



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

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January 17, 2010

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 A.M.

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*(\* Denotes when all who are able to please stand.)*

**Gathering**

"What Child is This?"  
Piano Soloist, Tom Davis

arr. David Foster

*As we gather for worship we invite you to observe silence and enter into reflection.*

*The theme of today's worship will focus on the mystery of "The Word" becoming flesh and dwelling among us. You might want to read and reflect on our gospel lesson for today, John 1: 10-18.*

*Space to write down your thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_*

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*Or you may wish to light a candle at the Communion table to symbolize the concerns or joys you carry with you to worship, or whatever is in your heart and mind. Or you may wish to reflect where you are seated, or if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.*

Acolyte: Ashley Blackwell

**Meditative Hymn**

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

No 152

*Please remain seated for this hymn and let it be a part of your meditation and reflection.*



## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Call to Celebration**

**\*Hymn of Celebration**                      “In the Garden”                      No. 606

### **Call to Confession**

### **Silent Meditation and Personal Confession**

*During this time of inward reflection and repentance, you may want to use “Examen,” which simply means an examining of our lives in a prayerful way. It is different from a prayer of confession in that it reviews both the good and the bad of our lives. You pause to look back over your week, or as many days as you wish to examine, and notice where you have partnered with God. In other words, when were you trying to do it alone and when did you ask God to assist you? You can also remember the events, encounters or insights that felt like gifts from God and those that did not. Or remember the times in the day when you gave and received love, and when you did not give or receive love. Once your days are reviewed and examined, you may journal what you have uncovered, or simply imagine offering your insight up to God to let God love you just as you are.*

### **\*Words of Assurance**

**\*Gloria Patri**    (“Glory Be to the Father” No. 9 in *Sing to the Lord*)

### **Children’s Time**

*(Children may exit after for Children’s Choir)*

**Piano Solo:** Tom Davis                      “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”                      arr. David Foster

**Reading of Holy Scripture**                      John 1: 10-18                      p. 966

**Sermon**    “The Dove Has Landed”                      The Rev. Becky Hebert

## **Receiving of New Members**

### **\*Congregational Welcome**

**We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

## Sacrament of Baptism

### \*Congregational Assent

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.

### \*Hymn

“On the Wings of A Dove”

Bob Ferguson

1. When troub-les sur-round us, When e - vils  
2. When No - ah had drif - ted on the flood ma - ny  
3. When Jes - sus went down to the wa - ters that  
10 come, the bo - dy grows weak, the spi - rit grows numb. When  
days, he searched for land in var - i - ous ways.  
21 day, He was bap - tised in the us - u - al way.  
these things be - set us, He does - n't for - get us. He sends down his love,  
Troub - les he had some but was - n't for - got - ten. He sent him his love,  
31 When it was done, God blessed his son. He sent Him his love,  
on the wings of a dove. On the wings of a snow white dove, He sends his  
on the wings of a dove.  
42 on the wings of a dove.  
pure, sweet love, a sign from a - bove on the wings of a dove.

## Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors) & Choral Response

### Offertory

“Prelude on ‘Dennis’ ”

Dickey

### \*Doxology and Dedication Prayer

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

### \*Benediction

**\*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!

The image shows a musical score for a congregational response. It consists of three staves of music in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar,". The second staff continues with: "we, thy peo - ple, ours the jour - ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er,". The third staff concludes with: "now and ev - er - more. Now and for - ev - er - more!". The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, with some rests. The final measure of the third staff is a whole note chord with a fermata.

**Postlude**

"Living for Jesus"

Peterson



The Lord



be with you~



**You, whether a member or guest,** are an important and valuable part of this St. John's Chapel Community. Your participation in this worship service is a blessing. May you always know God's gift of unending love.

**A nursery** is available during worship for children up through three years of age. If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an usher.

**Hearing-assistance devices** are available for use during worship. If you would like to use one, please ask an usher to get one for you.

**Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Family and Friends:**

**Peggy Gilbert:** (Friend of Tona Griggs & friend & colleague of Melissa Burnett) completed intravenous chemotherapy and is now taking oral chemotherapy. "We are thankful to report", writes Rhonda Glaser, "that her cancer appears to be in remission, and Peggy wishes to thank everyone for their prayers.

**Todd McClain:** (Cousin of Melissa Burnett) was diagnosed with a kidney condition and is managing it with medication.

**Josephine Walker:** (Jeanne Kruger's mother) is in Magnolia Square, Room 228.

## More Friends to keep in your thoughts and prayers:

**Mike Garton & Family:** (friend and former colleague of Rhonda Glaser) recently lost their home and belongings in a fire. Mike also suffered extensive burns to his hand and fore-arms, but was released from the hospital last week.

