



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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Liturgist: Nancy Anderson

January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

10:30 A.M.

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

Gathering

"Prelude"	Dubois
"Verset-Choral"	Dubois
"Offertoire"	Dubois

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

The theme of today's worship will focus on our ability to truly listen to all that God says, including what offends us. You might want to read and reflect on Luke 4:21-30, and consider the outrage Jesus' own community felt in the synagogue that day.

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

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 on this where you are on your faith journey today, or if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.

Acolyte: Sarah Graham

Meditative Hymn

"Ah, Holy Jesus"	Johan Heermann
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Words & music on the following page

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

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how have you of - fend - ed, that mor - tal
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on you? It is my
 3 For me, kind Je - sus, was your in - car - na - tion, your mor - tal
 4 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay you, I do a -

judg - ment has on you de - scend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, that has slain you. And I, dear Je - sus,
 sor - row, and your life's ob - la - tion, Your death of an - guish
 dore you, and will ev - er pray you, Think on your pit - y

by your own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
 I it was de - nied you; I cru - ci - fied you.
 and your bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and your love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

The Messiah

**“Today this
 scripture has
 been fulfilled
 in your
 hearing.”**

Welcome and Announcements

***Invocation**

Liturgist: Light of the world, come and fill us with the power of Your Holy Spirit.
Equip us to do Your work, so that all Your children will receive adequate health care, food for the journey and a bed on which to lay their heads..

People: Give Us Holy Boldness!

Liturgist Give us the boldness to lovingly speak truth to power about the struggles of the poor and the suffering.

People: Give Us Holy Boldness!

Liturgist: You call us as the United Church of Christ to act out of love and kindness in the midst of diversity and adversity; to liberate the oppressed, care for the poor, comfort the afflicted—and afflict the comfortable.

People: Give Us Holy Boldness!

Liturgist: Oh God of the voiceless and the powerless, as we lift our voices to You in song and prayer:

People: Give Us Holy Boldness!

***Hymn of Celebration** “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” No. 474

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

“Open Your Ears”

(Children may exit after for Children’s Church)

Anthem "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" arr. MacGimsey
Soloist: Loy Swanson

Reading of Holy Scripture Jeremiah 1: 4-10 p. 685
Luke 4: 21-38 p. 936

Sermon "Pardon Me While I Offend You" The Rev. Becky Hebert

***Hymn** "Wonderful Words of Life" No. 692

Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors) **& Choral Response**
(*There will be moments of silence throughout this time of prayer.*)

Pastor:

Jesus, we are gathered here as Your Church, trying to be Your Body. We gather with the sole purpose of being with You. We come to listen to You, learn from You, be judged by You and empowered by You. And so we pause in silence to listen, to learn, to hear Your judgment and be empowered.

Silence

Jesus, we know that in Your earthly ministry, not everyone heard You gladly. Even the people of Your hometown wanted to throw You down a cliff. Many walked away really upset with You. We pray that you will give us the grace to be with You, as You are, rather than as we would have You be. In silence we will try to imagine the real You.

Silence

We really do want to listen to whatever You have to say to us, to learn whatever what you have to teach us—draw us from our distractions and pull us into the blessedness of Your presence.

Silence

Heal us, gracious God. Challenge us, sustaining God. Empower us in love. We are ready to get serious about following the man who taught us to pray saying: "Our Father, who...Amen.

Offertory "Talk About a Child" arr. Taylor

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

Apostles' Creed (p. 2 *Worship Resources* in pew pockets)

***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 - er - more!

Postlude

“Toccata”

Dubois

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER VIGIL

Wednesday, February 17
 6:00 am to 6:00 pm
 St. John’s Chapel UCC Sanctuary

Please reserve 30 minutes of Prayer & Meditation by signing the sheet on the Narthex bulletin board. Thank you for your participation in this annual St. John’s tradition~



Our Stewardship for Sunday, January 24, 2010

Worship	79	Offering	\$ 1,714.25
Sunday School:	25	Offering	\$21.00

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

Mike Zay: has an infection and is in (St. John's) intensive care on a respirator, unable to proceed with quadruple bypass surgery at this time.

Family and Friends:

Dorothy Kirchoff; (sister of Esther Steinhauer) underwent open heart surgery Thursday, January 28 in Columbia, Missouri. Update: as of Thursday afternoon, Dorothy was doing fine after surgery. Everything went very well.

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

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

On Sunday, January 24th, St. John's Chapel collected a special offering of \$391.00 for the UCC Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. But the need goes on...

GIVE TO HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF THROUGH THE UCC

Your generous gift to the UCC's Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund will enable our Haitian partners to offer immediate emergency relief as well as long-term recovery and rehabilitation to the families and communities devastated by this tragedy. Visit ucc.org/disaster/major-earthquake-strikes.html for more information. Donate in one of three ways—

1. Online at the web site address above.
2. As a pass-thru right here with a check payable to St. John's Chapel UCC and OGHS—noting "Haiti Earthquake Relief" in the memo line.
3. A check sent directly to Wider Church Ministries; 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. The check should be made out to Wider Church Ministries and OGHS—noting "Haiti Earthquake Relief" in the memo line.

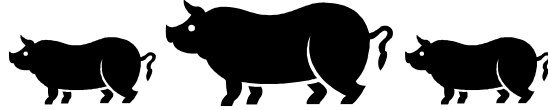
And don't forget to help by praying for the more than 3 million Haitians affected by this tragedy.

Go to www.ucc.org or give in the Narthex

All are invited to attend...

**THE ANNUAL MEETING of the COUNCIL OF CHURCHES of the OZARKS
Friday, February 12, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm,
Wesley United Methodist Church
922 W. Republic Road, Springfield 417.883.1021
SJC is one of 82 Member Churches being represented this day~**

All You Can Eat! Who Can Resist?



Sausages & Kraut

Apple Sauce

Green Beans

Mashed Potatos & Gravy

& Homemade Pie



It's time to buy you tickets for the

ANNUAL SAUSAGE SUPPER!

Monday, February 15

4:30 -7:00 pm

Adults, \$6.00 each

6-12, \$3.00 each

**See Koinania and Brotherhood members today!
to purchase your tickets NOW!**

Dear Chapel Leaders of...

- Council,
- Board of Christian Education,
- Board of Service Ministries,
- Endowment Board of Trustees,
- Western Association Delegates,
- Auditing Committee,
- Faithworks Meeting Delegates (June 11-13),
- Building & Grounds/Landscaping Committee,
- Worship & Music Committee,
- Altar Guild,
- Visioning Committee,
- Strategic Planning Committee,
- Annual Stewardship Drive Committee,
- and Camp Aurora Committee...

**Please submit to the Chapel Office
prior to Friday, February 5~**

**A complete roster of all positions~
including name, position held, status
(newly appointed/elected, one-year term,
two-year term, or three-year term), and
the end date and year of each person's
tenure.**

**A new List of Organizations will be com-
piled and distributed as soon as possible.**

**Thank you, and congratulations everyone.
Here's to a very successful 2010!**



Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

January 31, 2010

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

Today:	Fourth Sunday After Epiphany.....	10:30 am
	Confirmation Class	5:00 pm
Monday:	Grace & Weight	5:30 pm
	Board of Service Ministries	7:00 pm
Wednesday:	Spiritual Development.....	4:30 pm
	Bells.....	6:30 pm
	Chancel Choir.....	7:40 pm
Saturday:	Bread for the World.....	9:00 am
Next Sun:	Fourth Sunday After Epiphany.....	10:30 am
	Confirmation Class	5:00 pm

Pray, pray, pray for **HAITI** & do what you can

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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.