



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ

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Liturgist –Marsha Schatz

November 13, 2011 **The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time** 10:30 A.M.

(All who are able, 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 not playing it safe with God's wealth. You
might want to read and reflect on I Thessalonians 5: 1-11 and Matthew 25: 14-30.*

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

Communion is also available at the altar during this time.

Lighting of Candles

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Celebration**

Leader: Lift up your eyes.

People: We lift them up to God, who is enthroned in the heavens.

Leader: Look and see God.

People: We look and see God all around and within us.

Leader: Let us spend time with God that we may know God.

**Unison: Let us lift up our eyes and look within for our God is present within
and without.**

***Opening Hymn**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

No. 2

***Call to Confession**

Leader: What are we waiting for?

People: We are children of the light and children of the day, we are not of the night or of darkness.

Unison: So let us confess our sin together.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison: We admit it. We are hesitant disciples, O God, we really do not want to wait upon You to give us direction. We are afraid we will be asked to use our gifts for things we would rather not. We would rather begrudgingly serve You than be owned by Your freeing love. We prefer false security and phony peace than risk the loss of our calculations or control. We keep waiting, waiting, waiting—until the time is right by our standards. We are disciples of unholy hesitation, waiting for everything but Christ, while our times get harder.

***Silent Meditation and Personal Confession**

Pastor: Amen.

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Pastor: Timing is everything.

People: **At the right time Jesus gave His life to herald in a new age.**

Pastor: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and freed to bring the new age to completion.

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

Children’s Time The Rev, Becky Hébert
(*Children may exit after for Pageant practice.*)

***Hymn** “Breath on Me, Breath of God” No. 302

Morning Prayer, Lord’s Prayer & Choral Response (*Using debts and debtors*)

Offertory “Thou Whose Purpose Is To Kindle” by Rowland Prichard

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

Anthem "Here I Am, Lord" by Daniel L. Schutte

Reading of Holy Scripture I Thessalonians 5:1-11 pg. 1077
Matthew 25:14-30 pg. 904

Sermon "The Promise" The Rev. Becky Hebert

***Hymn** "Standing on the Promises" No. 687

Apostles Creed (page 2 in Worship Resources)

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** "How Can I Keep From Singing?"

VERSES:



1. My life flows on in end - less song; — a -
bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. — I hear the real though
far - off hymn — that hails a new cre - a - tion. —
No storm can shake my in - most calm, — While to that Rock I'm
cling - ing. — Since Love is Lord of — heav - en and earth,
How can I keep — from sing - ing? —

Postlude "I Come With Joy " Traditional



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.

St. John's Chapel UCC Staff

Pastor - Rev. Becky Hebert	Secretary- Beth Shane-Clark
Music Director - Liz Stafford	Organist - Kyle Aho
Nursery Attendant - Lea Ann Kruger	Custodian - Lee Bartell

Members:

Earl Reed– Earl continues to get weaker.

Sgt. Matthew Gromer-Pray for him and his family. He is in Germany at this time.

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

Bailee Wenniham– Still in rehab fro speech & learning. Friend of Nancy Anderson's

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Shirley Datema will open the church in November

TODAY:	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 am
	Meditative Prelude to Worship.....	10:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Congregational Meeting To Approve the Budget After Worship	
	Independent Women meet	1:00 pm
Monday	Grace & Weight.....	5:30 pm
	Board of Service Ministries.....	6:00 pm
Tuesday	United Ministries in Higher Ed—Open House 5 pm—Dinner 6:30 pm	
	Friendship Circle	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Senior & Retirees Luncheon.....	12:00 pm
	Choir Practice.....	7:00 pm
Friday	Pastor Stephan's Farewell Party-All Are Invited.....6-8:00 pm	
	The Party will be held at Cynthia & Dennis Gromer's Home	

Next Sunday, November 20th:

Thanksgiving Memorial Service

11-24-11 Thanksgiving Day

Our Stewardship for Sunday, November 6, 2011

Worship 72 Offering: \$4,197.00

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

Correction: Last week's offering was posted as \$1525.10 It was actually \$525.10