

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 30, 2018

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When all seems right in our lives

People: God is present, loving us.

Leader: When we are oppressed, living in bondage

People: God is present, loving us.

Leader: When grief overwhelms us, seeking to destroy our faith

People: God is present, loving us.

Leader: When we are in the wilderness, far from anything familiar

People: God is present, loving us.

Leader: When we arrive at a new place of hope

People: God is present, loving us.

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29* *Molly Abbott and Reggie Jackson*

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?"⁶ So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him;⁷ he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD.¹¹ They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt?¹² Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."¹³ But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again.¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided.²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.²³ The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of

Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.²⁴ At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic.²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers."²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea.²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

HYMN ... "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" 33

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Brandi 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 ... "Higher Ground" ... *vs. 1, 2 and 4* 641

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ... "My Trust Is in the Name of the Lord" Choir

SERMON

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

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY Youth Team

NEXT SUNDAY Eugene Crisco's Team

NURSERY

TODAY Tammy Dunn and Alisa Beard
NEXT SUNDAY Barbara Smith and Angel Robinson

CALENDAR

TODAY
 4:00 p.m. **Nominating Committee Meeting**
 5:00 p.m. **Finance Committee Meeting**
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY
 6:00 pm Supper ... **COVERED DISH**
 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			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
			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
Sheila Capel	Ada Capel	mother	Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister		Doris Hinson	friend
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law			
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law			
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Don McCaskill’s wife,	Angie McCaskill	
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend			
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter			
			<i>Service Personnel:</i> Seth Spivey, Chris Stuart		