

Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

March 3, 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.....Pastor and Congregation

LEADER: God whispers to each of us: you are my beloved, created in love for love.

PEOPLE: My spirit answers, Here I am, Lord. Speak to me anew.

LEADER: God breathes on us the Holy Spirit, knitting many members into one body the body of Christ.

PEOPLE: Together we answer, Here we are Lord. Come, Holy Spirit.

LEADER: God has yet more vision for the people. Who will work for God to extend God's kingdom into our hurting world?

PEOPLE: Here we are Lord. Empower us for your work.

LEADER: God calls the small, and helps them do great things. God calls the weak, and reveals their hidden gifts. God calls the rejected, and opens their eyes to their worth.

PEOPLE: Here we are Lord, humble and waiting.

LEADER: Then let us gather, young and old, small and great, to dream God's dreams, receive God's power, and do God's deeds.

ALL: Here we are Lord. Shine the light of your love on us. Kindle your Spirit within us. Work your redeeming will in us, that all the world may be one through the power of your love.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... “I Love You, Lord”.....362

SCRIPTURE LESSON ... *Matthew 16:24-28*.....Reggie Jackson

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

27 “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

HYMN ... “Will You Come and Follow Me?” ... vs. 1, 2, and 5.....473

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE.....Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... Pastor and Congregation
Almighty God, we long for the mountaintop experience; to glimpse your glory and be filled with your love, joy, hope and wonder. We confess that we often wish to spend all of our time with you on the mountaintop where we are sure of your presence, where we feel connected to you. We confess that when we come down from the mountain, we often fail to go back into the world to be your hands and feet. We struggle to see you in the faces of our neighbors and are overwhelmed by the brokenness we see in the world. Forgive us, O God, when our vision is limited and our actions do not live out our discipleship. Amen.

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

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MORNING PRAYERPastor

OFFERTORY HYMN ... “Shine, Jesus, Shine”156

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE LESSON ... *Matthew 17:1-8*.....Molly Abbott

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” 8 And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

ANTHEM ... “Again and Again” Choir

SERMON.....Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... “I’d Rather Have Jesus”*See bulletin insert*

BENEDICTIONPastor

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY Eugene Crisco’s Team

NEXT SUNDAY.....Dwight Saunders’ Team

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

TODAY..... Chris and Barbie Blake

NEXT SUNDAY.....Sharon Blake, Jean Maness, Barb Buckland

CALENDAR

TODAY

5:00 p.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting**

TUESDAY

6:00 p.m. **Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper**

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Supper ... **COVERED DISH**

6:45 p.m. **Ash Wednesday Service**

THURSDAY

11:00 a.m. Community Meal

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			Candy/Rodney Loflin	Curtis Holt	friend
<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			Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
			Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
			Jean Maness	Melissa Green	daughter
			Sylvia McAlister	Carol Luther	friend
			Pat/Bob Morgan	Tammy Parker	friend
			Nancy Ruppert	Jesse Wallace	friend
			Barbara Smith	Marie Spoon	sister
				Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
			Angie McCaskill ... wife of Don McCaskill		
			<i>Service Personnel:</i> Seth Spivey, Chris Stuart		

Sign-up Sheets on church office door...

Youth PASSPORT ... Children's PASSPORT ... Virginia Summer Mission Trip

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,518.07

Last week's offering \$3,444.41

Monthly budget needs \$10,911.66

February offering \$7,156.31