

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 17, 2019

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER.....Rev. Powers and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIPPastor and Congregation

PASTOR: Gracious God, we have gathered here today, hungry for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word.

PEOPLE: Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit.

PASTOR: May the seeds of Your Word, scattered among us this day, fall on fertile soil;

PEOPLE: May they produce an abundant harvest of words and actions that reflect our faith in Jesus Christ, our teacher and Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... “Open Our Eyes, Lord”392

GOSPEL LESSON... *Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43*392

24 He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ 28 He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ 29 But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” 37 He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

HYMN ... “Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray”676

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE.....Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... Pastor and Congregation

PASTOR: Most gracious Lord, we know the seed of Your kingdom is forever being sown into our world, but it doesn’t always take root. Sometimes it fails to find a place to grow.

PEOPLE: Forgive us, O God, when life makes us hard and resistant like a well-trodden path where old habits and old patterns of thinking keep your message from growing;

PASTOR: When we become so immersed in the shallow, rock-hiding soil of the moment that the seeds of the Kingdom get blown away by the wind;

PEOPLE: when our own fears, insecurities, desires and self-interest tangle like thorns around Your grace and choke it into silence.

ALL: Forgive us, and renew our lives that we may bear the fruit of your mercy, love and grace.

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

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MORNING PRAYERPastor

OFFERTORY HYMN ... “Come Ye Thankful People, Come” ...vs. 1, 2 and 3372

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ... *Matthew 13:31-35*.....

31 He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

33 He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

34 Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. 35 This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

“I will open my mouth to speak in parables;

I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.”

ANTHEM ... “We All Bow Down” Choir

SERMON.....Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... “We Are Called to Be God’s People” ... vs. 1 and 2477

BENEDICTIONPastor

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY..... Nancy Ruppert’s Team

NEXT SUNDAY Barbara Smith’s Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Candy, Elizabeth Loflin and Mary Beth McCaskill

NEXT SUNDAY Barbara Smith, Angel Robinson

CALENDAR

TODAY

4:00 p.m. Choir Practice

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Supper ... Team 6

6:30 p.m. Business Meeting

6:45 p.m. Bible Study, Children & Youth Activities

THURSDAY

11:00 a.m. Community Meal

SATURDAY

3:30 p.m. Youth to WINTERJAM

PRAYER LIST

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

Sign-up Sheets on church office door for...

Youth PASSPORT

Children's PASSPORT

Virginia Summer Mission Trip

Winter Jam ... Concert