

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2019

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Josh Powers

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYERPastor and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP

**God of all, we have come today to worship You.
We come into Your presence
seeking Your peace,
seeking Your hope,
seeking Your comfort,
seeking the courage to follow You in faithful service.**

Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON ...*Ruth 1:1-17*.....Reggie Jackson

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.” ¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you!

**Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people, and your God my God.**

¹⁷**Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried.**

**May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!”**

HYMN ... “We Are Called to Be God’s People”.....477

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE.....Rebecca Blake

PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....Pastor and Congregation

Pastor: O God, you bring justice to the oppressed and give bread to the hungry.

People: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

Pastor: You free the prisoner and restore sight to the blind.

People: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

Pastor: You support the downtrodden and protect the stranger.

People: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

Pastor: You condemn those who seek their own interests, controlling and harming others.

People: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

All: Grant us your grace. Embolden us that, as your people we may follow you to stand where you stand.

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

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MORNING PRAYER.....Pastor

OFFERTORY HYMN.... “Will You Come and Follow Me” ...*vs. 1, 2, 3 and 5*.....473

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Usher

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ... “Bow the Knee”Choir

SERMON Pastor

CLOSING HYMN... “Wherever He Leads I’ll Go”...*vs. 1 and 4*.....491

BENEDICTION Pastor

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY.....Dwight Saunders’ Team

NEXT SUNDAY.....Nancy Ruppert’s Team

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

TODAY.....Chris and Barbie Blake and Jessica Burris

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

CALENDAR

TODAY

5:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Supper ... Team 3
 6:45 p.m. Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities
 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

THURSDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

2:00 p.m... **Trip to Kalawi Farms**

PRAYER LIST

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, George Lynthacum			Candy/Rodney Loflin	John Covington	brother
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner, Karen Dailey, Janet Maness				Curtis Holt	friend
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i>				Wesley Culler	friend
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Monnie Jenkins	friend	Max/Jane Luquire	Lois Loflin	mother
	Tony Lawson	friend	Barbara Lynthacum	Jo Brooks	friend
	Toni Atchison	sister		J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Tammy Laprade	sister		Melissa Green	daughter
Rebecca/Jimmy Blake	Jennifer Blake Hoyos	daughter	Jean Maness	Carol Luther	friend
Sheila Capel	Ada Capel	mother	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister	Tim/Julie McCaskill	Joel McCaskill	father
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
Mary James	Benny McBride	friend		Doris Hinson	friend
	Bob Moore	nephew	Betty Green	Beth Kearns	friend
	Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew	Jean Smith	Hazel Greene	sister
	Don Britt	nephew	<i>Service Personnel:</i> Seth Spivey, Chris Stuart		

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,398.00	Monthly budget needs \$10,393.00
Last week's offering\$1,819.00	September offering \$9,596.00