



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

February 7, 2010

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

10:30 A.M.

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

Gathering

"Selections from 'The Vespar'
Voluntaries, No. 26"

By Elgar

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

The theme of today's worship will focus on our innermost feelings of unworthiness. You might want to reflect on Luke 5: 4 when Peter falls to his knees lamenting, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

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 where you are on your faith journey. If you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.

Acolyte: Grace Harper

Meditative Hymn

"He Leadeth Me"

No. 99

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



Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Celebration**

Leader: Turn to the One who is our refuge,

**People: We turn to the One who wants us to be right and who ever seeks to
Rescue us when we go astray.**

Unison: Let us worship God.

***Hymn of Celebration**

“Where He Leads Me”

No. 489

Call to Confession

Silent Meditation and Personal Confession

During this time of inward reflection and repentance, you may want to use the “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 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

“In the Hands of God”

Patrick Houlihan

Reading of Holy Scripture

Isaiah 6: 1-8

p. 622

Luke 5: 1-11

p. 937

Sermon

“Into the Deep”

The Rev. Becky Hebert

***Hymn**

“Graced with Garments of Great Gladness”

1 Graced with gar - ments of great glad - ness, I shall leave the depths of
 2 Bright - ness, that my life so bright - ens, Light, that all my soul en -
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray you, let me glad - ly here o -

sad - ness, En - ter in - to glo - ry's splen - dor, there with
 light - ens, Joy, that joins my heart in know - ing, Fount, that
 bey you, To your ta - ble here in - vit - ed be your

joy my prais - es ren - der To the One whose grace un - bound - ed
 is all be - ing flow - ing, At your name I cry, "My Mak - er!"
 love by love re - quit - ed. From this ban - quet let me mea - sure,

has this won - drous ban - quet found - ed. Sing my soul, your sto - ry
 Let me be a fit par - tak - er Of this bless - ed food from
 oh, how vast, how deep its trea - sure. Through the mer - cies that you

tell - ing: Christ e - ter - nal in me dwell - ing.
 heav - en, for our good through Je - sus giv - en.
 give me as your own in heaven re - ceive me.

Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer (using debts 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 the still, small voice of God.)

O God of prophets and apostles, help us to heed Your voice calling us to serve You along with them. Do not let us be discouraged by knowing that we are people of unclean lips living in the midst of a nation of unclean lips. We pray for the church, so full of holy promise, but so cluttered with craven compromises. Equip us with enough courage to go deep into the shame that keeps us from being a church filled with the hem of Your robe.

Silence

Fill us with the courage of Your power, with the fullness of Your glory to speak the gospel, to let go of our petty concerns, and the wisdom to know the difference from Your wisdom and our petty concerns.

Silence

Touch for good all who feel empty and fear they live their lives in vain, and try to fill themselves with endless busy work, countless self delusions and perpetual diversions.

Silence

Touch our shame with Your hot coals of healing. After getting singed, do not let us flee in panic to stuff our wounds back into the shadows of our unconscious. Hold us there until Your healing love is complete.

Silence

From the incentives of love-filled hearts and souls, may we answer Your question, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for me?" From our resurrection from the deep, freed from our fear and shame, may we say, "Here we are, send us!"

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory

"Oh. Bless the Lord, My Soul"

Willan

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

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

Service of Communion

Invitation

All are welcome at this table. You don't need fancy clothes or money in the bank

to dine with Jesus, God, and the Holy Spirit. At this table you will eat the bread of heaven and drink the cup of blessing. Come to the table. A place has been set for you.

Communion Prayer
Words of Institution

Unison Prayer

Pastor: The light of Your love, Holy God, shone in Christ's incarnation and birth. In teaching and healing Jesus brought the radiance of You reign into our reach.

People: **As You have bound us to Yourself and to one another in Christ, deepen our bond and commitment in the eating of bread and in the drinking of wine.**

Pastor: Fill us with faith, hope, and love to nourish us on our walk with You.

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** "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!

Postlude "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" J. C. Bach

Come, follow me, fishers
& I will make you of men."
Mark 1:1

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER VIGIL

Wednesday, February 17
6:00 am to 6:00 pm
St. John's Chapel UCC Sanctuary

Please reserve 30 minutes of Prayer & Meditation by signing the sheet on the Narthex bulletin board. Thank you for your participation in this annual St. John's tradition~



A loss in the Church Family...

Mike Zay passed away on Tuesday, February 2nd at St. John's Hospital. Please take a moment to remember Mike, and to extend condolences to his many friends and relatives here at the Chapel. As a Zay, Mike spent his formative years at St. John's prior to making his home in Aurora, Missouri.

The SJC Narthex basket-UCC Haiti Earthquake Relief Offering is at \$516.00 and counting after two Sundays...and the need goes on...

Bring your Crosslines
food donations,
Sunday, February 14



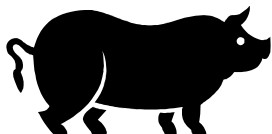
Our next Crosslines
Fish Day is
Tuesday, February 16

Pastor Becky is traveling to Independence, Missouri February 10 for a meeting of the Western Association of the Missouri Mid-South Conference of the UCC. The topic of Wednesday's meeting is Association Development.

Our Stewardship for Sunday, January 31, 2010

Worship	60	Offering	\$ 1,218.00
Sunday School:	23	Offering	\$12.00

The Women's Guild meets this Thursday, February 11~



Have you purchased your tickets to the Annual Sausage Supper???

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

Jamie Gromer: (Matthew's wife, and Dennis & Cynthia's daughter-in-law) is now on a slow but positive road to recovery following a hysterectomy last week that turned out to be anything but routine. Jamie went into shock, necessitating a second surgery, after experiencing complications so serious that Matthew thought "he had lost Jamie twice". Cynthia was there to care for her four grandchildren through the ups and downs of this trying week.

Sharon Haislip: is doing well after her first chemotherapy treatment following surgery, despite a rash.

Family and Friends:

Dorothy Kirckoff: (sister of Esther Steinhauer) continues to do well following hearth surgery last week.

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

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

Spiritual Development Alum, Your prayers have been answered. Come together, pray, and reflect for 90 minutes each month with fellow Spiritual Development Alumni at: "Spiritual Development Renewal Time", Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30 pm.

**Independent
Women**

will meet Sunday, 1:00 pm

February 21st
at Heritage Cafeteria

Thank you...

Loy Swanson, for the moving rendition of the 19th century slave spiritual, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" (January 31).

And also to **Tom Davis** for the beautifully played piano solos (January 17).

All are invited to attend...

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the COUNCIL OF CHURCHES of the OZARKS
Friday, February 12, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm,
Wesley United Methodist Church 922 W. Republic Road, Springfield 417.883.1021
SJC is one of 82 Member Churches represented on this day~

It's All You Can Eat! Monday, February 15
4:30 to 7:00 pm.





Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

February 7, 2010

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

Today:	Fifth Sunday After Epiphany	10:30 am
	Communion	
	Worship Committee Meeting following Service	
	Confirmation Class	5:00 pm
Monday:	Grace & Weight	5:30 pm
	Council.....	6:30 pm
Tuesday:	Discernment Prayers	12:00 noon
	Spiritual Development Renewal Time	6:30 pm
Wednesday:	Spiritual Development.....	4:30 pm
	Bells.....	6:30 pm
	Chancel Choir.....	7:40 pm
Thursday:	Women's Guild	1:00 pm
Next Sun:	Last Sunday After Epiphany	10:30 am
	Transfiguration	
	Bring Crosslines Food	
	Confirmation Class	5:00 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.