

# Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2020

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP...*from Psalm 51*

PASTOR: May your love and mercy be upon us today, O Lord.

**CONGREGATION: Cleanse and refresh us from every transgression.**

PASTOR: Let your joy and gladness dawn in our spirits,

**CONGREGATION: and the recreating power of your Spirit make us new.**

PASTOR: Have mercy upon us O God,

**ALL: and let your Spirit lead us in truth and righteousness. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE... "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" .....389

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Mark 7:1-23* .....Reggie Jackson

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban' (that is, an offering to God) -- then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the

stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

HYMN ... "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ...vs. 1, 2, & 4 ..... 58

\*CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ..... Sylvia McAlister

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ...vs. 1, 2, & 3..... 281

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PASTOR: Lord, you know very well how our traditions and our understandings can become instruments of judgment rather than tools of your grace. We pray today O God for all those who have been hurt by our thoughtless insistence that our particular way is the only right way. Touch the hearts of those who have turned away from you because we have caused your light within us to grow dim.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PASTOR: Holy God, hear our prayer:

**CONGREGATION: For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;**

PASTOR: For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;

**CONGREGATION: For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;**

PASTOR: For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;

**CONGREGATION: We pray for the courage to admit our fault,**

PASTOR: The strength to amend our actions,

**CONGREGATION: And the hope that your grace awaits us.**

**ALL: Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

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

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MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM ..... Pat McBride, Julie McCaskill, & Pat Morgan

SERMON

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

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

\*Children ages 3-5 are invited to Children's Church downstairs after Children's Message.

All other children are asked to remain in the Sanctuary for the rest of worship.

**USHERS**

**TODAY** ..... Nancy Ruppert’s Team

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Jerry Smith’s Team

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

**TODAY** ..... Pauline & McKenzie Jackson

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Candy & Elizabeth Loflin

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**TODAY**

5 PM..... Mission Trip Meeting

**MONDAY**

7 PM..... Deacons’ Meeting

**TUESDAY**

10 AM .....JOY Group Lunch Trip

**WEDNESDAY**

6 PM..... Supper – Team 2

6:45 PM..... Adult Bible Study

..... Children & Youth Activities

**THURSDAY**

11 AM ..... Community Meal

**NEXT SUNDAY**

9 AM ..... Breakfast

**PRAYER LIST**

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, George Lynthacum, Mary Williams			Candy/Rodney Loflin	John Covington	brother
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner, Karen Dailey, Janet Maness			Max/Jane Luquire Barbara Lynthacum	Curtis Holt	friend
				Jo Brooks	friend
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i> Molly/Wayne Abbott			Jean Maness Sylvia McAlister	Lois Loflin	mother
				Melissa Green	daughter
Rebecca/Jimmy Blake			Pat/Bob Morgan	Carol Luther	friend
				Jesse Wallace	friend
Sheila Capel			Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
				Mary Williams	daughter
Jane Covington			Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
Ernest , Karen Dailey			Betty Green	Beth Kearns	friend
				Hazel Greene	sister
Mary James			Jean Smith	Jenelle Greene	
Pam, Ken Morgan			<i>Service Personnel:</i> Seth Spivey		
Don Britt					

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Weekly budget needs ... \$2,301.00**

**Last week’s offering .....\$2,121.00**

**Monthly budget needs.....\$9,972.00**

**January offering.....\$8763.87**