



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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Liturgist: Shirley Datema

January 1, 2012 2nd Sunday after Christmas– Liz Stafford preaching 10:30 A.M.

(* Denotes when all who are able to please stand.)
10:20 A.M.

Gathering

Meditative Music

Kyle Aho, piano

Welcome to Worship! As the congregation gathers, we invite you to take the time to center yourself in silence, asking what it is that brings you to worship today.

Reading today's Scripture may prove a good and enjoyable way to guide you in your preparation. It is 2nd Corinthians 11:16-31. You will find it on pages p.1057 in the Pew Bible.

Lighting of Candles

Ringling of Bells

10:30A.M.

Prelude

"Rhapsody In Blue"
Kyle Aho, piano

By George Gershwin

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Celebration** from Isaiah 61: 10-11 Shirley Datema

Leader: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God.

People: **For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness**

Leader: As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels

People: **For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,**

All: So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Hymn "A Closer Walk With Thee " # 617

Call To Confession Shirley Datema

Prayer Of Confession

All: Lord, we are not who you have called us to be. We have spent an entire season of Advent waiting and preparing for your coming, cleaning and cooking and shopping for you, our most highly anticipated guest and yet, despite the great preparation, we have still not truly received you, Lord. We are distracted. We are busy. We are catching the next sale, preparing for the next meal, looking ahead to the next holiday break. Stop us, Lord. Shake us back into the reality that is you, not the alternate reality we create for our selves filled with commotion. Help us to relinquish our control and see the only thing that matters: You.

Silent Meditation and Personal Confession

Words of Assurance

Gloria Patri ("Glory Be to the Father" No. 9 in *Sing to the Lord*)
Please be seated.

Anthem "Blue Skies" By Irving Berlin

Scripture Reading 2nd Corinthians 11:16-31 P.1057

Sermon "Being Blue Like Jazz" Liz Stafford

I never liked jazz music because jazz music doesn't resolve. But I was outside the Bagdad Theater in Portland one night when I saw a man playing the saxophone. I stood there for fifteen minutes and he never opened his eyes. After that I liked jazz music. Sometimes you have to watch somebody love something before you can love it yourself. It is as if they are showing you the way."
"Passion about nothing is like pouring gasoline in a car without wheels. It isn't going to lead anybody anywhere."

***Hymn** "He Lives" #262

Offertory

“Moody”
Nick Baker, & Liz Stafford, flutes

By Gary Shocker

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

(“Praise God” No. 7 in *Sing to the Lord*)

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

(using debt and debtors)

***Hymn:**

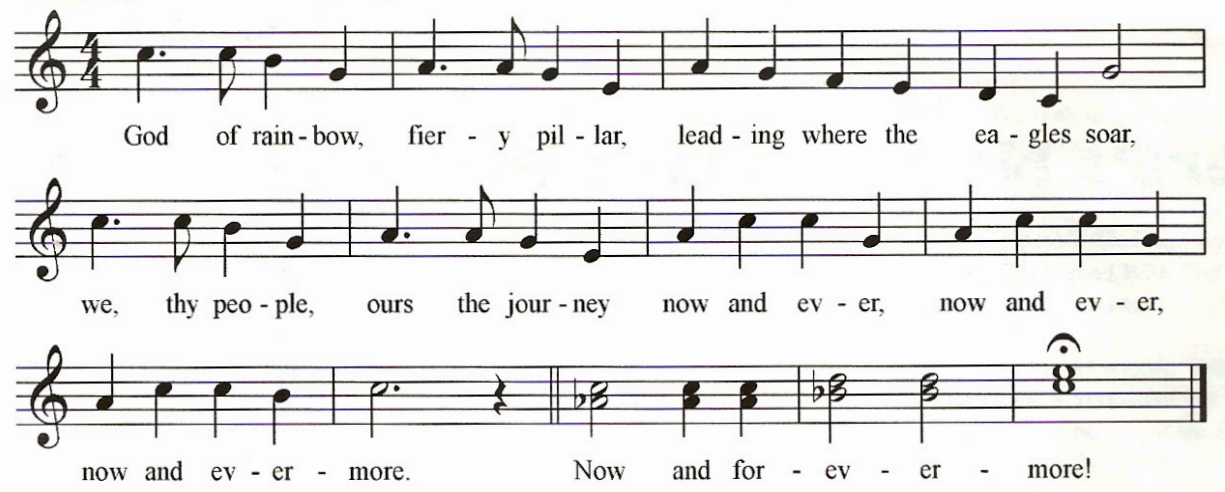
“Sunlight, Sunlight”

#427.

Blessing

***Congregational Response**

“Ours The Journey”



God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar,
we, thy peo - ple, ours the jour - ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er,
now and ev - er - more. Now and for - ev - er - more!

Postlude

“Blue Monk”

by Thelonius Monk

Our Stewardship for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Worship: The 24th-132 & The 25th –21 Offering: 2th-\$1,672.00 & 25th-\$1,040.00

Sunday School: No report Offering: \$ No Report

The average weekly offering needed to meet annual budget is \$2,423.00

FOUND: A clip earring with a white bead and a pair of glasses. They are on the desk in the office.

Our Mission Statement

St. John's Chapel UCC is called to love unconditionally, seek justice, foster spiritual growth, and embrace diversity of thought and body as taught by Jesus Christ.



**The Annual All
Congregation Meeting is
January 15, 2012**

January 1, 2012

Elaine Tebbenkamp will open the church in January

TODAY:	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Happy New Year	
Monday	Grace & Weight.....	5:30 pm
Wednesday	Choir Practice.....	7:00 pm
Thursday	BOSM Prayer Group– All Are Invited.....	9:00 –10:00 am

Next Sunday, January 8th:

Epiphany Sunday

Bring Crosslines Donations

New Group for Gays & Lesbians led by Jerry Cook at 6:00 pm.

Please remember the following people in prayer:

Kris Swanson– Daughter of Loy and Ken. Please pray that she remains cancer free.

Liz Jordan– She is still in the hospital. She continues to deal with some of the secondary infections that were posted last week. She has been admitted to Cox South , Room 919

Remember our members who are unable to attend:

Flo Valentine at Ravenwood Assisted Living 1950 E. Republic Rd. Spfd. MO. 65804.

Virginia Steury at 1820 Plaza Drive Nixa, MO. 65714