

# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2018

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are gathered here today to worship, celebrate,  
and respond to the call of God.

**People: We have come to acknowledge God’s gifts in each other  
and His calling to His Church.**

Leader: We have come to reaffirm our own callings,  
to remember God’s call to each of us.

**People: God be with us so that our lips speak words of grace and hope,  
our feet move swiftly to assist the helpless,**

Leader: our hands grow strong in the cause of love and justice,

**People: our hearts quicken in the service of reconciliation and care,**

Leader: and our spirits encourage the oppressed and neglected.

**All: God be with us.**

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

GOSPEL LESSON ...*Matthew 28:16-20*..... Reggie Jackson

**Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”**

HYMN...“ Lord, You Give the Great Commission”... *vs. 1, 2 and 5*..... 653

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE .....Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to be your faithful people. We are swift to join Abram’s doubt and impatience, but we find it difficult to copy Abraham’s faith and trust. We want to believe your promises, but the here-and-now problems of daily life consume our focus and erode our faith. Forgive us. Open our eyes to your light. Open our hearts to your love. Open our minds to your possibilities. Speak to us today,**

**O God, and strength our faith, that we, too, may know the everlasting power of your love. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

**In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.**

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... “We Are Called to Be God’s People” ..... 477

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ...*Genesis 12:1-9*..... Molly Abbott

**Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”**

**<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.**

ANTHEM ... “Bow the Knee” ..... Choir

SERMON

CLOSING HYMN ... “Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord” ..... 494

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

## USHERS

TODAY ..... Nancy Ruppert’s Team

NEXT SUNDAY ..... Barbara Smith’s Team

**NURSERY**

**TODAY** .....Pauline and McKenzie Jackson, Betty Green

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Candy and Elizabeth Loflin and Mary Beth McCaskill

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

5:00 p.m. .... Finance Committee Meeting

**MONDAY**

7:00 p.m. .... Deacons' MeetinG

**WEDNESDAY**

6:00 pm ..... Supper ... Team 2

6:30 pm ..... Business Meeting

6:45 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			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		Don Britt	
	Tammy Laprade	sister	Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
Sheila Capel	Ada Capel	mother	Barbara Lynthacum	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		