

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 14, 2018

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Trust in the Lord at all times, O People; God is a refuge for us.

PEOPLE: **God is our rock and our salvation; we shall not be shaken.**

PASTOR: God is good and in God's work we find our strength.

PEOPLE: **We sing of all God's wonderful works!**

ALL: **We give thanks and praise to the Lord!**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"Congregation

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Joshua 24:1-15* Reggie Jackson

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³ Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; ⁴ and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. ⁵ Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst; and afterwards I brought you out. ⁶ When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. ⁷ When they cried out to the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterwards you lived in the wilderness a long time. ⁸ Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. ⁹ Then King Balak son of Zippor of Moab, set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰ but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you; so I rescued you out of his hand. ¹¹ When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I handed them over to you. ¹² I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. ¹³ I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and olive yards that you did not plant. ¹⁴ "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will

serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

HYMN ... "O Worship the King" 52

CHILDREN'S MESSAGEBrandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we open our hearts to you, trusting that your love and goodness is stronger than all of our shortcomings. We have been afraid to trust you, and we have forgotten the assurance of your eternal presence. We have sacrificed our convictions, complained when inconvenienced, and looked out for ourselves above all else. We have considered giving up when the task before us seems too great. Forgive us for all these things, and help us to be guided by your Spirit and to be filled with the One who gives us life. Amen.

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

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer" 356

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Joshua 24:15-24* Frances Hudson

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." ¹⁹ But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." ²¹ And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" ²² Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." ²³ He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." ²⁴ The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey."

ANTHEM ... "Bow the Knee" Choir

SERMON

CLOSING HYMN ... "He Leadeth Me!" ... vs. 1 and 2 68

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY Dwight Saunders' Team
NEXT SUNDAY Nancy Ruppert's Team

NURSERY

TODAY Shannon and Jeff Robinson and Lesa Speer
NEXT SUNDAY Chris and Barbie Blake

CALENDAR

TODAY
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice
MONDAY
 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
WEDNESDAY
 6:00 pm Supper ... **Team 4**
 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study and Youth & Children's Activities
THURSDAY
 11:00 am..... Community Meal

PRAYER LIST

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Florence Cagle, Jimmy Cagle, Thelma Hussey, Paul Hussey, Dwayne Blake, Ernest Dailey, Janet Maness			Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner			Mary James	Mildred Hunsucker	friend
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i>				Benny McBride	friend
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Monnie Jenkins	friend		Bob Moore	nephew
	Tony Lawson	friend		Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
	Toni Atchison	sister	Max/Jane Luquire	Don Britt	
	Tammy Laprade	sister	Barbara Lynthacum	Jo Brooks	friend
Sheila Capel	Ada Capel	mother		J.D. Thompson	nephew
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister		Melissa Green	daughter
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Jean Maness	Carol Luther	friend
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Lucille McLeod		brother
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
			Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
			Don McCaskill's wife,	Angie McCaskill	
			<i>Service Personnel:</i> Seth Spivey, Chris Stuart		

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,518.07	Monthly budget needs \$10,911.66
Last week's offering \$1,862.00	September offering..... \$8,816.00