



St. John's Chapel  
United Church of Christ  
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**Liturgist: Judith Bartell**

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April 11, 2009

Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 A.M.

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

**Gathering**

“Allein Got in der Höh’ sei Ehr”  
“The Resurrection of Christ”

Bach  
Knecht

*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 acceptance of, and faith in, the unforeseen. You might want to read and reflect on John 20: 29.*

*Space to write down your thoughts:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*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 while seated, or if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon the images you encounter.*

Acolyte: Sadie Harper

**Meditative Hymn**

“He Leadeth Me”

No. 99

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

This morning we are extremely honored to welcome The Rev. Dr. John White to St. John's Chapel. Welcome! Please take a moment to sign the pew pads and greet everyone in your aisle.

**\*Call to Celebration**

Leader: Springtime changes are bursting forth around us.

**People: The earth awakens from winter with a display of wondrous color.**

Leader: The cycle of living and dying continues.

**People: As it has for ages past and will for ages to come.**

Leader: Lent has passed and the celebration of Easter continues.

**People: And the message of new life, new awakenings, and new possibilities remains with us. Glory to God! Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn of Celebration**

“Blessed Assurance”

No. 442

**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’s Sermon, by Tona Griggs

*(Children may exit after for Children’s Choir)*

**Anthem**

“King Jesus is A-Listening”

William Dawson

**Reading of Holy Scripture**

Psalm 118: 14-29

p. 554

John 20: 19-31

p. 989

**Sermon**

“Open to Alternate Life”

The Rev. Dr. John White

**\*Hymn**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

No. 302

**Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer** (using debts and debtors)

*During this time of prayer, there will be times of silence for you to reflect, to talk with God, and to listen and affirm that....God is still speaking,*

**Choral Response**

**Offertory** "Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing" Peeters

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

**\*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!

The image shows a musical score for the congregational response "Ours the Journey". It consists of three staves of music in 4/4 time. The first two staves are vocal lines with lyrics underneath. The third staff is a piano accompaniment consisting of chords. The lyrics are: "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** "Paraphrase on 'St. Kevin'" Miles



**Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Family and Friends:**

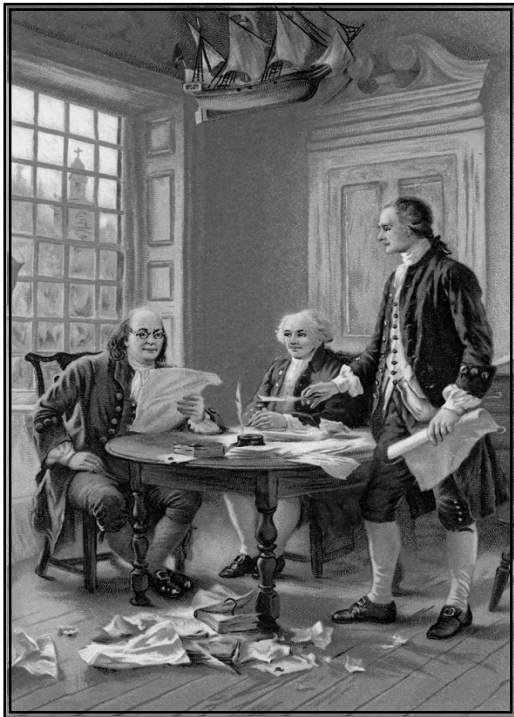
**Becky Short:** (Phyllis Bender's daughter) is having coronary by-pass surgery on Monday. Becky lives in Norman, Oklahoma.

**Pat Kerr:** (Friend of Jan Hale & Virginia Steury) has started chemotherapy and needs our prayers.

**Jim and Mary Griffin:** (Friends of Jan Hale & Virginia Steury) need our prayers as Mary enters the final stage of Parkinson's disease.

**Peggy Gilbert:** (Friend of Tona Griggs & friend & colleague of Melissa Burnett) thanks the congregation for our continued prayers as she takes oral chemotherapy during remission of her breast cancer.