### Our Stewardship for Sunday, January 10, 2010

Worship	70	Offering	\$ 2,586.00
Sunday School:	23	Offering	\$10.00

**TODAY**, the 3rd Sunday of the month, is "Kitchen Sunday", and volunteers are needed **THIS AFTERNOON at 4:15 pm.** Please see Johna Steinhauer after Worship to serve. And it's time to sign up for February, and March and beyond at the bulletin board, or call Johna this week at 877-7658. Thank you for giving of yourself~

**A huge thank you** to Evelyn Edwards for joining our Merry Band of Messenger folders this month. We need a couple of more bodies, "as needed" bodies that is, for when a regular can't make it. If you can pitch in every once and awhile, tell Deb Hall.

**Housekeeping...**Unclaimed Christmas Cards are in the Chapel Office • Please pick up your 2010 Membership Directory in the Chapel Office if you have not already done so • Get your Super Bowl nuts from Beverly Graham. Everyone can use a big bowl of delicious nuts for the big game, right?

### ***How can it be, ALREADY?!?!***

Articles and Minutes for the February Messenger  
are due Wednesday, January 20th.

**"Thank you"** to all who came, sent cards, and gave their Best Wishes.

Sincerely, John & Perdy Scafe  
Honorees of the December 27, 2009  
60th Wedding Anniversary Reception

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#### **St. John's Chapel UCC Staff**

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Announcing the Baptism of  
**Allison Jo Dodge**  
Sunday, January 17, 2010  
St. John's Chapel UCC

Parents:  
Phillip & Amanda Dodge

God Parents:  
John Wesley & Lauren Adcock

Grandparents:  
Steven & Margaret Dodge, John & Debra Adcock



**F**or in the one spirit  
we were all baptized  
into one body.

*1 Corinthians 12:13*

### **A Very Special Thank you...**

In all the hustle and bustle of the very-blessed holiday season, we neglected to THANK YOU for the support, thoughts, visits, beautiful prayer shawl, and above all, your prayers while Carsen was in the hospital, suffering from pneumonia. As we experienced our most trying time yet as a family, you were there to pray, pray, pray, and we now know for sure just how well prayer works! We can all see that Carsen is back to her tremendously-energetic self! We feel so blessed to be a part of this church family!

Love, Melissa, Rhonda & Carsen

## The Department of Spirituality

will convene on Monday, January 25th, at 6:30 pm

*by Invitation Only*

(Actually, everyone who has taken or is currently taking the Spiritual Development Class, please attend).

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### **The FIRST Christmas Party of 2010!**

Join KOINANIAS, Saturday,  
January 30th at 6:00 pm  
for "Christmas Dinner" at Grant's in Ozark  
Advance reservations via  
Nancy Anderson are a MUST~  
863-7309

*Today...*

**The Annual Meeting  
followed by  
a Carry-In Dinner in the Fellowship Hall**



**A RECYCLING CHAPEL IS A  
RESPONSIBLE CHAPEL**

Let's break it down...

- The blue recycle bin in the Narthex is for bulletins (paper) only. Please, no trash.
- Remember to bring your empty ink and toner cartridges in and place them in the proper receptacle in the Narthex. The spent cartridges earn money for our Chapel, and are refilled, resold, and thus recycled.
- After pew sheets are tallied each week, place on the office desk to be recycled as note paper for guilt-free doodling. Please help yourself, leaving some for the office, to this never-ending source of scratch paper found in the workroom (in the box behind the door).
- The two, blue recycle bins in the Chapel Office are for paper only.

Little things add up to very big things...when everybody helps~

**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.



Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

Secretary's Office Hours: 8:30 AM — 1:00 PM Monday-Friday

**January 17, 2010**

Tona Griggs will open the church for the month of January.

Today.:	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time .....	10:30 am
	Baptism of Allison Dodge	
	The Annual Congregational Meeting	
	Carry-In Dinner	
	Serve at The Kitchen .....	4:15 pm
	Confirmation Class .....	5:00 pm
Monday:	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
	Grace & Weight .....	5:30 pm
Tuesday:	Brotherhood .....	8:00 am
	Visioning Committee .....	5:30 pm
	Friendship Circle .....	6:30 pm
Wednesday:	Retired Seniors .....	12:00 noon
	Spiritual Development .....	4:30 pm
	Bells .....	6:30 pm
	Chancel Choir .....	7:40 pm
Next Sun.:	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time .....	10:30 am
	Installation of 2010 Officers .....	
	Confirmation Class .....	5:00 pm

**Welcome,**



**Phillip Ray & Amanda Joan**



**D O D G E**

**to the**

**St. John's Chapel Family~**