

ANTHEM.... "Lord of the Dance" Choir

SERMON..... Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" ... vs. 1, 2 and 4.....443

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY Jeff Robinson's Team

NEXT SUNDAYDwight Saunders' Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Angel and Courtney Robinson and Betty Green

NEXT SUNDAYNicole, Walker Smith and Sylvia McAlister

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m.....**COVERED DISH**
 6:45 p.m..... Bible Study, Youth and Children’s Activities

THURSDAY

11:00 – 12:00 noon..... **COMMUNITY MEAL ... Fellowship Hall**
Soup and Sandwich ... Everyone Invited!

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m..... **PUT TOGETHER HYGIENE BAGS FOR HOMELESS**

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				Bob Moore	nephew
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i>				Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Monnie Jenkins	friend	Butch/Nancy Jenkins	Jennifer Denning	Katie’s friend
	Tony Lawson	friend	David/Toni Kellis	Bill Boyden	cousin
	Toni Atcheson	sister	Candy Loflin	Cristie Thomas	friend
	Tammy Laprade	sister		Beth Holt	friend
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister		Misty Morgan	friend.
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Barbara Lynthacum	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

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,518.07	Monthly budget needs \$10,911.66
Last week’s offering ... \$6,277.00	March offering.....\$11,748.75