



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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Liturgist: Nancy Anderson

November 1, 2009

All Saints Day

10:30 A.M.

** Denotes when all who are able to please stand.*

Gathering Music, "Reprise" by Paul Manz is being played in memory of Dr. Paul Manz, composer of choral and organ music, who passed away Wednesday the 29th at the age of 90. "Reprise" is an organ reflection of his most famous choral work, "E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come".

As we gather for worship, we invite you to observe silence and enter into reflection.

If Jesus asked you today, "Which commandment is the first of all?", what would your answer be?

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

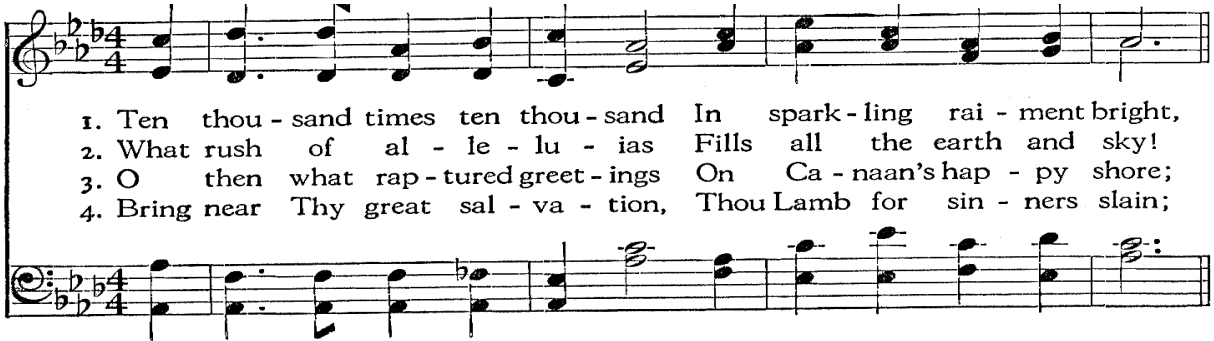
Or you may wish to come forward and light a candle at the communion table to symbolize the concerns or joys you carry with you to worship, or whatever is in your heart and mind. Or you may spend time reflecting on this where you are, or if you reflect better walking, walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon the images you encounter.

Meditation Hymn "Sing With All the Saints" No. 666
Please remain seated for this hymn, as it concludes our time of prayer and meditation.

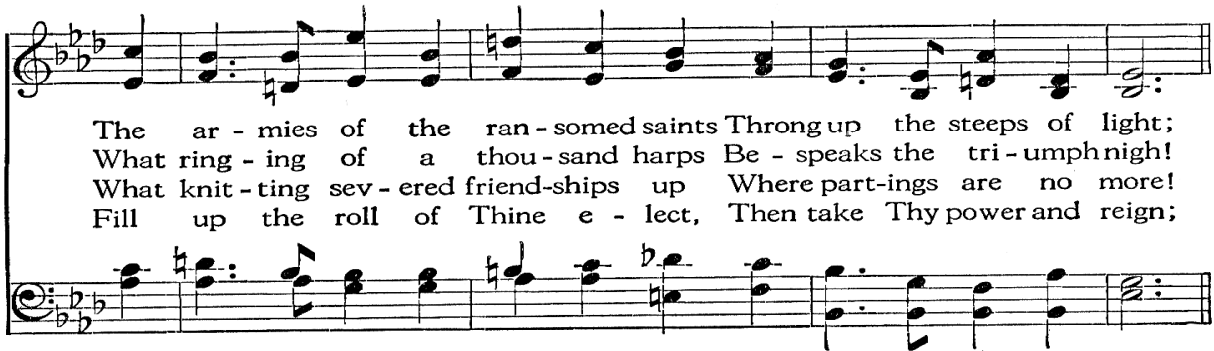
Acolyte: Sadie Harper

Welcome and Announcements

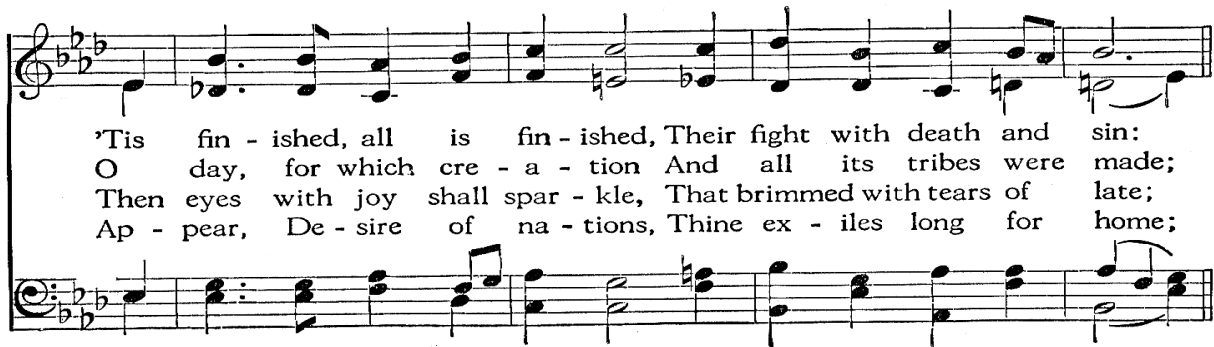
***Hymn of Praise** "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand" (also entitled, "Eternal Life")