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



***Sign Up, Speak Up & Speak Out!***  
**FIVE TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

Tuesday, April 13, 7 pm  
Home of Clo Ella Leverenz

Thursday, April 15, 7 pm  
Home of Gary & Elaine Tebbenkamp

Friday, April 16, 2 pm  
Home of Ed & Nancy Anderson

Friday, April 16, 7 pm  
Home of Lee & Judith Bartell

Friday, April 17, 2 pm  
Home of Mary Lou Datema

***Sign up in the Narthex today...***

**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.

## **WHY TOWN HALL MEETINGS?**

At the last Board of Service Ministries meeting, we agreed that **TOWN HALL MEETINGS** held in members' homes would be an excellent forum in which to share ideas and concerns about St. John's Chapel's direction between members and BSM (thank you, Louise Eggleston, for bringing this excellent suggestion from your Maine church).

## **WHAT TO EXPECT...**

The meetings are small so everyone will feel comfortable when expressing successes and frustrations while identifying reasons why worship attendance is down. Each meeting will be moderated by a BSM member with an emphasis on what is said, *not who said it*. Town Hall Meetings are a confidential, friendly gathering and is *your time* as a member to speak out. Pastor Becky will not be in attendance.

## **WHEN AND WHERE?**

The meetings, will be held the week of April 11 at the following "Host Homes" (see the facing page for dates and times): **Nancy and Ed Anderson, Judith and Lee Bartell, Mary Lou Datema, Clo Ella Leverenz, and Elaine and Gary Tebbenkamp**, There are two afternoon meetings and three evening meetings, plus both week day and weekend meeting options. If you are out of town for the Town Hall Meeting dates, please contact Deb Hall in the office.

## **MEETING TOPICS AS VARIED AS OUR TOWN HALL MEETING ATTENDEES...**

The topics up for discussion are:

1. Why is worship attendance down?
2. What opportunities might be explored regarding the 2011 Sabbatical?
3. And lastly, *anything on your mind* related to the betterment of Chapel life.

Are you a long-time member, new member, here every Sunday or an occasional attendee? Perhaps a couple, parents of young children, a college student or an Independent Women. Or committee member, Council member past or present, or one who doesn't have any inclination for clubs or committee work. We want to hear from every one of YOU, so...

## ***Sign Up, Speak Up & Speak Out!*** **THIS WEEK AT 1 OF 5 TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

### **Our Stewardship for Thursday, April 1, 2010**

Worship 41    Offering \$104.00

### **Our Stewardship for Sunday, April 4, 2010**

Worship 56    Offering \$3,877.00  
Sunday School:28    Offering \$18.00

**It's a Meeting for Parents of  
Sunday School-Aged Kids**

**NEXT SUNDAY  
April 18**

**Immediately following Worship~**

The Independent Women will meet at  
Valentine's Restaurant  
today, April 11, at 1:00 pm



There's a Youth F.R.O.G. Lock-In  
Saturday, April 24 at 8:00 pm  
The fun starts with bowling that evening!



*Make note campers...*

Please make your check for 1/2 of your registration fee payable to,  
**CAMP AURORA MINISTRIES, INC**  
Once again, Camp Aurora partial scholarships are available for  
campers registered prior to May 2!



Our First Camp Aurora Work Day is April 24!  
Come join us in getting ready for Camp Aurora camp season. The grounds need  
raking and the leaves need buring. The more people, the merrier (and the less  
work each has to do). Let's help our special Camp Aurora  
get spruced up for YOU!



Couldn't make it last week to get your picture taken?  
Call Deb in the office...

- a) You can make an appointment at another local church  
to have your photo made by Olan Mills.
- b) Or Deb can take your photo with advance notice.

And all SJC Organizations & Committees, be ready to help take your  
**THANK YOU Everyone!**

