



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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October 24, 2010

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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 scripture passages on which today's worship service will focus are Psalm 121 and Ephesians 4: 1-3. You might want to read and reflect on these passage in the 10 minutes of calm before services begin.

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

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. For those wishing to receive communion you are invited during this time to come forward to the communion table and the pastors will serve you.

Lighting of Candles

Acolyte: Sadie Harper

Ringing of Bells

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Celebration**

Pastor: If able please stand to lift your voices in a love song to our God.

People: God, You hear our prayers, forgive our sins and call us to dwell with you!

Pastor: God of our hope, you are the life of the entire world.

People: Your faithfulness calls forth songs of joy from the ends of the earth.

Pastor: You formed the mountains and still the roaring sea.
You calm the uproar of the nations.
You care for the land, bless it with water,
and fill it with grain to feed the people.

All: Let all creation shout and sing for joy.

***Hymn of Celebration** “We Are Called to Be God’s people” No. 779

Invocation

All: We give You thanks, dear God, for all the ways that You bless our lives: the beauty and abundance of nature, the love of family and friends, the joy of knowing You and hearing your word.

Send Your Spirit during this time of worship so that we might dream your dreams and see visions of the world as You created it to be.

Guide our thoughts and actions. Bring us closer to You so that our lives may be filled with an abundance of love and joy.
Amen.

Call to Confession

Silent Meditation and Personal Confession

During this time of inward reflection and repentance, you may want to be reflective on, “Where God has been active in your life this week—and—where you have been active in God’s life this week.”

***Words of Assurance**

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

Children’s Time

(Children may now go to Sunday School.)

Hymn “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Peter Schoites

1. We are one in the Spir-it, We are one in the Lord, We are
 2. We will walk with each oth-er, We will walk hand in hand, We will
 3. We will work with each oth-er, We will work side by side, We will
 4. All— praise to the Fa-ther, From— whom all things come, And all

1. one in the Spir - it, We are one in the Lord, And we
 2. walk with each oth - er, We will walk hand in hand, And to -
 3. work with each oth - er, We will work side by side, And we'll
 4. praise to Christ Je - sus, His— on - ly— Son, And all

1. pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 2. geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 3. guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save— each man's pride.
 4. praise to the Spir - it, who— makes— us— one.

Chorus

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

love, Yes, they'll know— we are Chris-tians by our love. (by our love.)

Reading of Holy Scripture

Psalm 121
Ephesians 4: 1-3

p. 121
p. 1065

Anthem

Special Music for Piano & Flute

Flute, Liz Stafford
Piano, Kyle Aho

Sermon

“Heads Up & Hearts Up! Anticipation & Assurance of God and His Goodness”
by Dr. Marc A. Wessels, Associate Minister
Missouri Mid-South Conference of the UCC

***Hymn**

“All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord”

No. 684

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

Gracious God, You approach us with a gentle compassion and a patient acceptance. In Your presence we can truly learn to accept and love ourselves, and to be at peace...and from this peace flows the power that enables our transformation.

Silence

You created us in Your image. And as You seek relationships with us and with Your whole creation, we realize that we are not solitary beings, but rather beings who live fullest when communion is shared with one another. You provide us the joy of love experienced as children, as siblings, as parents and as grandparents. You surround us with friends and with our life partners: our spouses, to whom we are bonded in an intimate relationship that allows us to fulfill our deep longing for true companionship. God, we are thankful for Your provisions. There are times when life with each other may be hard or even painful. In these times, teach us love, patience and humility...and with Your grace, guide us to a new start when we fail to show the love You intended to each other.

Silence

Christ Jesus, we have felt God’s love and gentleness in the stories of Your life and ministry, and it inspires us to seek You out and be Your followers. We, as Your

church, are united in a shared hope for the fulfillment of God's reign among us: we are united in the challenge to become, for each other, an example of God's love as You have taught us. Be with us, that we maintain this unified vision with the help of Your love, forgiveness, and gentle patience.

