

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22, 2018

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

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

CALL TO WORSHIPPastor and Congregation

PASTOR: We have come to worship in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: Are any among us suffering? We will pray.

PASTOR: Are any cheerful? We will sing songs of praise.

PEOPLE: Are any among us sick? We will call on the name of the Lord.

PASTOR: Have any committed sins? We will confess our sins to each other.

ALL: We come to worship in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Savior and the Holy Spirit who sustains us. Amen

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP... "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" 389

GOSPEL LESSON ... *Luke 6:18-23* Reggie Jackson

They had come to hear Jesus and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

HYMN ... "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"... vs. 1, 3 and 4 310

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.

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN... "They'll Know We Are Christians"... vs. 1, 2 and 3.....272

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY... "Now is the Day of Salvation" Ensemble

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Acts 16:16-34*..... Molly Abbott

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

ANTHEM ... "We All Bow Down"..... Choir

SERMON..... Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... "We Are Travelers on a Journey"278

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Toni and Elana Kellis and Kiara Myers

NEXT SUNDAY Pauline, McKenzie Jackson and Alisa Beard

USHERS

TODAY..... Nancy Ruppert's Team

NEXT SUNDAY Barbara Smith's Team

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:00 a.m. BREAKFAST

4:00 p.m. Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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>			Butch/Nancy Jenkins	Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Monnie Jenkins	friend	David/Toni Kellis	Jennifer Denning	Katie's friend
	Tony Lawson	friend	Candy Loflin	Bill Boyden	cousin
	Toni Atcheson	sister		Cristie Thomas	friend
	Tammy Laprade	sister		Beth Holt	friend
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister	Max/Jane Luquire	Misty Morgan	friend.
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Barbara Lynthacum	Jo Brooks	friend
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law		J.D. Thompson	nephew
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Jean Maness	Melissa Green	daughter
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend	Sylvia McAlister	Carol Luther	friend
Ray, Frances Hudson	Harold Johnson	daughter	Pat/Bob Morgan	Tammy Parker	friend
Paul/Thelma Hussey	Meryl Johnson	brother	Jeff Robinson	Jesse Wallace	friend
	Mildred Hunsucker	sister-in-law	Nancy Ruppert	June Spears	friend
		friend	Barbara Smith	Marie Spoon	sister
				Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
			<i>Service Personnel:</i> Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart		

Our Love and Sympathy...

to Kevin and Leigh Anne Lamonds at the death of Kevin's mother, Norma Jean Lamonds

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,518.07

Monthly budget needs \$10,911.66

Last week's offering \$1,123.00

March offering.....\$11,748.75