

FIFTEENTH Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 2018

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Our lives are in the care of God.

PEOPLE: God has given us abundance and hope.

LEADER: This day we have come to praise and thank God for all that God has done for us.

PEOPLE: We gather to celebrate God’s love and to offer our lives in service.

LEADER: Come, let us open our hearts to the Lord!

PEOPLE: Let us rejoice in God’s goodness and love.

ALL: Amen.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP... “I Love You Lord” 362

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ...*Luke 12:13-21* Molly Abbott

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

HYMN...“Amazing Grace”*vs. 1, 4, & 5* 587

CHILDREN’S MESSAGEBrandi 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 ... “God of Grace and God of Glory”*vs. 1 & 4* 285

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ...*Luke 12:22-34* Reggie Jackson

He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

ANTHEM

SERMON

CLOSING HYMN ... “Be Thou My Vision”...*vs. 1 & 4* 71

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY Eugene Crisco's Team

NEXT SUNDAY Dwight Saunders's Team

NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Nicole and Walker Smith, Sylvia McAlister

NEXT SUNDAY Toni and Elana Kellis, Kiara Myers

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAYSept 5.....6:00pm.....Covered Dish

6:45pm.....Adult Bible Study

Youth & Children Activities

THURSDAYSept 6.....11:00am.....Community Meal

SUNDAYSept 9.....3:00pm.....Reading Buddies Mtg, Star UMC

5:00pm.....Nominating Committee

PRAYER LIST

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