

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 22, 2018

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: O God, who is our Shepherd and our King;

PEOPLE: O Christ, who was crucified and then risen from the dead;

PASTOR: O Spirit, who comforts and empowers;

PEOPLE: In Your gentleness, guide us.

PASTOR: In Your power, strengthen us.

PEOPLE: In Your lowliness, strip from us our selfish pride.

PASTOR: In Your greatness, lift us up that we might grow closer to You.

ALL: Touch our hearts, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for we have come to worship You.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... "I Love You, Lord"362

GOSPEL LESSON ...*Matthew 5:3-9* Reggie Jackson

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

HYMN... "Let Truth and Mercy Find Here" 692

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Brandi 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 ... "It Is Well with My Soul" ...*vs. 1, 3 and 4* 573

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ...*Ruth 1:1-17* Molly Abbott

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me." ⁹The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." ¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die, I will die - there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"

ANTHEM... "Precious Lord" Choir

SERMON

CLOSING HYMN ... "He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought" ...*vs. 1 and 2* 68

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY Barbara Smith's Team

NEXT SUNDAY Youth Team

NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Carrie, Isai Robledo and Tammy Dunn

NEXT SUNDAY Barbara Smith, Mary Williams, Angel Robinson

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 25 ... 6:00 p.m. **Pizza Supper and Visitation Night**

July 26 ... 6:00 p.m. Book Study

July 29 ... 5:00 p.m. **Operation Inasmuch Meeting** in fellowship hall

August 1 ... 6:00 p.m. Ice Cream Supper

August 2 ... 6:00 p.m. Book Study

August 9 11:00 a.m. Community Meal

August 12 ... 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Churchwide Pool Party at Biscoe Park Pool**

PRAYER LIST

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Florence Cagle, Thelma Hussey, Paul Hussey, Dwayne Blake, 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	Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
	Tony Lawson	friend	Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Toni Atcheson	sister		Melissa Green	daughter
	Tammy Laprade	sister	Jean Maness	Carol Luther	friend
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Lucille McLeod		brother
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend	Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter		Doris Hinson	friend
Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother	Don McCaskill's wife ...	Angie McCaskill	
	Mildred Hunsucker	friend	<i>Service Personnel:</i> Seth Spivey, Chris Stuart		