



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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October 23, 2011

Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday

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 counting our blessings and making sure our neighbors can do likewise. You might want to read and reflect on Matthew 22:34-46.

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

During this time, 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**

Rev. Becky Hebert

Pastor: We come to sing, pray and open ourselves to our God!

All: Our God came to us, a light in the dark, and was not overcome.

Pastor: We look to the history of our salvation and know
God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

***Hymn of Celebration**

“This Is the Day”

No. 26

Call to Confession

All: God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness:
 We are sorry for so much—for words we cannot bear to say
 for memories we cannot bear to recall
 For thoughts we cannot bear to admit.
 But you know our hearts.
 Relieve us of our burdens, bind our hearts not to the unbearable
 but rather to You. So that, in all ways, we may live in the joy and
 delight of Your loving embrace.

***Silent Meditation, Examen and Confession**

***Words of Assurance**

***Gloria Patri**

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

Epistle Reading

I Thessalonians 2: 1-8

p.1075

Anthem

Karnell Robinson-drums

“Cirrus”

Kyth Trantham– bass

by Kyle Aho

Kyle Aho –piano

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22: 34-46

p.900

Sermon

“Count Yourself Blessed”

The Rev. Becky Hebert

***Hymn**

“Awake, Awake to Love and Work”

Studdert-Kennedy

A Request by Shirley Datema

1 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the sky;
 2 Come, let your voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;
 3 To give and give, and give a - gain, as God's own grace is free;

the fields are wet with dia - mond dew; The worlds a - wake to cry
 See how the gi - ant sun soars up, God's gift for all your days!
 To spend your-self nor count the cost; To serve most glo - rious - ly

their prais-es to the Fount of Life; Christ Je - sus pass-es by.
 So let the love of Je - sus come and set your soul a - blaze,
 the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

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

Choral Response

Offering Statement

Offertory

"At First Sight"

by Kyle Aho

Offering and Pledges Received

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

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

***Offering Prayer**

All: With what You see before us, God, we demonstrate our deepest love. Receive our gifts of love—our very best as our pledges to You. May they be the blessing to others that they have been for us. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Let all Things Now Living"

No. 769

***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

"Fifth House"
Played by Kyth Trantham

by John Coltrane



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:

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:

Diane Stephens– Jim & Ida Barry's niece. She is taking chemo treatments for liver cancer.

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.

Our Stewardship for Sunday, October 16, 2011

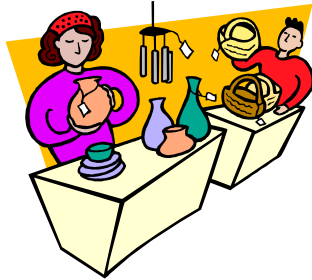
Worship: 68 Offering: \$1,482.00

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

Thank you to our guest musicians Kyth Trantham and Karnell Robinson.
Thanks to Kyle Aho for arranging this musical treat.

**Today is Stewardship Sunday &
Carry -in Lunch.
Please join us after worship.**





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
& Book Sale

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

Women's Guild Bake Sale at the FALL BAZAAR

November 5, 2011—8:00 am - 2:00 pm

The **WOMEN'S GUILD** will once again hold their annual bake sale as a part of the 2011 Fall Bazaar., on Nov. 5th. All baked goods contributions are welcome. Any one who wishes to add their delicious cakes, pies, cookies and breads to the sale may drop off their goodies at 4:00 pm, Friday, November 4. Or, if your goods won't hold well overnight, we will accept those items on the day of sale.

Your baked goods contributions are very welcome!

THANK YOU!



TRASH & TREASURES and BOOK SALE FOR THE 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.

The Friendship Circle is also having a used book sale on Nov. 5th at the Bazaar. Please bring your unwanted books and videos before Nov. 2nd so we can prepare them for sale. All paperbacks, hard cover, craft, knitting and crochet books and cookbooks are welcome. VHS, DVD and CDs are also welcome, i.e. all audio/video, and printed material is welcome. Media does not have to be church/faith related.

If you would like us to price any item for either sale, we will do so.

Reformation Sunday Is October 30th



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

They need to plan so sign up by the 23rd.

Mark Your Calendars

The Holidays are fast approaching so mark your calendars with these important dates.



Saturday, November 5
Sunday, November 20
Thursday, November 24
Saturday, November 26
Sunday, November 27
Thursday, December 8
Saturday, December 10
Sunday, December 11
Sunday, December 18
Saturday, December 24
Sunday, December 25

Annual Bazaar
Thanksgiving Service at 10:30 A.M.
Thanksgiving—Chapel Office closed
Set up for Hanging of the Green
Hanging of the Green Service at 10:30 A.M.
Women's Guild Covered Dish Luncheon 12:00 P.M.
Board of Christian Education Christmas Party
Christmas Cantata at 10:30 A.M.
Christmas Pageant at 10:30 A.M.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:30 P.M.
Favorite Hymns Christmas Service at 10:30 A.M.

The Creative Faith Project

We are involved in the Creative Faith Project through the Missouri Mid South Conference UCC. This program is designed to connect the arts community and the faith community through imagination, artistic expression, and to empower new forms of ministry. All members of St. John's Chapel are encouraged to join in. Currently Liz Stafford, Kyle Aho, Chris Trumbull, and Pastor Becky are signed up. Please let any of them know if you are interested in participating. They are going to attend a meeting in Columbia, November 12th from 10 am to 4pm.

October 23, 2011

Elaine Tebbenkamp will open the church in October

Stewardship Sunday & Carry In Lunch

TODAY:	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Carry In Lunch after Worship	
Monday	Grace & Weight.....	5:30 pm
Tuesday	Friendship Circle.....	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Ozarks Cluster.....	10:00 am
	Stewardship Committee.....	6:00 pm
	Choir Practice.....	7:00 pm

Next Sunday, October 30th:

Reformation Sunday

Trunk or Treat sponsored by the Board of Service Ministries—
Volunteers and candy needed



**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.**