



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

March 7, 2010

Third Sunday in Lent

10:30 A.M.

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

Gathering

"An Wasserflüssen Babylon (Psalm 137)
"Liturgical Prelude I, G minor"

Pachelbel
Oldroyd

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

The theme of today's worship will focus on hearing the voices of prophets that God sends to us. You might want to reflect on your ability to discern the voice of God. Ask yourself, "What has God been saying to me?"

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 this where you are seated. Or if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.

Acolyte: Karli Rowett

Meditative Hymn

"Jesus Is Calling"

No 322

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

Welcome and Announcements

We ask our members to take a moment and sign the pew pads, and welcome any new faces seated near you. And visitors, please sign the friendship pad before leaving worship today, and pick up your welcome basket if you not already done so.

***Call to Celebration**

Leader: What voice is this?

People: It is the voice of the prophet, the true and loving God.

Leader: What day is this?

People: It is a day that the Lord has made.

It is a day for worship and to give thanks.

Leader: Now is the time to praise and worship God in Christ.

People: Let us worship God now.

***Hymn of Celebration**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

No. 51

Call to Confession

Liturgist: You may now be seated.

If we live without abiding in God’s presence and waiting upon God’s guidance, if we try to go it on our own—our soul will be empty. If we silence the prophets God sends to us, we will miss our Savior’s arrival. In silence let us confess our sins.

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**

When we acknowledge that Jesus was the blessed One who came and comes in the name of God, we will see Christ again blessing us with forgiveness.

***Gloria Patri**

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

Children’s Time

Children’s Choir

“The Blessing”

Under the direction of Jami Blackwell

(Children may exit after)



***Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

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

Hymn

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

No. 455

Service of Communion

Sharing of Elements

(Please hold the cup and bread until all have been served. Note the center circle of the Communion cup receptacles contains grape juice.)

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank You, merciful God, for Christ, whom we may heed confidently, follow boldly, and serve freely. In our freedom grant that we may always be servants of one another. In our boldness, let us never be swayed from our pilgrimage to the Jerusalem to which You bid us go. Amen.

***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

Recessional on "St. Anne"

Young

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.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

Earl Reed: continues to recuperate at Cox Walnut Lawn, but he still is in quite a bit of pain.

Family and Friends:

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.

Our Stewardship for Sunday, February 28, 2010

Worship	96	Offering	\$2,350.00
Sunday School:	26	Offering	\$15.00



**MARCH
14th**

Mark your calendars & put on your "Easter Best!"

It's time for a new SJC photo directory—

Family and Individual portrait sittings will be:

- Friday April 2nd, 1 pm-7 pm.
- Saturday, April 3, 10 am to 5 pm.

SIGN UP NOW IN THE NARTHEX~

Your sitting at the Chapel includes:

- One free 8X10 photo.
- One free photo directory.

And FYI, look your best at every March organization meeting. We are responsible for our own Board, Club, and Organization photos.

Let's do our best to make the 2010 photo directory comprehensive and an excellent visual reference for everyone. SAY CHEESE!



PHOTOS: Friday, April 2nd and Saturday, April 3rd

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.

Dedication Lilies for Easter

Please make your check payable to St. John's Chapel UCC noting "Easter Lily" on the memo line.

The deadline to order is March 28.

Lilies are \$7.00 each.

Please turn in the following form and your check to Deb Hall in the Chapel Office.



Name of Donor _____
Given in Honor Of _____
Given in Memory Of _____

Our Altar Guild thanks you~

One Great Hour of Sharing FAQs

1. What is One Great Hour of Sharing?

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Churches Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in more than eighty countries. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water and food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

2. Who participates in One Great Hour of Sharing?

Nine Christian denominations and Church World Service work together to develop common promotional materials thereby

sharing ideas, costs and a commitment to faithful service. Each denomination receives and manages its respective OGHS offerings.

3. How is the United Church of Christ's offering used?

More than 60 percent of the UCC's offering supports international development initiatives, including annual support for approximately ten missionaries working in health care, education, and agricultural development. Gifts are also used for disaster preparedness and response, refugee and immigration advocacy and assistance and related volunteer initiatives.

4. Where and how are OGHS funds shared?

The United Church of Christ responds to development, disaster, and refugee needs in more than eighty countries, including the United States.

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Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

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Steve Fortner will open the church for the month of March.

Today:	Third Sunday in Lent.....	10:30 am
	Bring Crosslines Food	
	Confirmation Class	5:00 pm
Monday:	Grace & Weight	5:30 pm
	Council.....	6:30 pm
Tuesday:	Fish Day	
	Centering Prayers.....	12 noon
	Spiritual Development Renewal Time.....	6:30 pm
Wednesday:	Spiritual Development.....	4:30 pm
	Bells.....	6:30 pm
	Choir.....	7:40 pm
Thursday:	Women's Guild	1:00 pm
Saturday:	Bread for the World, Messiah Lutheran	9:00 am
	BCE's St. Pat's Bunco Night.....	5:30 pm
	Spring ahead before you go to bed.....	2:00 am
Sunday:	Daylight Saving Time begins	
	Fourth Sunday in Lent.....	10:30 am
	One Great Hour of Sharing	
	Independent Women.....	1:00 pm
	Labyrinth Walk & Conf. Class	5:00 pm

OGHS FAQs continued... Funding decisions are made by asking our worldwide mission partners, "What would you have us do with you?" The United Church of Christ responds as a member of ecumenical organizations such as Church World Service and Action by Churches Together, International. We also support the direct mission efforts of churches and church-based organizations with which the United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ have direct partnerships through Global Ministries. Nearly one-third of the UCC's offering is shared through Church World Service to support refugee, disaster, development, and advocacy programs.

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More frequently asked questions about One Great Hour of Sharing.