



St. John's Chapel  
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October 16, 2011

Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

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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 we use questions, not to learn, but as an attempt to prove our point. You might want to read Matthew 22: 15-22 to prepare yourself for today's worship.*

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

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*You may also 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 we be served during this time at the altar.*

## **Lighting of Candles**

## **Ringling of Bells**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

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

### **\*Hymn**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

No. 65

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

Pastor: God, our Creator, who fashioned us all after Your own image, who blessed us and declared us good, hear our prayer.

Voice 1: Bless all women who labor to bring forth new life, grant joy through their

- travail. May they never have to watch their child die of starvation.
- Voice 2: Bless all men who rest in the joy of a Sabbath, grant compassion through their journey in Your presence—compassion enough to save the lives of those at risk mostly women and children.
- Voice 3: Bless all people of color who open our eyes and lift our thoughts, grant new insight through their inspiration.
- Voice 1: Bless those who sojourn among us with new ways of being, grant a willing acceptance of the richness of diversity they bring our way..
- Voice 2: Bless all young adults who strive to create a new generation of social justice, grant triumph through their courage.
- Voice 3: Bless those who have lived among us many years who strive to share their wisdom, grant that listening hearts and minds surround them.
- Voice 4: Bless the children who walk us into the wonderment of the Holy, grant astonishment through their refreshing innocence.
- \*Unison: O God, bless us all and forgive us for waiting so long to seek blessings for all Your people. And forgive us for those we have not yet included.**

### **\*Silent Reflections and Personal Confession**

#### **\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Pastor: Because of God's great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, makes us alive with Christ

**People: Even when we were dead in transgressions—**

Pastor: It is by grace we are forgiven.

#### **\*Gloria Patri**

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

#### **Children's Time**

"An Offering of Letters"

Rev. Becky Hébert\*

#### **\*Hymn**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

No. 625

#### **Morning Prayer, Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: God of the power of life, You have given us life and called us to love our neighbor as ourselves. As we remember those who are hungry, give us the courage and humility to respond in new ways, knowing that the extent to which we love those in need is the measure of our love for You.

**People: May Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: God of the power of love, in Your Son Jesus Christ, Your desire that none might hunger nor thirst was embodied in our world. Give us Your love for those in need, that we may work for justice empowered by Your passion

**People: May Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: God of all spiritual powers, by Your Holy Spirit, You convict us, transform us, and lead us into renewal. Bring us together across our differences, and deepen us in love for one another, that we may be united in feeding the hungry and eliminating poverty in our world.

**People: Give all this day their daily bread..**

Pastor: God of the power of healing, in Your Son Jesus Christ, You opened Your table to those who were neglected and overlooked. May we come to know Your extravagant love more deeply, that in gratitude we may extend ourselves generously towards others.

**People: Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

Pastor: God of all provisions, in the incarnation, death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, You assured us that there is no aspect of our lives that is beyond Your care. Your care for us in our sickness, grief, loneliness and even when we turn our face from You—which we often do when we do not want to see the eye of Christ in the marginalized.

**People: Do not let us enter into temptation., but deliver us from evil.**

Pastor: To You, O God, belongs each fertile function, ideal, energy, and glorious harmony of Kingdom rule. Give our leaders wisdom as they make decisions that affect those in our country and around the world who struggle to feed their families.

**People: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.**

**Anthem** "He's The Lord of Glory" By Phyllis C. Spiers

**Offertory** "Holy, Holy, Holy" by Dykes arr. Brickman  
Dr. Tom Davis –piano

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

**Reading of Holy Scripture** I Thessalonians 1: 1-10 p.1075  
Matthew 22: 15-22 p.900

**Sermon** "The Questions We Ask" The Rev. Becky A. Hebert

## Reception of a New Member

**Congregational Welcome** – We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

### Closing Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 507

### \*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

"Ode To Joy "  
played by Kyle Aho

by Beethoven

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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.

