

Liturgist: Nancy Anderson

## St. John's Chapel United Church of Christ

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January 15, 2012

Martin Luther King Sunday

10:30 A.M.

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

10:20 A.M.

### **Gathering**

"Abide With Me"

by Warren

Loy Swanson - piano & Kyle Aho - organ

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

*The theme of today's worship will focus on equality. You might find it helpful and enriching to read and reflect on Exodus 3: 13-17, Deuteronomy 34: 1-5 and John 8: 21-30 to prepare yourself for worship.*

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

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*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.*

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

### **Lighting of Candles**

10:30 A.M.

### **Ringling of Bells**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Nancy Anderson

### **\*Call to Celebration**

Liturgist: I waited patiently for God who turned to me and heard my cry, who lifted me out of the pit, out of the mud and mire; and set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

**All: We sing a new song of freedom and justice for all!**

Liturgist: Our God works to establish equality.

**All: We sing of all God's many wonders.**

Liturgist: Sacrifice and offering God does not desire, but for us to not wear those slavery chains.

**All: We sing. We shout "Let My People Go!"**

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

"Let My People Go"

When Israel was in Egypt's land,  
Let My people go!  
Oppressed so hard they could not stand,  
Let My people go!

*Refrain:*

Go down, Moses,  
Way down in Egypt's land;  
Tell old Pharaoh  
To let My people go!

No more shall they in bondage toil,  
Let My people go!  
Let them come out with Egypt's spoil,  
Let My people go!

Oh, let us all from bondage flee,  
Let My people go!  
And let us all in Christ be free,  
Let My people go!

You need not always weep and mourn,  
Let My people go!  
And wear these slav'ry chains forlorn,  
Let My people go!

Your foes shall not before you stand,  
Let My people go!  
And you'll possess fair Canaan's land,  
Let My people go!

### **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**

**Tona Rowett**

(The Children will remain in worship after Children's time)

**Anthem**

"Promised Land"

**Reading of Holy Scripture**

Exodus 3: 13-17, 5: 1-2

p.49-50

Deuteronomy 34: 1, 4-5

p.191

John 8: 21-30

p.975

**Sermon**

"The Great I AM"

The Rev. Becky Hebert

MARTIN  
LUTHER  
KING JR.  
*Day*



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**\*Hymn**

**"We Shall Overcome"**

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -  
2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in  
3 We are not a - fraid, we are not a -  
4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us

come, we shall o - ver - come some day;  
hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;  
fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;  
through, our God will see us through some day;

(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,  
we shall o - ver - come some day.  
we'll go hand in hand some day.  
we are not a - fraid to - day.  
our God will see us through some day.

5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.  
6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.

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

**Choral Response**

**Offertory** "God of Our Fathers" by Warren  
Loy Swanson-piano and Kyle Aho-organ

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

**\*Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" No. 460

**\*Apostles' Creed** (page 2 of *Worship Resources* in pew rack)

**\*Benediction**


**\*Congregational Response** "Peace Be Unto This Congregation"



Peace be un - to this con - gre - ga - tion. Peace to ev - 'ry  
soul here - in. Peace, which flows - from Christ's sal - va - tion. This He  
gave, our souls to save. Peace, re - deem - ing all our sin.

**Postlude** "Follow On" by William Cushing

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	<p>Sunday School — 9:15 AM Worship — 10:30 AM Pastor's Day Off — Friday</p> <p>Secretary's Office Hours: 8:30 AM — 1:00</p>
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# **The Annual All Congregation Meeting is today, January 15, 2012**

**Please make plans to attend right after worship.**

## **Please remember the following people in prayer:**

**Rosemary Witt**– Had problems with a second tooth. She has been to the dentist and is still sore, but recovering well.

**Kris Swanson**– Daughter of Loy and Ken. Please pray that she remains cancer free.

**Liz Jordan**– She is at Walnut Lawn now and she is doing physical therapy. She is weak, but hanging in there. She is in Room 314

## **Remember our members who are unable to attend:**

**Flo Valentine** at Ravenwood Assisted Living 1950 E. Republic Rd. Spfd., MO. 65804.

**Virginia Steury** at 1820 Plaza Drive Nixa, MO. 65714

## **Our Stewardship for 01/08/ 2012**

Worship: January 75 Offering: -\$2,546.00

Sunday School: 10 Offering: \$ 17.00

*The average weekly offering needed to meet annual budget is \$2,375.00*

## **Volunteers Needed**

Want to get involved with the UCC at a conference level? Want to feel more in tune with what's going on state-wide? The Missouri-Mid-South Conference is looking for a couple of people in our area to serve as deacons, visiting nearby UCC churches several times a year, and bringing conference greetings and messages. Interested? Contact Mary Lou Datema for more info. 823-7907

## **Upcoming Meeting To Vote On A Change To Our Constitution**

There will be a short meeting to vote on a change to Constitution of St. John's Chapel, January 29, 2012, after worship. The changes are posted in the Narthex and on the bulletin board in the hallway near the office. There are inserts to the bulletin also. Please tell other members who are not in attendance today about this upcoming vote.



A memorial contribution has been given to the Glory of God in loving memory of

**Earl Reed**  
By

Dwayne and Evelyn Blumenstock	The Endowment Fund
Virginia Blumenstock	The Endowment Fund

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**Virginia Shean**  
By

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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.

### **January 15, 2012**

Gary & Elaine Tebbenkamp will open the church in January

TODAY: Worship.....10:30 am  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Service

#### **All Congregational Annual Meeting after Worship**

Monday Grace & Weight.....5:30 pm

Tuesday Friendship Circle Dinner Out at Ocean's Zen.....6:00 pm

Wednesday Senior and Retiree's Luncheon.....12:00 pm

Endowment Committee meets.....6:30 pm

Choir Practice.....7:00 pm

Saturday Pastor Becky leaves for a week's vacation

Her return date is 01/28/12

#### **Next Sunday, January 22nd:**

**Rev. Dr. John White preaching**

#### **DIRECTORY UPDATES:**

Tim and Jinny Datema                      Larry & Kathy Pittman no longer have a land line

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They no longer have a land line.

#### **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.