

Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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: We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ...

PEOPLE: Members of God's family, and brothers and sisters to one another.

PASTOR: There are no outsiders here among us.

PEOPLE: No one has any special standing or reason to boast.

PASTOR: We have all been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.

ALL: Let us all join together in worship!

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON ... *Acts 10:1-17*.....Reggie Jackson

In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. ²He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. ³One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." ⁴He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" He answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. ⁵Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; ⁶he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside." ⁷When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, ⁸and after telling them everything, he sent them to Joppa.

⁹About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. ¹²In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ¹⁴But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." ¹⁵The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁶This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven. ¹⁷Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate.

HYMN ... "The Church's One Foundation" ... *vs. 1, 2 and 5*.....246

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Rebecca Blake

PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... Pastor and Congregation

Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. Our fears and prejudices run deep; we often see only our own point of view. We identify with those who are like us, rarely venturing outside our comfort zones. We fail to hear those crying for justice and peace; we blame those who are suffering and in need, instead of standing by them. We deny the power of your gospel to unite us with those who are different from us. Forgive us. Open us to new possibilities of unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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

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MORNING PRAYER.....Pastor

OFFERTORY HYMN... "They'll Know We Are Christians".....272

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Usher

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE ... *Acts 10:34-48*.....Molly Abbott

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

ANTHEM ... "We All Bow Down"..... Choir

SERMON.....Pastor

CLOSING HYMN... "We Are Travelers on a Journey" ... *vs. 1 and 2*278

BENEDICTIONPastor

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY Eugene Crisco's Team
NEXT SUNDAY Dwight Saunders' Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Sharon Blake, Jean Maness, Barbara Buckland
NEXT SUNDAY Angel, Courtney Robinson and Alisa Beard

CALENDAR

TODAY
 4:00 p.m. JOHN DENVER CONCERT to benefit Habitat for Humanity
WEDNESDAY
 6:00 p.m. Supper ... **MEN'S NIGHT - BBQ**
 6:45 p.m. Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities
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				Bob Moore	nephew
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i>				Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Monnie Jenkins	friend		Don Britt	nephew
	Tony Lawson	friend	Candy/Rodney Loflin	John Covington	brother
	Toni Atchison	sister		Curtis Holt	friend
	Tammy Laprade	sister		Wesley Culler	friend
Sheila Capel	Ada Capel	mother		Lois Loflin	mother
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister	Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law		Melissa Green	daughter
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Jean Maness	Carol Luther	friend
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
	Mildred Hunsucker	friend	Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
			Angie McCaskill ...	wife of Don McCaskill	
			<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 \$2,980.00 **April offering \$ 7, 383.00**