# Holocaust Remembrance Day Interfaith Memorial Service

Sunday, April 11, 2010

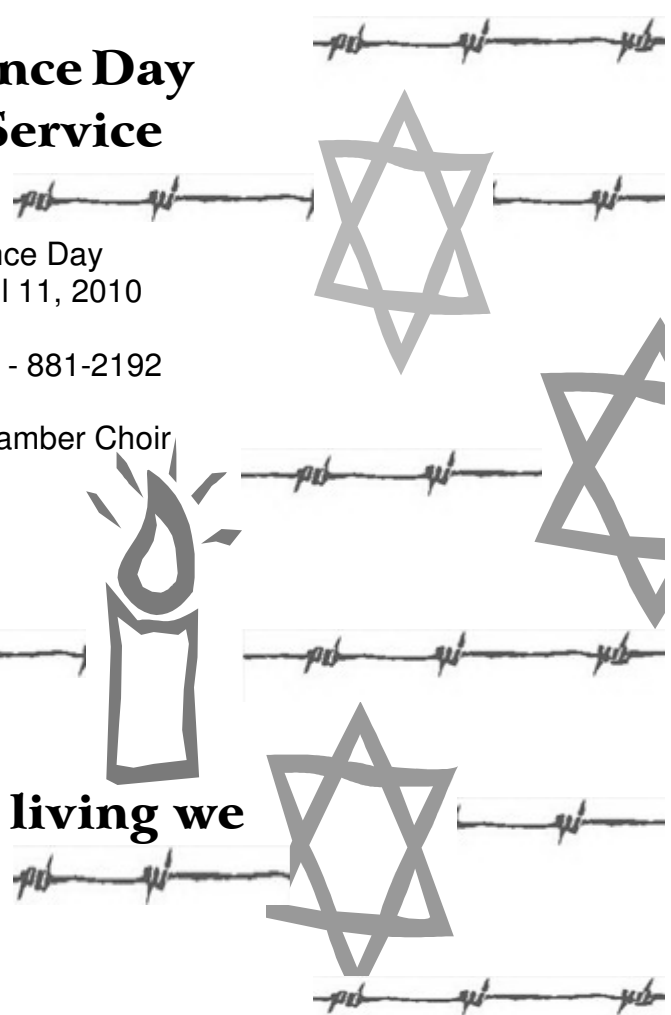
Yom Hashoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day  
Memorial Service - 7 p.m. Sunday, April 11, 2010  
Hosted by Messiah Lutheran Church  
925 E. Seminole Springfield MO 65807 - 881-2192

Presenting the Central High School Chamber Choir  
Directed by Alberta Smith  
with Messiah Lutheran Church  
Mary Sabin, Flute  
Mary Hansen, Harp  
Marilyn Boston, Organ

For More Information call  
Temple Israel - 888-5151

**"For the dead and the living we  
must bear witness."**

Mark Struckhoff, Executive Director  
Council of Churches of the Ozarks



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†Centering Prayers, Tuesday, April 13 at 12:30 pm

†Spiritual Development Renewal Time, Tuesday, April 13 at 6:30 pm

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## St. John's Chapel UCC Staff

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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

**April 11 2010**

Judith Bartell will open the church for the month of April.

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Easter, Service .....	10:30 am
	Bring Crosslines food today .....	10:30 am
	Independent Women.....	1:00 pm
Monday:	Grace & Weight .....	5:30 pm
	Council.....	6:30 pm
Tuesday:	Crosslines Fish Day	
	Centering Prayers.....	12:30 pm
	Spiritual Development Renewal Time.....	6:30 pm
	Town Hall Meeting, Clo Ella Leverenz's.....	7:00 pm
Wednesday:	Spiritual Development.....	4:30 pm
	Bells.....	6:30 pm
	Choir.....	7:40 pm
Thursday:	Town Hall Meeting, The Tebbenkamps'.....	7:00 pm
Friday:	Town Hall Meeting, The Andersons'.....	2:00 pm
	Town Hall Meeting, The Lee Bartells'.....	7:00 pm
Saturday:	Town Hall Meeting, Mary Lou Datema's.....	2:00 pm
Sunday:	Third Sunday of Easter, Service .....	10:30 am
	Sunday School Children Parent's Meeting.....	Following worship
	Serve at the Kitchen .....	4:15 pm

St. John's Chapel UCC is thrilled to welcome The Rev. Dr. John White, a retired New Testament professor, to lead our worship this morning. White earned his doctorate from Vanderbilt University and taught at the Missouri School of Religion in Columbia and Loyola University in Chicago until his retirement in 2002. Known locally for his involvement with Bread for the World, White has previously spoken about obvious and nuanced food imagery found in the gospels to Bread for the World, and about how this imagery is used to convey lessons and messages, particularly by Jesus. Please take a moment after service to personally meet this noted and published reverend-scholar who graciously agreed to deliver this morning's sermon.

**~THANK YOU~**