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

**Members:**

**Earl Reed**– Earl is doing well.

**Phil Scafe**– A recent report said Phil is doing great.

**Sgt. Matthew Gromer**-Pray for him and his family. He is overseas now.

**Joyce Scroggs**– She is doing better. She is at home. Visitors are appreciated.

**Eleanor Lockhart**– She is still undergoing treatments.

*Please Contact our members who find it difficult to attend:*

**Virginia Shean**–Ozark Nursing Care , 1486 N. Riverside Road Ozark, Mo. 65721

**Virginia Steury**– 1820 Plaza Drive, Nixa, Mo. 65714-9437

**Flo Valentine**–Ravenwood Asst. Living,1950 E. Republic Road #16,Spfd.,MO 07

**Family and Friends:**

**Bailee Wenniham**– Granddaughter of a friend of Nancy Anderson's. She is 15 yrs. old. She is doing much better. She is in speech and learning rehab. She needs prayers to help her through.

**Katie Kobberman**– Katie is Jack & Karli Rowett's aunt on their mom's side. She is in the pain management program at the Mayo Clinic. She will return to Springfield in late October. Pray for healing and for safe travel for Katie and her mother Rose when they return.

**Jennie Sauer**– Friend of Nancy Anderson. This is a praise. Her kidneys are functioning again on their own.

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**Our Stewardship for Sunday, October 9, 2011**

Worship: 75 Offering: \$3,410.00

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



Welcome To Our Church Family

Please welcome new member,  
**Mary Kirkpatrick** to our **St. John's Chapel** family

Board of Service Ministries will sponsor a **Trunk or Treat** on October 30 from 5-7 P.M. Candy donations and volunteers to help are most welcome. . They need at least five trunks to participate and lots of candy to hand out. So please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex



**The Annual October All Church Hay Ride, sponsored by the Board of Christian Education, will be this Saturday, October 22, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.**

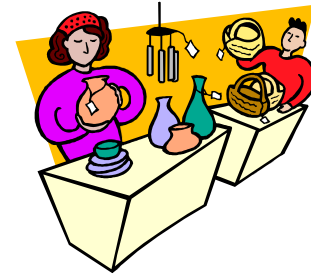
**The hay ride will be at the Datema farm. RAIN OR SHINE**

Christian Education will provide Hot Dogs, Hot Dog Buns, Chili, and all paper products. Please bring drinks, chips or desserts to share You may bring one item or more  
See you there!



**Make plans for Stewardship  
Sunday & the Carry in Lunch.  
It is October 23**

**Annual Fall Bazaar  
November 5, 2011  
8:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.**



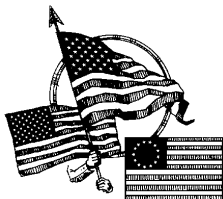
Continental Style Breakfast at 8:00 A.M.  
Lunch 11:00 AM– 1:00 P.M.

Vendors Galore- Nuts- New Cookbooks now on sale - Trash & Treasure Sale

**Mark your calendars and make plans to attend**

## **TRASH & TREASURES SALE FOR FALL BAZAAR**

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will have a **TRASH AND TREASURES** table for those items you have around the house that are too good to dispose of but you no longer have a need. (Knick-knacks, candles, kitchen items, etc). Please price them before bringing the week of Nov. 1. These proceeds will be used to help fund our outreach such as Crosslines, etc.



**A big thank you to the men in the Brotherhood  
for providing new flags for the Chapel**

SJC CROP WALK 2011  
raised approximately \$832.00 and counting.  
Thank you everyone for an excellent effort!



## Reformation Sunday Is October 30th

### October 16, 2011

Elaine Tebbenkamp will open the church in October

TODAY:	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Welcome our new member, Mary Kirkpatrick	
	World Food Day	
Monday	Grace & Weight.....	5:30 pm
Tuesday	Friendship Circle.....	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Senior & Retirees Luncheon.....	12:00 pm
	Choir Practice.....	7:00 pm
Thursday	Endowment Committee.....	6:30 pm
	Messenger Deadline	
Saturday	All Church Hay Ride at the Datemas.....	5:00 pm
<b>Next Sunday, October 23rd:</b>		
	Stewardship Sunday & Carry In Lunch	



**Help is needed to stretch the custodial budget.  
Please help us with donations  
for janitorial supplies.**

**We love our Chapel and to keep it looking good,  
we need to rely on assistance from the  
congregation. We are most grateful for  
your support.**