



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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February 6, 2011

Sixth 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 reflection.

The theme of today's worship will focus on Jesus' concern about our inward disposition; the condition of our spiritual heart. You might want to read and reflect on Matthew 5 21-27.

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.

Communion is also available at the altar during this meditative time.

Lighting of Candles

Acolyte: Gracie Harper

Ringling of Bells

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Celebration**

Pastor: We are gathered in the name of the triune God, who enable us to live good lives, Jesus Christ who taught us to see God's benevolent intent in his teachings, and the Holy Spirit who creates in us the desire to live our lives from the heart.

People: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk humbly with their God.

Pastor: Let us choose the good life: love God and seek to purify our hearts.

People: Blessed are those who are pure in heart for they shall see God.

***Hymn of Celebration**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

No. 17

***Prayer of 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.

Will all please stand...

Pastor: Merciful God, we ask: have mercy upon us.

All:

Congregation or choir

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." and "Christ, have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand.

***Words of Assurance**

***Gloria Patri**

("Glory Be to the Father" No. 9 in *Sing to the Lord*)

Children's Time

Joyce Burton

(Children will exit with Joyce for Sunday School)

Anthem

"He Give Me Joy"
Soloist: Lindsey Adams

Lyrics by J. Paul Williams
Music by Kirk Bullington

Reading of Holy Scripture

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Matthew 5: 21-37

p. 185
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Sermon

"From the Heart"

The Rev. Becky Hebert

***Hymn**

"Near to the Heart of God"

No. 621

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

Choral Response

Offertory

Instrumental Interlude

played by Kyle Aho

***Doxology**

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

Hymn

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

No. 474

Commissioning

Benediction



***Congregational Response** "Song of Hope"



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, Fill - ing all our
lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
on our way, Bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
Pray - ing, let us work for peace, Sing - ing, share our joy with all,
Work - ing for a world that's new, Faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

Postlude

"Instrumental Postlude"

played by Kyle Aho

A special thanks to
Lindsey Adams for lending her musical talents
to Worship this morning~

Our Stewardship for Sunday, February 6, 2011

Worship: 62

Offering: \$3,576.00

Sunday School: 10

Offering: \$16.00

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

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

As winter continues, 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: (John & Perdy's youngest) needs our continued prayers.

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.



*More Snow Removal
Funds are Needed~
Thank 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.

Friends,

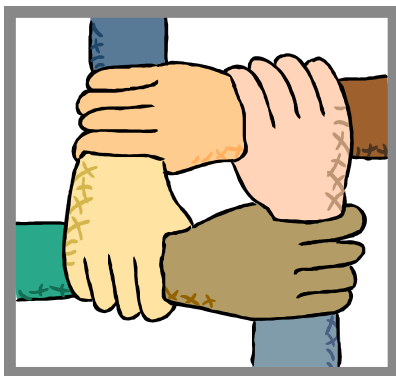
I have a friend who works with children in foster care through Lutheran Family Children's Services...she was lamenting the fact that often children moving through the foster care system are forced to carry their belongings in garbage bags when they move...(and how would that make you feel about yourself?) I am trying to collect new or gently used suitcases, duffel bags and large backpacks for the children in her care so they are not forced to feel like trash themselves. If you have anything in good condition that would be appropriate for a child, I'd love to pass it along to her...just let me know.

Thanks so much!

Mary Lou

So many thanks to be expressed...

To Chuck Andrews, Joyce Burton and Tona Rowett for leading such fun and creative Children's Times these past few Sundays...to Kathy Peterson and others for serving as liturgists...to Lee and everyone who has shoveled snow or helped someone to our door in these extreme conditions, and to our choir who have braved snow, sleet and ice to rehearse. BRAVO TO ALL!



Our 2011 Board of Service Ministry Officers are:

Louis Eggleston, President
Tona Rowett, Vice President
Johna Steinhauer, Secretary
Beverly Graham, Treasurer



Important Chapel Housekeeping Notes~

Dateline February 1, 2011; This is not new news, but we wanted all to be aware that Flo Valentine spent time in the St. John's emergency room after a fall on Sunday, January 30. Nothing broken and after treating and diagnosing anemia and other maladies, Flo is back at Ravenwood. Suzanne Grammer wrote, "As always, thank you to a wonderful church family for all your love and concern. Mom has been blessed with visits, cards, and call from many of you and she appreciates each and every one. Sincerely, Suzanne Grammer for Flo Valentine. **Update, Children's Sunday School;** The plan now is to have Children's Sunday School after the children's sermon each Sunday. **The (new) Unbinding the Gospel group** will meet at 4:30 pm on Mondays for the next 8 weeks (skipping the 21st because of the Sausage Supper). **Available now in the Chapel Office: Directories** for YAHOOs and Middle Agers Group. **A couple of messages from Pastor Becky;** We could use some help on snow removal. And Pastor Becky reminds all YAHOOs that she is hosting a Wine Tasting Party on Saturday, February 26th at her home. For directions and details, e-mail or come by the Chapel Office. Pastor Becky's address is 2652 S. Jonathan Avenue, 65810-2458. Becky's home phone number is 882-0415. And finally **from Lee Bartell, the following supply donations are needed. Your monetary contributions toward Janitorial Supplies** will go directly to buy toilet paper, kitchen towels, trash bags (extra large), furniture polish, scratch remover, and light bulbs.

Thank you!

**Messenger items are due Friday,
February 18. Thanks!**



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

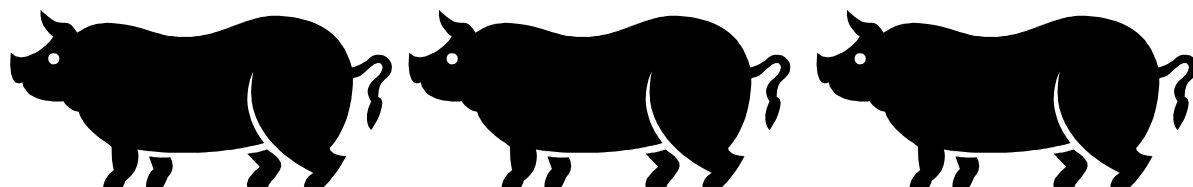
Secretary's Office Hours: 8:30 AM — 1:30 PM
 Monday-Friday

This week's "special offering basket" in the Narthex is for~ Council of Churches

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Steve Fortner will open the church in January

- TODAY: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany..... 10:30 am
 (Sunday School Planning Group) 9:00 am
 Sabbatical Committee..... Following Worship
 Independent Women..... 1:00 pm
- Monday: Unbinding the Gospel meeting..... 4:30 pm
 Grace & Weight 5:30 pm
- Tuesday: Ozark Cluster meeting 10:00 am
 Friendship Circle 7:00 pm
- Wednesday: Choir Practice 6:00 pm
- Friday: Spiritual Development Group..... 6:00 pm
 MESSENGER ITEMS ARE DUE
- Saturday: Youth Group meets..... 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Sunday: Seventh Sunday after Epiphany 10:30 am
- Monday: Don't forget the ANNUAL SAUSAGE SUPPER..... 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm



See You at the SAUSAGE SUPPER
Monday, February 21
4:30 to 7:00 pm

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.