

St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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January 30, 2010

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 A.M.

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

Gathering

Meditative Prelude

played by Kyle Aho

As we gather for worship we invite you to observe silence and enter into reflective meditation.

The theme of today's worship will focus on how The Beatitudes turn our understanding of what's good on its heels. You might want to read and reflect on Matthew 5: 1-12.

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

Communion is available at the altar during this meditative time. There are also candles at the Communion table that you may light to symbolize the concerns or joys you carry with you to worship, or whatever is in your heart and mind. If you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.

Lighting of Candles

Acolyte: Sadie Harper

Ringling of Bells

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Celebration**

Rev. Becky Hebert

Pastor: And now will all who are able, please stand.

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. (I Corinthians 1: 25)

People: What is serious to humanity is often very trivial in the sight of God.
(Thomas Merton)

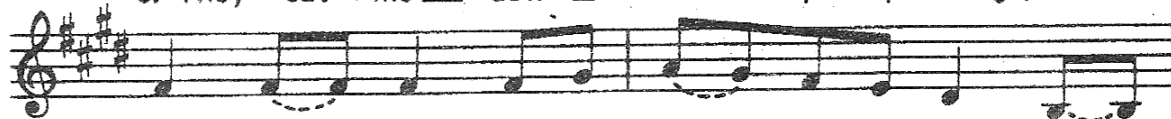
Pastor: Consider your own call brothers and sisters, not many of you were wise by human standards, or powerful, or of the elite class, but God chose you. (I Cor. 1:26)

People: God dances in the garden of creation, and calls us to let go of our own obsession with what we think is the meaning of it all so that God might have the next dance.

***Hymn of Celebration** "Lord of the Dance"



1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
2. danced for the scribe_ and the Phar - i - see, but they
3. danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the_ lame, the_
4. danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned_ black, it's_
5. They cut me_ down_ and I leap up_ high, _____



1. danced in the moon and the stars_ and the sun, and I
2. would not_ dance and they would-n't fol - low me, I_
3. ho - ly_ peo - ple, they said it was a shame, they_
4. hard to_ dance with the dev - il on your back, they_
5. I am the life that -'ll nev - er, nev - er die, I'll_



1. came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth, _ at
2. danced for the fish - er - men, for James and for John, _ they
3. whipped and they stripped_ and they hung me_ high, and they
4. bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd_ gone, _ but
5. live in_ you_ if you'll live in_ me, _____





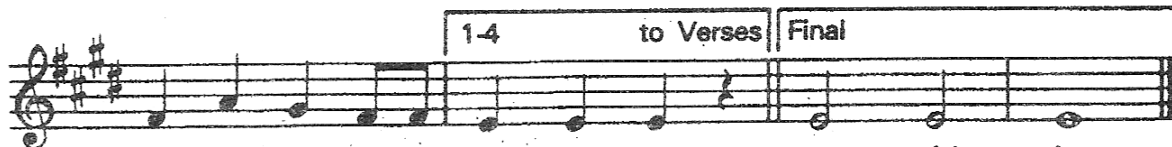
1. Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
2. came with me and the dance went on.
3. left me there on a cross to die.
4. I am the dance and I still go on.
5. I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be. I am the Lord of the



Dance, said he. I'll lead you all wher - ev - er you may be, I will



lead you all in the dance, said he. dance, said he.

***Call to Confession**

Pastor: We have heard it said:

Left side: Look after number one...

Right side: Get them before they get you...

Left side: Better be safe than sorry...

Right side: What's someone else's problems got to do with me...?

Left side: Only the strong survive...

Right side: Money makes the world go round...

Left side: Revenge is sweet...

Right side: Avoid pain at all costs...

Pastor: May God forgive us when we, as Christ's own people, believe these words to be life giving when Jesus has shown us a better way.

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*)

Please be seated.

Children's Time

Chuck Andrews

(After, children please remain in Worship)

Anthem

"On Eagle's Wings"

by Michael Jones
Arr. Douglas Wagner

Reading of Holy Scripture

Micah 6: 1-8-Pastor Becky

p. 850

Matthew 5: 1-12 Pastor Stephan

p. 880

Then pastor says: Here ends the readings from Holy Scripture. Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"What Is Good?"

Pastor Stephan Scharf

***Hymn**

"Make Me a Blessing"

No. 533

Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Choral Response

Offertory Instrumental Interlude played by Kyle Aho

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer** (“Praise God” No. 7 in *Sing to the Lord*)

***Hymn** “Give of Your Best to the Master” No. 540

Commission Rev. Becky Hebert

***Benediction** Pastor Stephan Scharf

***Congregational Response** “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” No. 784

Postlude “Instrumental Postlude” played by Kyle Aho

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.

St. John’s Chapel UCC Staff

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Interim Choir Director - Liz Stafford	Nursery Attendant - Lea Ann Kruger

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.

What Makes a Great Sausage Supper? YOU!

