

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 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!

HYMN ... “O Worship the King” ... vs. 1, 2 and 3 52

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Genesis 39:1-23* Molly Abbott

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ²The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³His master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. ⁴So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian’s house for Joseph’s sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶So he left all that he had in Joseph’s charge; and, with him there, he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. ⁷And after a time his master’s wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, “Lie with me.” ⁸But he refused and said to his master’s wife, “Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. ⁹He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” ¹⁰And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. ¹¹One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, ¹²she caught hold of his garment, saying, “Lie with me!” But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. ¹³When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, ¹⁴she called out to the members of her household and said to them, “See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice; ¹⁵and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside.” ¹⁶Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, ¹⁷and she told

him the same story, saying, “The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me; ¹⁸but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside.”

¹⁹When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, “This is the way your servant treated me,” he became enraged. ²⁰And Joseph’s master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. ²¹But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. ²²The chief jailer committed to Joseph’s care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. ²³The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph’s care, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

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 ... “My Lord Is Near Me All the Time” 59

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ... “We Are Not Alone” Choir

SERMON

CLOSING HYMN ... “God, Our Father, You Have Led Us” ... vs. 1 and 3 37

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY Barbara Smith’s Team

NEXT SUNDAY Youth Team

NURSERY

TODAY Candy and Elizabeth Loflin and Mary Beth McCaskill

NEXT SUNDAY Tammy Dunn and Alisa Beard

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:00 a.m.....**BREAKFAST**
 5:00 p.m.....**Church Council**
 6:00 p.m.....Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 pmSupper ... Team 3
 6:30 pmAdult 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
				Mildred Hunsucker	friend
			Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
				Bob Moore	nephew
				Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
				Don Britt	
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner			Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i>			Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Monnie Jenkins	friend	Jean Maness	Carol Luther	friend
	Tony Lawson	friend	Sylvia McAlister	Melissa Green	daughter
	Toni Atchison	sister	Lucille McLeod	Tammy Parker	friend
	Tammy Laprade	sister	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
Sheila Capel	Ada Capel	mother	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			
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Don McCaskill's wife,	Angie McCaskill	
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend	<i>Service Personnel:</i>		
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter	Seth Spivey, Chris Stuart		