



Liturgist: Dennis Gromer

# St. John's Chapel United Church of Christ

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January 29, 2012

Third 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 how our identity is forged. You might want to read and reflect on Mark 1: 21-28*

*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**

## **Ringling of Bells**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **\*Call to Celebration**

Liturgist: We gather for worship in the name of the triune God, the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit.

God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

**People: God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble, and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**

Liturgist: We are a people who daily seek God's face and the assurance of

God's holy love:  
**People: We gather in God's name that we may be a community woven together in God's love.**

**\*Hymn of Celebration**

"Tell Me Stories of Jesus"

No. 209

**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**

Pastor Hear the good news: there is no place, not even in the despair of our hearts, that God's love would not reach.

**People: Jesus, the Holy One of God, can command all our demons to come out of us.**

Pastor: By the authority of Christ, we are cleansed and forgiven.

**\*Gloria Patri**

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

**Children's Time**

**Chuck Andrews**

*(Children will remain in worship this Sunday after Children's Time.)*

**Offertory**

"Sweet Little Jesus Boy " by Robert MacGimsey  
solo by Loy Swanson & played by Kyle Aho

**\*Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

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

**\*Offering Prayer**

All: Loving God, look kindly on our tithes and offerings. Help us to be good stewards that we may give glory to You through their use.  
Amen.

**Anthem**

“Just A Closer Walk”

**Reading of Holy Scripture**

Mark 1: 21-28, Pastor

p.910

**Sermon**

“Memory”

The Rev. Becky Hebert  
& Liz Stafford

**\*Hymn**

“Tell me the Old, Old Story”

No. 212

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

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**Affirmation of Newly Elected and Appointed Church Officers** (p. 17, *Worship Resources* in pew pocket)

**The Newly Elected**

Council: Butch Stillman, Larry Pittman

Endowment Trustees: Dean Rund and Carolyn Wolfe

Board of Service Ministries: Mary Margaret Thompson, Johna Steinhauer and  
Lea Ann Kruger

Board of Christian Education: Chris Trumbull

Western Association 2012 Meeting: Jeanne and Karl Kruger

Missouri Mid-South Conference 2012 Meeting

**The Newly Appointed**

Camp Aurora Board: Ida Barry

Library Committee: Louise Eggleston

**Officers continuing to serve:**

Council: Dennis Gromer, Jeanne Kruger, Curt Bartell, and Elaine Tebbenkamp

Endowment Trustees: Dean Rund and Carolyn Wolfe

Board of Service Ministries: Tona Rowett, Beverly Graham, and Kathy Pittman

Board of Christian Education: Eleanor Berger, Joyce Burton, Chuck Andrews, and Butch Stillman

Auditing Committee: Eleanor Lockhart, Doris McMinn, Rita Allen

Camp Aurora Board: Eleanor Berger

Building and Grounds: Corneil Datema

Worship and Music Committee: Chris Trumbull, Kyle Aho, Liz Stafford, Esther Steinhauer, Sharon Haislip, Evelyn Edwards, and Doris McMinn

Library Committee: Doris McMinn

Memorial Committee: Eleanor Lockhart

Historian : Clo Ella Leverenz

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**\*Hymn**

“Give of Your Best to the Master”

No. 540, vs. 1

**\*Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response** “Ours the Journey”

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**Postlude**

“He Brought Me Out”  
played by Kyle Aho

By Henry Gilmour

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**Meeting To Vote On A Change To Our Constitution Today**

There will be a short meeting to vote on a change to Constitution of St. John’s Chapel, today after worship. The changes are posted in the Narthex and on the bulletin board in the hallway near the office.

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**Congratulations to our Newly Installed Council  
and Committee Members**

Kudos and many thanks to all who were installed this morning as Members of the Council and the committees of St John’s Chapel.  
The Chapel could not run without you.  
Congratulations.

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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.

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

**Liz Jordan**– She is still at Walnut Lawn and she is doing physical therapy. She is in Room 314. Charles and Jane Dunham visited her this week and they said Liz was doing well.

**Isabella Nelson**– She is the daughter of Thad & Kristy Nelson. She has been having seizures.

**Tori Gromer**– She had to have an appendectomy Monday night, and was diagnosed with strep throat on Thursday.

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

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

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

**Friends to Pray for:**

**Mary Jane Peterson:** She is a friend of Betty Huneke's. She has undergone chemotherapy and radiation for treatment of cancer of the esophagus. The cancer has returned.

**Lori Lott:** The Chapel has helped her with her utility bills, and please pray that she gets back on her feet. Be looking for her to visit us in the next few weeks.

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**Thank You**

We would like to thank everyone for all that has been done for us during our most difficult time with Earl's illness and passing.

Thank you for the prayers, visits, phone calls and many cards.

Many thanks to Pastor Becky for her prayers , visits, and all of her support.

Thank you to everyone from the Friendship Circle for all of the delicious food which they delivered to our home. Thank you to everyone for your acts of love and kindness given to our family. Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered.

Irene Reed and family

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**Our Stewardship for 01/22/ 2012**

Worship: 75 Offering: \$1,731.00

Sunday School: 7 Offering: \$ 13.00

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

## Endowment Distributions For 2012

ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTION FEB 2012

The Endowment Committee is please to announce the distribution of \$1300.00 to St. John's Chapel, UCC from the Regular Endowment Fund. This distribution is as follows:

Christian Education	\$ 3.51
Evangelism	\$ 10.14
Music	\$ 54.73
Scholarship	\$ 79.69
Building & Grounds	\$307.32
Unrestricted	\$844.61

Robert Lockhart, Chairman

John Allen, Financial Sec.

*Thank you to all who sent contributions to the Virginia Shean Memorial Scholarship or the St. John's Endowment Fund in honor of my mother.*

*The Church was an important part of my mother's life. We truly appreciate its members who were her loyal friends through the years. Words can not thank you enough for your kind, caring friendship.*

*Sincerely,  
Patsy Summers*

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us.... Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered

**Thank you  
from Patsy  
Summers**



Please make plans to attend the 2012 Sausage Supper on February. There will be more details soon to follow.

**January 29, 2012**  
 Gary & Elaine Tebbenkamp will open the church in January

TODAY:      Worship.....10:30 am  
                   **Installation of Officers**  
                   **There is a short meeting following worship.**  
                   We are voting on a change to the Chapel's Constitution

Monday      Grace & Weight.....5:30 pm  
 Wednesday Choir Practice-Liz is gone.....7:00 pm  
 Thursday    The Board of Service Ministries Prayer Group meets at the Chapel  
                   from 9:00 to 10:0 A.M. All are invited.

**Next Sunday, February 5th:**  
                   **Fifth Sunday in Epiphany**



**Christmas Cards Pick Up**

If you still have Christmas cards in the Narthex or you see cards for your friends on the table, please take a moment to pick them up or to deliver them. Thank you for helping keep the Narthex fresh as we approach 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.