Silence

God, as we humans are united in our life on this planet, teach us to overcome the boundaries we erect between us, and to overcome the indifference we so often allow to rule our relationships with each other. Open our hearts and fill us with Your gentleness and compassion when we reach out to each other. Teach us to share in each other's joy and to help and support each other through grief. For all the sick, hungry and oppressed, for the lonely, imprisoned, persecuted, and marginalized, we pray, God, hear their cry and show us the many ways we can be their comforter.

Choral Response

Offertory

Instrumental Interlude

played by Kyle Aho

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

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

***United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in Form of a Doxology**

We believe in You, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to Your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in Your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by Your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,

You have come to us and shared our common lot,

Conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to Yourself.

You bestow upon us Your Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,

Binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into Your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,

To be Your servants in the service of others,

To proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil,
To share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion
and victory.

You promise to all who trust your forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,

Your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in Your realm which has
no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" No. 784

Postlude "Instrumental Postlude" played by Kyle Aho

FALL WORKDAY at the CHAPEL

Saturday, October 30, 9:00 am



This week's "special offering basket" in the Narthex is for the
CUE Seminary Support~

Our Stewardship for Sunday, October 17, 2010

Worship: 68 Offering: \$2,342.00
Sunday School: Offering: \$12.00
*The average weekly offering needed to meet
annual budget is \$2,704.00*

The Ministerial Relations Committee will meet in the next few weeks, so if the congregation has any input, please contact a Council member.

**Thanks,
Jim May, Council President**

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HOLIDAY BAZAAR 2010

November 6, 8:00 to 2:00

Please bring your Trash & Treasures or Collectibles for the table, and please price items before you bring them in~



Fresh Nuts from Osage Pecan Company will be on sale!



We are completely booked with both member and outside vendors, so come and look over the fabulous merchandise!

Lunch will be served 11 am to 1 pm: ALL YOU CAN EAT soup, sandwich, dessert and drink! We would love to have you all come~

The Friendship Circle proceeds from the Bazaar help to replenish our Crosslines account to buy food and milk in addition to what is donated~



Women's Guild Bake Sale **at the FALL BAZAAR**



November 6, 2010—8:00 am - 2:00 pm

The **WOMEN'S GUILD** will once again hold their annual bake sale as a part of the 2010 Fall Bazaar., November 6. 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 5. 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!



Reformation Sunday

October 31

**Please bring your SJC photos to share
before & after Worship~**

*And label each with your name
so you know which are your prized photos
in case of duplicates. Thanks!*



Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

October 24, 2010 Elaine Tebbenkamp will open the church~

TODAY: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am
 Dr. Marc A. Wessels, Associate Conference Minister

Monday: Grace & Weight today 5:30 pm

Tuesday: Board of Christian Education 7:00 pm

Wednesday: Bells 6:30 pm
 Choir Practice 7:40 pm

Friday: Spiritual Development Course continues weekly meetings..... 6:00 pm

Saturday: Fall Work Day 9:00 am

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost..... 10:30 am
 Reformation Sunday, "German Service"
 Pastor Stephan Scharf

Service of Recognition for Pastor Stephan Scharf
Sunday, November 14, 4:00 pm

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members: *(including those who might as well be members)*

Eddie Anderson: was at last able to have an MRI which revealed a pinched nerve. The next step will be to head over to the Pain Clinic.

Family and Friends:

Bob Eggleston's father, Robert: is currently in St. John's Hospital after a series of mini-strokes.

Phil Scafe: (John and Perdy's youngest son) is awaiting a diagnosis after suffering symptoms that lead doctors to believe that it may be MS or a brain tumor. Phil will receive an MRI this week.

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 Magnolia Square, Room 228.

From CloElla Leverenz: her Grandson, Tanner Brunner, is scheduled for another serious surgery to hopefully restore feeling in his legs on October 28th.

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.