

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERPastor and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: *The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.*

Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Elijah got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

Jesus was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan;

and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Pastor: Lord God, who cleansed the earth through forty days of floods,

People: and gave Your guiding law through forty days of worship,

Pastor: who revived Elijah through forty days of pilgrimage,

People: and sent Your Son to fight our foe through forty days of fasting;

Pastor: grant us grace to enter the flood, the fire, the desert,

People: the penitence and the journey; the emptiness and the fasting,

Pastor: that leads us to Gethsemane, and the dark scene of Golgotha,

People: and leave us at the empty tomb, to see Your risen Son.

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON... *John 11:1-6, 17-27*.....Reggie Jackson

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She

said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

HYMN ... "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" 335

CHILDREN'S MESSAGEBrandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We pray you: in your mercy forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, giving thanks in all circumstances through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" ... vs. 1, 2, 3 and 5..... 332

OFFERTORY PRAYERUsher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ... *John 11:32-26. 38-44*..... Molly Abbott

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

ANTHEM ... "Lord, Have Mercy" Choir

SERMON..... Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"... vs. 1, 3 and 4 494

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY Barbara Smith's Team

NEXT SUNDAY Eugene Crisco's Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Pauline and McKenzie Jackson and Betty Green

NEXT SUNDAY Candy and Elizabeth Loflin and Mary Beth McCaskill

CALENDAR

TODAY

6:00 p.m.Choir Practice

5:00 p.m.Belize Mission Trip Meeting

MONDAY

7:00 p.m.Deacons' Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m **TEAM 1**

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

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m.Study Group ... *Same Kind of Different as Me*

NEXT SUNDAY

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

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, Carolyn Brown, Paul Hussey

At Home: Helen Greene, Irene Warner

Friends and Relatives of:

Molly/Wayne Abbott

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

Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
	Bob Moore	nephew
	Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
Butch/Nancy Jenkins	Jennifer Denning	Katie's friend
Candy Loflin	Cristie Thomas	friend
	Beth Holt	friend
	Misty Morgan	friend.
Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Melissa Green	daughter
Harold Lynthacum	Stephen Lynthacum	son
Jean Maness	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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,518.07

Monthly budget needs \$10,911.66

Last week's offering \$1,056.00

January offering..... \$6,431.66