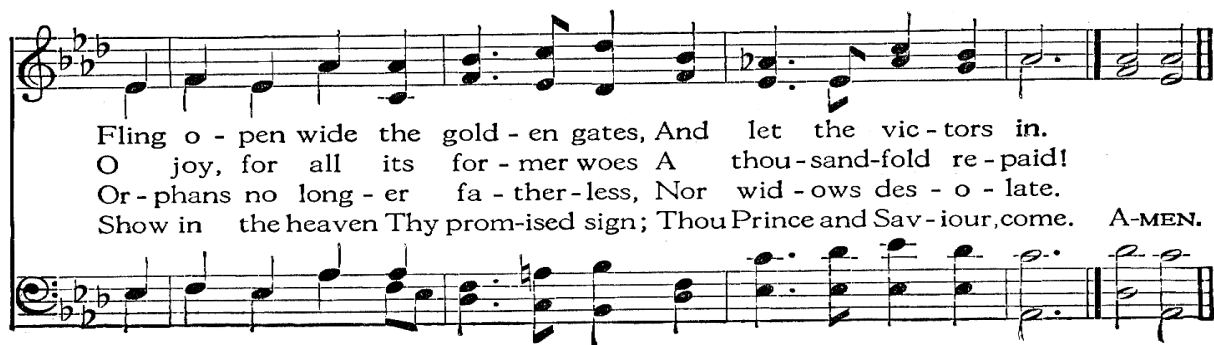
1. Ten thou - sand times ten thou - sand In spark - ling rai - ment bright,
 2. What rush of al - le - lu - ias Fills all the earth and sky!
 3. O then what rap - tured greet - ings On Ca - naan's hap - py shore;
 4. Bring near Thy great sal - va - tion, Thou Lamb for sin - ners slain;



The ar - mies of the ran - somed saints Throng up the steps of light;
 What ring - ing of a thou - sand harps Be - speaks the tri - umph night!
 What knit - ting sev - ered friend - ships up Where part - ings are no more!
 Fill up the roll of Thine e - lect, Then take Thy power and reign;



'Tis fin - ished, all is fin - ished, Their fight with death and sin:
 O day, for which cre - a - tion And all its tribes were made;
 Then eyes with joy shall spar - kle, That brimmed with tears of late;
 Ap - pear, De - sire of na - tions, Thine ex - iles long for home;



Fling o - pen wide the gold - en gates, And let the vic - tors in.
 O joy, for all its for - mer woes A thou - sand - fold re - paid!
 Or - phans no long - er fa - ther - less, Nor wid - ows des - o - late.
 Show in the heaven Thy prom - ised sign; Thou Prince and Sav - iour, come. A - MEN.

***Invocation**

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**

***Gloria Patri**

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

Children’s Time

(Children may exit after for Children’s Choir)

Anthem

“Sound the Trumpet”

Henry Purcell

Reading of Holy Scripture

Psalm 119: 1-8

p. 555

Mark 12: 28-34

p. 924

Sermon

“The Ultimate Question”

The Rev. Michael K. Olmsted

***Hymn**

“God of the Ages”

No. 754

Prayers of the People, Lord’s Prayer (using debt and debtors) **& Choral Response**

(During this time of prayer there will be times of silence for you to reflect, to talk with God, and to listen for God’s still, small voice.)

Pastor: The One who has given us life, call us now as mutually responsible members of one body to open our hearts, minds, and souls to the power of God’s love—that it may fill us and empower us. So relax in silence and turn your attention to God.

Silence

O God, You are the dependable and active One who liberates and loves us out from under the powers of false authority. You are the One who takes us from being strangers and sojourners with the people of the world, to neighbors in love and working to bring hostility to an end. We come to You asking that You work Your magic on us. Touch this congregation with the majesty of relinquishing all authority to You, so that we may live under the banner of love and justice for all.

Silence

Strengthen us to follow in the way of Jesus. Teach us to rely not upon our own strength of will to do Your will. Remind us in every moment in our lives to turn to You for guidance and to tap into Your power.

Silence

We pray for all who are sick of body, mind, or spirit, asking that You bless them with a healing. Also open our hearts to hear to whom You wish to send us, so that we may be salve for their hurts, or answers to their prayers for food for the body or soul.

Silence

We thank You for the life of Christ that guides us, and for the life You have given us. May we use it to live boldly to spread Your love throughout this land. Teach us to freely and genuinely love our neighbor and You. May Your perfect love flow through our lives, just as it did through the life of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying: "Our Father who art in heaven..."

