



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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Liturgist: Charles Dunham

March 6, 2011

Last 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 moments of spiritual ecstasy that transform us. You might want to read and reflect on Matthew 17: 1-9.

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, or if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.

Lighting of Candles

Acolyte: Sarah Graham

Ringling of Bells

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Celebration**

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us rejoice in the transforming light of this presence—

People: That enables us to be the people of God.

***Hymn of Celebration**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

No. 115

***Call to Confession**

Leader: God has come to us in Christ.

People: But we often live as if it makes no difference

Leader: We still let our fears, instead of God, rule our lives.

People: Let us confess our sins, but let us also notice the good time we have spent with God.

***Prayer of Confession**

All: Loving God, You have come to us in Jesus; yet we confess that we often refuse to find time for You. We fill our lives with as much noise as possible, avoid the silence, the mountains or anyplace where we might encounter You. Forgive us! For the time we remember to spend with You, bless us with a transformation!

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**

Pastor: God feels compassion for us and always stands ready to that which needs healing in us.

People: We thrive by the compassion Christ shows us.

Pastor: Through Christ we are all forgiven.

***Gloria Patri**

“Glory Be to the Father”

(No. 9 in *Sing to the Lord*)

the lives of the people we encounter with your radiant kindness.

Silence

We ask especially for the people for whom Your light seems far away in their lives. We pray for all people near and far, people in fear and loneliness, the ones grieving over the death of a beloved person, the ones living in hunger, poverty, and exploitation, bereft of their rights and dignity. People suffering under the calamities of natural disasters or war. God of mercy, make Your love and compassion known to them. Lift them up and comfort them. Guide the hearts and minds of all who are able to help. Give us too a compassionate heart and ready spirit to see and address the needs of others. In silence, we lift up to You our thanks, concerns for ourselves, and for others that move hearts today.

Silence

Blessed are You, living God, for You show mercy to us and listen to our needs in prayer.

Choral Response

Offertory

“Ave Maria”
J.S. Bach

Liz Stafford & Kyle Aho

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

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

***Hymn**

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”

No. 455

Service of Holy Communion

(pages 13 & 14 of *Worship Resources in pew rack*)

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (debts and debtors)

SHARING THE ELEMENTS (Please hold the cup and bread until all have been served. Note the center circle of the communion cup receptacles contains grape juice.)

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

“Ours The Journey”





Postlude

“Instrumental Postlude”

played by Kyle Aho

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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.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

Pat Barnes: Her knee surgery went very well. She is in hopes of being back in church with us this Sunday

John & Perdy Scafe: Their son Phil is feeling much better.

Family and Friends:

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 Stewardship for Sunday, February 27, 2011

Worship: 65
Sunday School:14

Offering: \$1088.00
Offering: \$11.00

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



The Ash
Wednesday
Prayer
Vigil
March 9,
6 A.M. to 6 P.M.
*Sign up in the
Narthex today*

**Remember that Daylight Savings Time
Begins Next Sunday, March 13th**



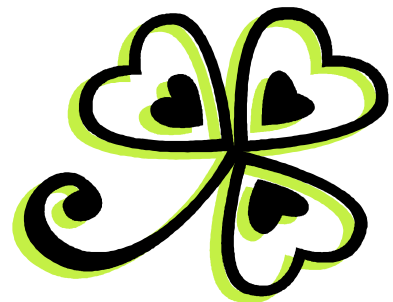


Don't Forget the
2011 BCE

BUNCO NIGHT!

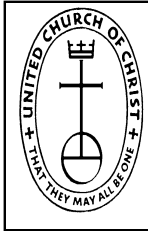
Saturday, March 12, 5:30 pm

*Enjoy (Irish) Baked Potatoes
with all the yummy fixings~*



Bring: (1) Yourself
(2) Desserts for all the Leprechauns
(3) a GREEN GIFT to share~
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Bunco was originally "8-Dice cloth", a dice game in 18th-century England. It was imported to San Francisco as a gambling activity in 1855, where it gave its name to gambling parlors, or **Bunco parlors**, and more generally to any swindle. After the Civil War the game evolved to a popular parlor game. During the 1920s and Prohibition, Bunco was re-popularized as a gambling game, often associated with a speakeasy. Law-enforcement groups raiding these parlors came to be known as "**Bunco squads**". Bunco as a family game saw a resurgence in popularity in the 1980s.



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

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

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

March 6, 2011

Shirley Datema will open the church in March

TODAY: Last Sunday after Epiphany 10:30 am
 Communion

Monday: Unbinding the Gospel meeting..... 4:30 pm
 Grace & Weight 5:30 pm
 Board of Service Ministry 6:00 pm

Tuesday: Brotherhood 8:00 am
 Crosslines Fish Day
 Council..... 6:30 pm

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday Prayer Vigil 6:00 am to 6:00 pm
 Ash Wednesday Service & Communion 7:30 pm

Thursday: Women's Guild 1:00 pm

Friday: Spiritual Development Group..... 6:00 pm

Sunday: First Sunday in Lent..... 10:30 am
 Bring Crosslines Food
 Independent Women..... 1:00 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.