

Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 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 WORSHIP... *from Revelation 3:20 and 22*Pastor and Congregation

**Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking;
if you hear my voice and open the door,
I will come in to you and eat with you,
and you with me.**

**Let anyone who has an ear
listen to what the Spirit is saying.**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... "Spirit of the Living God"234

SCRIPTURE LESSON ... *Matthew 20:1-16*.....Molly Abbott and Reggie Jackson

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

HYMN ... "Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed"... *vs. 1 and 4*.....457

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Rebecca Blake

PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....Pastor and Congregation

PASTOR: Gracious Lord, we thank you for your invitation to share in a celebration banquet that reveals your heavenly Kingdom.

PEOPLE: **Help us to respond to your invitation with joy and gladness and not take it for granted.**

PASTOR: Help us to prepare as we put away our old clothes of sin and put on the wedding clothes of your Kingdom.

PEOPLE: **Forgive us for living without recognition of your presence;**

PASTOR: for relying on our own achievements;

PEOPLE: **for believing that we are the architects of our own destiny;**

PASTOR: for living as though you have no place in our modern world.

ALL: **Forgive us, restore us, renew us and equip us
that we may be your faithful servants;
that your will may be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

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

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MORNING PRAYER.....Pastor

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray"676

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE LESSON ... *Luke 13:29-30, 14:15*

**Then people will come from east and west,
from north and south,
and will eat in the kingdom of God.
Indeed, some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last.
"Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast
in the kingdom of God."**

ANTHEM ... "Love Filled the Cup"..... Choir

SERMON.....Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... "Will You Come and Follow Me?" ... *vs. 1, 4 and 5*473

BENEDICTIONPastor

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY Barbara Smith's Team

NEXT SUNDAY..... Youth Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Nichole and Walker Smith and Sylvia McAlister

NEXT SUNDAY..... Toni and Elana Kellis, Tammy Dunn

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:00 a.m..... BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Supper ... TEAM 5

6:45 p.m. Bible Study, Children and Youth Programs

THURSDAY

11:00 a.m..... Community Meal

NEXT SUNDAY

5:00 p.m..... Operation Inasmuch Planning Meeting

PRAYER LIST

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,518.07

Last week's offering \$1,698.00

Monthly budget needs \$10,911.66

February offering \$7,156.31