



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

February 28, 2009

Second Sunday in Lent

10:30 A.M.

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

Gathering

"Jesus, With Us Abide"
"Christ, The Life of All the Living"
"My Song is Love Unknown"

Southbridge
Peeters
Vaughn Williams

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

*The theme of today's worship will focus on judgment...flawed human judgment.
A judgment that presumes knowing what and who is good or bad, right or wrong.
Read Luke 13: 1-9 to reflect on Jesus' question and deceptively simple parable.*

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

*Or 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.
Or you may wish to reflect on this where you are on your faith journey, or if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.*

Acolyte: Sarah Graham

Meditative Hymn

"Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us"

Words & music
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Please remain seated for this hymn and let it be a part of your meditation and reflection.

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, come, con - firm us in the
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, come, con - sole us, come as
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, come, re - new us, come your -
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, come, ful - fill us, you the

truth that Christ makes known; We have faith and un - der -
 ad - vo - cate to plead; Lov - ing Spir - it stand be -
 self to make us live; Make us ho - ly through your
 love of Three in One; Bring our lives to full com -

stand - ing through your help - ing gifts a - lone.
 side us, grant in Christ the help we need.
 pres - ence, ho - ly through the gifts you give.
 ple - tion through your work in us be - gun.

Welcome and Announcements

Please write your name down on the pew pad, and know that you are welcome here.

***Call to Celebration**

***Hymn of Celebration**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

No. 30

***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)

Choral Anthem “Near the Cross” Harlan

Reading of Holy Scripture Isaiah 55: 1-6 p. 671
Luke 13: 1-9 p. 950

Sermon “Unless You Repent” The Rev. Becky Hebert

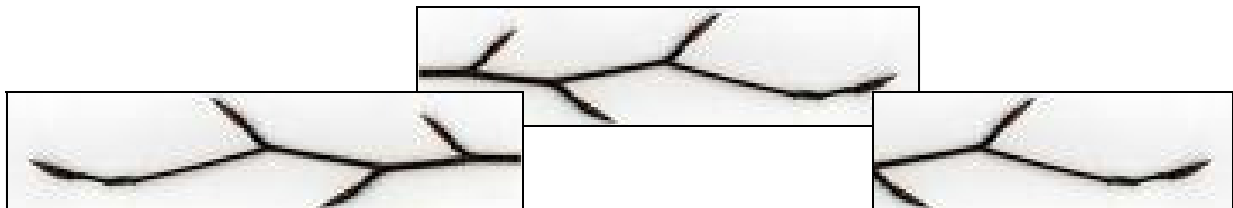
Sacrament of Baptism

***Congregational Assent**

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.

***Hymn** “I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry” Words & music next page



Unison ^{D7} G D G D G D

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
 4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

G D G D7 G D

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

G D G C D7 G

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*

G/B C G

I was there when you were but a child, with a
 Should you find some-one to share your time and you
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

Am D G G/B C

faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

G A7 D *to beginning*

wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

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

Offertory

"Silent Tears"

Courtney

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

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

***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

"Amen"

Couperin



ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL UCC 2010 LENTEN CALENDAR

February 28
March 7

March 14

March 21

Sunday Service, 10:30 am

Second Sunday of Lent

Third Sunday of Lent

Communion

Fourth Sunday of Lent

One Great Hour of Sharing

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Confirmands Presented



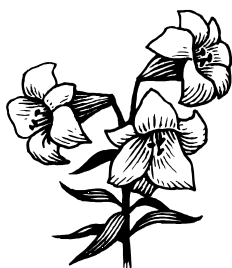
March 28, **PALM SUNDAY**, Confirmands Confirmed

April 1, **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE** followed
by Labyrinth Walk, 7:30 pm

April 2, **GOOD FRIDAY**, Stations of the Cross
at the Labyrinth, Visit anytime today at will



APRIL 4 EASTER SUNDAY ~COMMUNION~



REJOICE!
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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: has embarked upon the next phase of recovery for his broken hip as of Thursday at Cox Walnut Lawn, Room # 304.

Family and Friends:

Billie Kinser: (Grandmother of Brady Bartell, one of our confirmands) passed away on Thursday morning, February 25.

Peggy Gilbert: (Friend of Tona Griggs & friend & colleague of Melissa Burnett) thanks us for our continued prayers as she takes oral chemotherapy as a preventative measure while her breast cancer is in remission.

Josephine Walker: (Jeanne Kruger's mother) is in Magnolia Square, Room 228.

Our Stewardship for Sunday, February 21, 2010

Worship	71	Offering	\$860.00
Sunday School: 18		Offering	\$17.00

Announcing...
CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE
Sunday, March 7 at
10:15 am in the Sanctuary

Meet UCC/Disciples of Christ mission intern...
Carla Giger, who recently returned from 3 years
in South Africa in HIV prevention in Soweto.
Thursday, March 4, 7:00 pm
National Avenue Christian Church

On Sunday, February 14, a pair of prescription glasses were slipped into the pocket of the wrong black, leather jacket. Please check your pockets then notify Deb Hall in the Chapel Office when the glasses are discovered. In advance, we THANK YOU!



Text **LOVE** to 25383 to donate \$10 towards UCC efforts in Haiti. And donate any amount online by clicking the green DONATE NOW button at **www.ucc.org**.

Pray for Haiti, Give to Haiti
One Great Hour of Sharing coming March 14



Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

February 28, 2010

Mary Lou Datema will open the church for the month of February.

- Today: Second Sunday in Lent..... 10:30 am
Baptism of Mason James Cunningham
Confirmation Class 5:00 pm
- Monday: Grace & Weight 5:30 pm
Board of Service Ministries Meeting 6:00 pm
- Tuesday: Family Promise Meeting discussing homelessness..... 6:30 pm
- Wednesday: Spiritual Development..... 4:30 pm
Bells 6:30 pm
Choir 7:40 pm
- Saturday: Note that Bread for the World will be held on the 13th this month.
- Sunday: Third Sunday in Lent..... 10:30 am
Bring Crosslines Food
Confirmation Class 5:00 pm

Announcing the Baptism of

Mason James Cunningham

Sunday, January 17, 2010

Parents: Adam Bentley and Kimberly Kay Cunningham

God Parents:

Jami & Paul Blackwell

Honorary God Parent: Sarah Graham

Grandparents:

Brenda Dugan & Page Cunningham

Mary Ann & Jim Richwine



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.