

# The Sermon on the Mount

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

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February 20, 2011

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 A.M.

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*(\* 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 extreme generosity. You might want to read and reflect on Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18 and Matthew 5: 38-48.*

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

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*Or you may wish to light a candle at the altar 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.*

## **Lighting of Candles**

Acolyte: Karli Rowett

## **Ringling of Bells**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Liturgist

## **\*Call to Celebration**

Pastor: In the name of the triune God, the Creator, who formed us in God's own image, Christ who has called us into discipleship and the Holy Spirit who sparks in us the desire to align our hearts with God's reality.

**People:** We seek to be drawn close to God, that our hearts may purified and be transformed. So that we may delight in the richness of God's life.

Pastor: We seek to follow God's will not as oppressive law, but the path to good life.

**People:** We seek to be drawn close to God, that our whole life, our actions and our words, may reflect the light of God's reign; so that our neighbors through us may experience the delight in the richness of God's life.

Pastor: We come to worship God in honesty and forthrightness

**People:** So that Christ's Spirit may perfect us for God's realm. Come Holy Spirit, come.

### **\*Hymn of Celebration**

"Come, Holy Spirit"

No. 308

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Pastor: For the times we fall short in loving even the people closest to us, we make no time and wield harsh words.

**All: God show mercy upon us.**

Pastor: For the times we have not shared a word with the lonely ones, and have not eased the pain of the grieving.

**All: God show mercy upon us.**

Pastor: For the times we have not given shelter to the homeless or food to the hungry.

**All: God show mercy upon us.**

Pastor: For the times we failed to reach out to our enemies in love and peace, but added to hatred in words or deeds.

**All: God show mercy upon us.**

Pastor: For the times we did not open our community to other people seeking our fellowship and our help.

**All: God show mercy upon us.**

### **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**

**Mia Datema**

*(Children may exit after for Sunday School)*

**Anthem** “Oh, Wonderful Love of My God” by Patti Drennan

**Reading of Holy Scripture** Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18 p. 105  
Matthew 5: 38-48 p. 881

**Sermon** “Willing to Give the Shirt off Your Back” The Rev. Becky Hebert

**\*Hymn** “Christ for the World We Sing” 702

**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*)

**\*Offering Prayer**

**All:** Generous God, in grace you freely give, and in love you encourage us to imitate you. Let these gifts bear witness to the justice for which you long and offer a faithful response to the loving care that you have first given us in your law, your prophets, and your Son. Amen.

**\*Hymn:** We Are Called to Be God’s People, vs. 1, No. 779

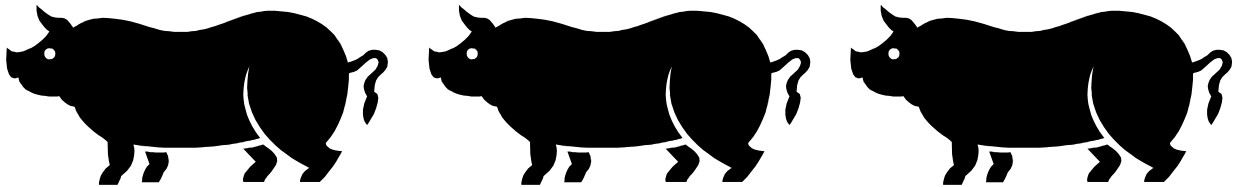
**\*Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response**      “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”      vs. 1, No. 782

**Postlude**      “Instrumental Postlude”      played by Kyle Aho

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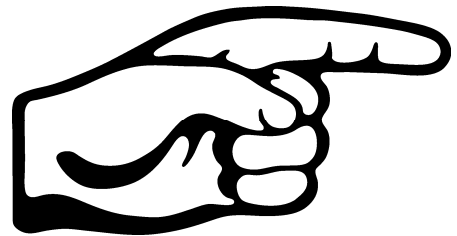
See You at the SAUSAGE SUPPER  
Monday, February 21  
4:30 to 7:00 pm



Buy your tickets today!

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Sign up in the Narthex  
**TODAY!**



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**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.



**Yes! You are needed to make  
the Sausage Supper a success.**

**Bake a Pie or Cake~**

**Or roll up your sleeves &  
serve, clear, or wash~**

**SEE & SIGN**

**The sheet in the Narthex!**

**Our Stewardship for Sunday, February 13 2011**

Worship: 74

Offering: \$4,050.00

Sunday School:11

Offering: \$10.00

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

*Reported Thursday morning  
February 17*

*Our dear friend, Eleanor Berger, is just returning home from her father's funeral (written on Thursday, February 17) reported Pastor Becky. Eleanor said the funeral was very meaningful for the family. Eleanor & Mike, you and your family are in all of our prayers.*



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

**Members:**

Flo Valentine: looked good (on 2/17 reported Pastor Becky) but as we know, she took 2 falls at the end of January then again of February 1.

**Family and Friends:**

**Phil Scafe: (John & Perdy's youngest)** is on a different round of chemotherapy in pill form that he takes for 5 days then rests for the next 27 days. Phil is having an MRI today (February 17) to determine where his treatment stands.

**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.

Messenger items are now due, thanks!

**Honest Prayer...**

Dear Lord, So far today, I'm doing all right. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty selfish or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on the Credit Card. But I will be getting out of bed in a minute and I think that I will really need your help then.

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**Seen recently on a local church marquis...**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Including melting snow.

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**From the one and only, BOB HOPE...**

**On presidents:** "I have performed for 12 and entertained six."

**On turning 70:** "You still chase women, but only downhill."

**On turning 80:** "That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing."

**On turning 90:** "You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."

**On turning 100:** "I don't feel old. In fact, I don't feel anything until noon."



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~  
**United Ministry of High Education**

**February 13 2011**

Steve Fortner will open the church in February

Sunday: Seventh Sunday after Epiphany ..... 10:30 am  
 Monday: Annual Sausage Supper ..... 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm  
           Grace & Weight ..... 5:30 pm  
 Tuesday: Board of Christian Education ..... 6:30 pm  
 Wednesday: Choir Practice ..... 6:00 pm  
 Friday: Spiritual Development Group ..... 6:00 pm  
 Saturday: YAHOO Wine Tasting ..... 6:30 pm  
 Sunday: Eight Sunday after Epiphany ..... 10:30 am



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**Your participation  
 as liturgist is  
 appreciated &  
 needed through  
 the Lenten Season.**

**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.