Offertory

"Behold a Host"

Ferguson

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

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

***UCC Statement of Faith**

(*Worship Resource* in pew pocket p.1)

***Blessing and Sending**

Going Forth Singing

"Ours the Journey"

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar,
we, thy peo - ple, ours the jour - ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er,
now and ev - er - more. Now and for - ev - er - more!

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:

Perdy Scafe: had additional tests on October 26 to determine the benefit the of (the week of) October 18th’s shot.

Dwayne Blumenstock’s: Non-Hodgkins lymphoma is no longer in remission and he is undergoing chemotherapy.

Family and Friends:

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).

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.

On Sunday, November 29 there is an opportunity to serve as liturgist.

Mowers are needed for the week of November 1 and November 8.

Sign up sheets for liturgists and mowers are in the Narthex. Thank you.



Our Stewardship for Sunday, October 25, 2009

Sunday School	17	Offering	\$9.00
Worship	87	Offering	\$2,415.50

Discernment Prayers for Our Church

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

November 10th and November 24th.



ATTENTION BAKERS! Your cakes, pies and desserts are needed for the Friendship Circle's Annual Bazaar. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

Thank you for your *delicious* support!

The Friendship Circle Annual Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 7th and will feature both crafts and antiques for sale this year. Anyone interested in a vendor table call Beverly Graham, 881-3034 to apply.



Fall Bazaar

Proceeds from the Annual Bazaar help the Friendship Circle support the Crosslines account and other important projects in our church.



It's Crosslines Toy Store time! Crosslines is anticipating a record number of parents needing help this year to provide gifts for their children for Christmas. The pantry has seen increased needs all year as the economy affects more and more families. Let's send a big donation of toys from St. John's Chapel to help the Crosslines Toy Store this year. St. John's Chapel is focusing our efforts on the 0-24 month age group.

Bring an age appropriate, New gift prior to December 13th.

(Leave toys as purchased in manufacturers' packaging with the price tag intact).

More information coming soon including suggestions for most-needed and wanted items. Our 2009 Crosslines Toy Store Coordinator is Eleanor Lockhart, 881-3811.

The Ozark Laity Cluster of the Ozark Cluster will meet at St. John's Chapel on Sunday, November 8, at 4:00 pm. A major portion of this meeting will focus on whether to apply for a UCC grant for publicity. This is an open meeting and all are invited and encouraged to attend.



on our web site,
stjohnschapel.org

Have you visited our web site recently?

Each Friday, current events for the week ahead are posted, making it more convenient than ever to keep up with Chapel happenings. And coming soon online, Pastor Becky's sermons. And this week on www.ucc.org, "We must continue to move together though weary we may be. We must steadily advance the cause that health care must be realized for all in this country". Find out how you can make a difference in the health care debate today at the official web site of UCC.

VISIT...

www.ucc.org
www.stjohnschapel.org

...NOW!



FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE ANNUAL BAZAAR

CRAFTS•ANTIQUES•BAKE SALE•NUTS•& MORE!

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009
8:00 AM TO 2:30PM**

**7:00 AM•EARLY BIRDS CAN GET
HOMEMADE ROLLS & COFFEE**

**11:00 AM TO 2:30 PM
ALL YOU CAN EAT LUNCH
SOUP•SANDWICHES•DESSERT•DRINK
ALL FOR ONLY \$6.00**

**FRESH NUTS GALORE FROM
THE OSAGE PECAN COMPANY
PECANS•WALNUTS•ENGLISH WALNUTS•& MORE!
ALSO, VARIETIES OF CHOCOLATE
INCLUDING SUGAR-FREE CHOCOLATE PECANS &
TWO VARIETIES OF DARK, HEALTHY CHOCOLATE NUTS**

**DURING LUNCH
A LIVE PERFORMANCE OF
SOUTHERN GOSPEL SINGING!**

Y'ALL...(MEMBERS, RELATIVES, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS)

COME SHOP!

COME EAT!

& COME ENJOY!





Worship — 10:30 AM
 Pastor's Day Off — Friday
 Secretary's Office Hours: 8:30 AM-1:00 PM Monday -Friday

November 1, 2009

Shirley Datema will open the church in November

Today: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost..... 10:30 am
 All Saints Day
 Guest Preacher, The Rev. Michael Olmsted
 No Confirmation Class this Evening

Monday: Board of Service Ministries 7:00 pm

Wednesday No Grace & Weight
 Chapel Bells..... 6:30 pm
 Chancel Choir 7:40 pm

Saturday Friendship Circle Bazaar 8:00 am-2:30pm
 Bread for the World at Messiah Lutheran 9:00 am

Next Sunday Twenty-third Sunday after Pentacost 10:30 am
 Communion
 Bring Crosslines Food
 Ozark Cluster Laity Cluster 4:00 pm
 No Confirmation Class this Evening

Next Monday Grace & Weight moves to Mondays beginning November 9 5:30 pm



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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.