HELP WANTED!!! Our annual Sausage Supper is scheduled for

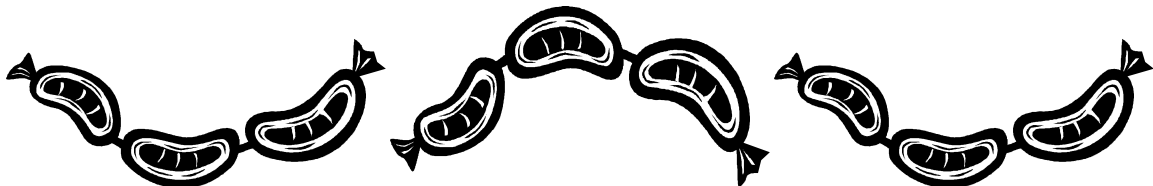
**Monday, February 21
from 4:30 to 7:00 (Presidents Day)**

We are calling on everyone in the Church to help this year. This is the largest fund raiser we have. The money that we make this year will used for special Church projects, or to help meet our budget. There are many ways to help:

- Selling tickets to your family, friends, and co-workers
 - Passing out fliers.
- Making desserts (pies are always needed), but any kind of sweet things are good
 - We can always use sugar free desserts too.
- We need people to help with the cooking and serving on the day of the event
- We especially want everyone to come to dinner that day, and enjoy the good food.

Tickets will be available from any member of the Koinonias or the Brotherhood.
You can also pick up tickets to sell in the office and fliers are available.

**This a great opportunity for everyone to
do their part in some way to help
our Church. Let's all get onboard and
make this a great success!**



Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

As we begin this new year, let us remember our friends, Flo Valentine and Virginia Shean, who are in assisted living and who so appreciate our cards and visits.

Family and Friends:

Phil Scafe: (son of John & Perdy) requires our ongoing prayers as he battles brain cancer.

Peggy Gilbert: (Friend of Tona Griggs & friend & colleague of Melissa Burnett) thanks the congregation for our continued prayers as she takes oral chemotherapy during remission of her breast cancer.

Josephine Walker: (Jeanne Kruger's mother) is in Manor Square, Room 612.

Our thanks & congratulations . . .

Presenting the 2011 Council

Dennis Gromer, Council President
Jim May, Council Vice President
Jeanne Kruger, Council Secretary
Steve Fortner, Council Treasurer
Shirley Datema, Financial Secretary
Elaine Tebbenkamp, Board of Service Ministry
Jim May, Worship Committee
Stephan Scharf, Board of Christian Education



Our Stewardship for Sunday, January 23, 2011

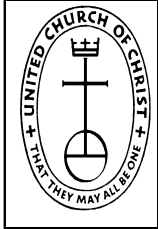
Worship: 78

Offering: \$1,915.00

Sunday School: 10

Offering: \$10.00

The average weekly offering needed to meet the 2011 budget is \$2,423.00



Sunday School — 9:15 AM
 Worship — 10:30 AM
 Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

**This week's "special offering basket" in the Narthex is for~
 CROSSLINES**

January 30 2011

Elaine Tebbenkamp will open the church in January

TODAY: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 10:30 am
 Unbinding the Gospel meeting..... After Worship

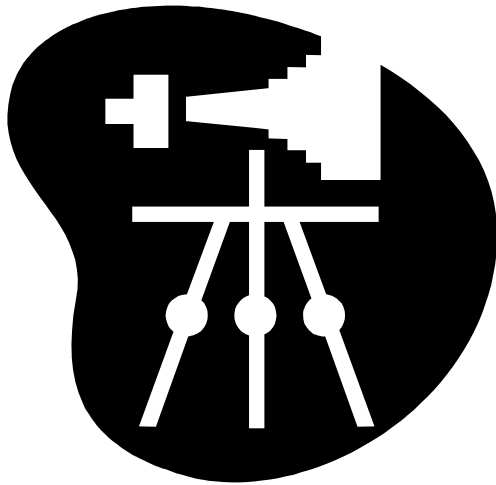
Monday: Grace & Weight 5:30 pm

Wednesday: Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Friday: Spiritual Development Course 6:00 pm

Saturday: Bread for the World, Messiah Lutheran 9:00 am

Sunday: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany..... 10:30 am
 Communion



**AN IMPORTANT PHOTO
 DIRECTORY UPDATE~**

Olan Mills is completing our photo directory now. With 18 appointments, they will come to St. John's once again for our own photo day. Anyone who could not get their individual or family photos taken last Spring, please contact the SJC office. Also, everyone serving in a leadership role must schedule an individual or family sitting (your photo for the directory is complimentary...that means FREE). There are so many new faces at St. John's and we wish to include you all...

**New Members • New Council Member
 New Staff Members • Associate Pastor & Family
 & anyone who missed last Spring's photo day.**

**Thank you for taking a moment to contact Deb & to making
 our new directory complete.**