

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 11, 2018

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Pastor and Congregation

LEADER: Lord our God, you have revealed yourself as One who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

PEOPLE: **You have called us to seek peace by showing mercy, grace and forgiveness to others as you have shown mercy, grace and forgiveness to us;**

LEADER: You have called us to follow you,

PEOPLE: **to preach good news to the poor,**

LEADER: to proclaim release for the captives and recovery of sight for the blind,

PEOPLE: **to set at liberty those who are oppressed**

LEADER: and to proclaim the time of your blessing.

ALL: **Be present with your church, Lord, as we respond to your call.**

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Micah 5:2-5 and 6:6-8*..... Reggie Jackson

But you, O Bethlehem, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

HYMN ... "Let Truth and Mercy Find Here" 692

CHILDREN'S MESSAGEBrandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church, making it hard to see that we are your community. We act as though we do not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another's burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. Forgive us, and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us.

By Christ's work, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another.

Thanks be to God for the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "Amazing Grace" ... *vs. 1, 2, 3 and 4* 587

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ... *Matthew 9:10-13*.....

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

SERMON

CLOSING HYMN ... "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"... *vs. 1, 2 and 4* 493

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

10:40 AM..... DEACON ELECTION

5:00 PM Nominating Committee Meeting

6:00 PM..... Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM Supper ... **Team 6**

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study and Youth & Children's Activities

7:30 PM Budget and Finance Meeting

THURSDAY

11:00 AM..... Community Meal

USHERS

TODAY Dwight Saunders' Team

NEXT SUNDAY Nancy Ruppert's Team

NURSERY

TODAY Nicole and Walker Smith, Sylvia McAlister

NEXT SUNDAY Toni and Elana Kellis

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
			Mary James	Mildred Hunsucker	friend
				Benny McBride	friend
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner			Max/Jane Luquire	Bob Moore	nephew
				Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i> Molly/Wayne Abbott			Barbara Lynthacum	Don Britt	nephew
				Jo Brooks	friend
Sheila Capel			Jean Maness	J.D. Thompson	nephew
				Carol Luther	friend
Jane Covington			Sylvia McAlister	Melissa Green	daughter
				Tammy Parker	friend
Ernest , Karen Dailey			Lucille McLeod	Pat/Bob Morgan	friend
				Nancy Ruppert	sister
Mildred Grey			Barbara Smith	Jesse Wallace	friend
				Laura Wilson	friend
Ray, Frances Hudson			Don McCaskill	Doris Hinson	friend
				Angie McCaskill	wife
			<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 \$3,275.00

October offering \$7,297.60