

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 29, 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: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

PEOPLE: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

PASTOR: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

PEOPLE: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.**

PASTOR: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

PEOPLE: **We begin in the name of the Lord who made us.**

ALL: **Let us sing and worship together as we praise God’s holy name.**

HYMN ... “Crown Him with Many Crowns”...vs. 1, 2 and 4..... 223

CHILDREN’S MESSAGEBrandi 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... “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him” 335

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ...*Acts 17:16-31* Reggie Jackson

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, “What does this babbler want to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.” (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) ¹⁹ So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰ It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.” ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new. ²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ ²⁹ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

ANTHEM ... “Here I Am to Worship” Choir

SERMON Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”... vs. 1,2 and 6 332

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY Barbara Smith’s Team

NEXT SUNDAY Eugene Crisco’s Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Pauline, McKenzie Jackson and Alisa Beard
NEXT SUNDAYCandy and Elizabeth Loflin and Mary Beth McCaskill

CALENDAR

TODAY
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY
 6:00 p.m **BBQ Night ... please bring desserts**
 6:45 p.m. Bible Study, Youth and Children's Activities
THURSDAY
 11:30 a.m..... Book Study - *Searching for Sunday*
SATURDAY
 10:00 a.m..... Meet in Fellowship Hall to put together bags for homeless

PRAYER LIST

<p><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</p> <p><i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner</p> <p><i>Friends and Relatives of:</i> 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</p>			<p>Mary James Benny McBride friend Bob Moore nephew Pam, Ken Morgan niece, nephew Butch/Nancy Jenkins Jennifer Denning Katie's friend David/Toni Kellis Bill Boyden cousin 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 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</p>		
<p><i>Service Personnel:</i> Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart</p>					

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,518.07	Monthly budget needs \$10,911.66
Last week's offering \$4,580.87	March offering..... \$11,748.75