



Sunday School — 9 AM

Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

Secretary's Office Hours: 8:30 AM — 1:00 PM Monday -Friday

**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.

**Flu Season is here!** Hand sanitizer is available in the Narthex beside the bulletins.

**On Sunday, November 29** there is an opportunity to sign up and serve as liturgist. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you.

Mowers are needed for **October 18, November 1, and November 15.** The sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you.

 **Please note: 5 pm is the correct time** for the **October 10 Koinonia** Get Together at the Berger's. Directions from Highway 13 in this bulletin.

### **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.

# **World Communion Sunday**



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

4344 South Fremont Avenue  
Springfield, MO 65804-7306

[www.stjohnschapel.org](http://www.stjohnschapel.org)

October 4, 2009



## Our Stewardship for Sunday, October 4, 2009

Sunday School 22  
Worship 82

Offering \$17.00  
Offering \$2,931.00



Keep the following people in your thought and prayers:

### Members:

**Bob and Sue Davis:** Bob reports that Sue, who is suffering from Alzheimer's, is doing better and her memory has improved.

**Butch Stillman:** has some numbness in his legs and could still use lots of prayers.

**Perdy Scafe:** has now also been diagnosed with diabetes as well as non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.

### Family and Friends:

**Shirley Datema's** mother, Wanita Chestnut, peacefully passed away on Sept. 29.

**Thelma Hurshman:** is now home and doing great!

**Peggy Gilbert:** (Friend of Tona Griggs) is battling aggressive breast cancer.

**Josephine Walker:** (Jeanne Kruger's mother) is at Magnolia Square, Room 228, 502 W. Edgewood (65807).

**Holly Francis:** (Logan McCuiston's mother) is doing well.

**Joyce Johnson:** (Friend of Glenda Weise) was in remission from breast cancer, but it has now returned and is in her bones.

**Todd McClain:** (Cousin of Melissa Burnett) is undergoing extensive medical tests.

**The UCC is ceasing publication** of *United Church News*. The Missouri Mid-South Conference has also ceased publication of *The Courier*. You now have 3 options to keep in touch with what's happening in the conference:

1. You can sign up for the electronic newsletter, *eCourier*, by e-mailing [mms@mmsucc.org](mailto:mms@mmsucc.org).
2. The Missouri Mid-South Conference has a Facebook page.
3. You can visit the conference website at [www.mmsucc.org](http://www.mmsucc.org).

**A Change of Address** for Mr. & Mrs. Bill Brunner (Clo Ella's daughter), 113 Carlton Point Drive, Wentzville, MO, 63385.



### **Discernment Prayers for Our Church.**

Prayer time is on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at noon. The next prayer dates are Oct 13th and Oct 27th.



Leader: The bread before us comes from many countries.

People: **This is the day which God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

No. 693

### **Blessing of the Bread**

### **\*Call to Confession**

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

People: **Holy God of steadfast love, have mercy upon us, for we have often used our power, to hold advantage over and control others and to wage war against our neighbor.**

Leader: Dear God, have mercy upon us and teach us that by using our power to defeat and control, we are, by destroying others destroying ourselves, our world, our institutions, our very soul.

People: **Forgive us our limited world view, our greed, our self-perpetuating choices, our envy, our hatred, our betrayals, our lack of love and joy—and give us the power to change.**

Leader: Hear, O God, our cry for a spirituality that empowers, for a power that pleads and a power that frees.

People: **For a power that's gentle, and a power that cares for the people, for power that empowers other, and restores their hope, and gives them back their dignity.**

### **\*Silent Meditation and Personal Confession**

Pastor: Amen.

People: Amen.

### **\*Words of Assurance**

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

### **Children's Time**

(Children may exit for Children's Choir.)

### **Anthem**

"The Greatest is Love" (Allen Pote) featuring Liz Stafford, Flute

### **Reading of Holy Scripture**

Romans 12:9-21

p. 1034

Mark 10:2-16

p. 921

**Sermon**

The Rev. Becky A. Hebert

“Extending Hospitality to Strangers”

**\*Hymn of Courage**

“We Are Not Our Own”

1 We are not our own. Earth forms us, hu-man leaves on na-ture’s grow-ing  
 2 We are not a-lone. Earth names us: past and pres-ent, peo-ples near and  
 3 Through a hu-man life God finds us; dy-ing, liv-ing, love is ful-ly  
 4 There-fore let us make thanks-giv-ing, and with jus-tice, will-ing and a-

vine, Fruit of man-y gen-er-a-tions, seeds of life di-vine.  
 far, fam-i-ly and friends and strang-ers show us who we are.  
 known, and in bread and wine re-minds us: we are not our own.  
 ware, give to earth, and all things liv-ing, lit-ur-gies of care.

**Offering**

Make Us One

Hammerly

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

**Blessing of the Wine**

**Prayers of the Community, Lord’s Prayer and Choral Response**

**Words of Institution**

Serving of the Bread

Serving of the Wine (*center circle of cups contains grape juice*)

**\*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.

**Organ Postlude**

Allegro Appassionato

Landis

