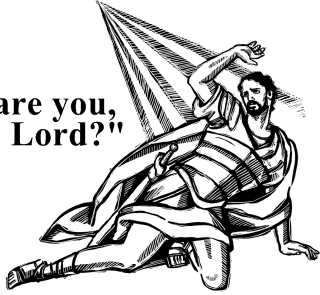


"Who are you,
Lord?"



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Liturgist: Nancy Anderson

April 18, 2009

Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 A.M.

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

Gathering

"Variations on an American Hymn"

Hebble

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

The theme of today's worship will focus on the surprise that awaits us in this season of Easter. You might want to read and reflect on Acts 9: 1-9.

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

Lighting of Candles

Acolyte: Karli Rowett

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Celebration**

***Hymn of Celebration**

"Christ For the World We Sing"

No. 702

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)

Anthem

"A Prayer to Jesus"

George Oldroyd

Reading of Holy Scripture

Acts 9: 1-9

p. 1,000

John 21: 1-14

p. 989

Sermon

"Surprised By God"

The Rev. Becky Hebert

***Hymn**

"Open My Eyes"

No. 461

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

"Meditation on 'My Shepherd Will Supply My Need'"

Hebble

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

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

Hymn

"This is My Father's World"

No. 75

***Benediction**

“UCC Statement of Faith”

Worship Resources, p. 1
(Green booklet in your pew pocket)

***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

“The Rejoicing”

Handel

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: Becky reported after visiting Thursday that, "Earl may get sprung today and plans to be in church on Sunday!".

Family and Friends:

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.

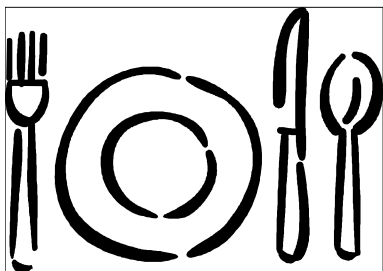
Josephine Walker: (Jeanne Kruger's mother) is in Magnolia Square, Room 228.

*We need someone to till our garden plot (30X 30 on the east side of the shed). If you are up to the task leave your name in the office. We are ready to go when you are!
The new & improved Landscape Committee thanks you!*



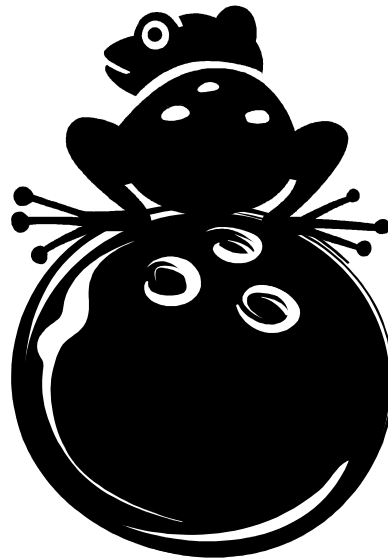
*Plan to attend the Landscape Committee Meeting
Monday, April 19
6:30 pm
with Master Gardener SANDRA STANGROOM
(Donna Harper's sis)
Meet in the Narthex~*

TODAY, There's a meeting
of all school-aged Sunday Schoolers, *their*
parents that is, immediately following Worship.
Please stay after service~



A friendly reminder to all~
When using the Fellowship Hall kitchen...
-Don't leave dishes in the sink.
-Even if clean, don't leave dishes in the dish drainer.
-And please put **every single thing** away before leaving.
THANK YOU!

**It's a Youth
F.R.O.G.
Bowling
Night
&
Lock-In!**

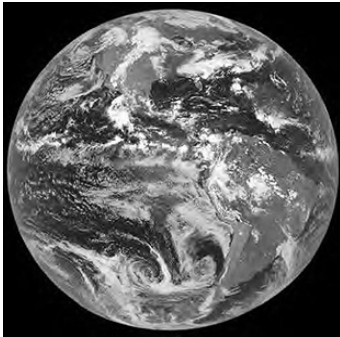


**Saturday,
April 24,
8:00 pm.
Be
There!**

Our Stewardship for Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010
Worship Oops! Our attendance was 156 not 56!

Our Stewardship for Sunday, April 18, 2010

Worship	72	Offering	\$1,481.00
Sunday School:	17	Offering	\$10.00



EARTH DAY, APRIL 22nd

"This is our Father's World"

**The Endowment Committee
Will convene Wednesday, April 21, 6:30 pm**

Thank you! Town Hall Hosts, Facilitators & Participants

Clo Ella Leverenz—Kim Cunningham
Gary & Elaine Tebbenkamp—Tona Griggs
Ed & Nancy Anderson— Louise Eggleston
Lee & Judith Bartell—
Mary Lou Datema—Jim May



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

- 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 some advance notice.

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

The Feinstein Foundation Challenge continues! Make checks out to St. John's Chapel noting Feinstein Foundation on the memo line and double your dollars to Crosslines through

Messenger Items are due Thursday, April 21

"WHY???" Because I said so!"
"Don't sit too close to the TV. You'll go cross-eyed!"
"Just wait 'til your father get's home!" And the classic, ***"Clean your plate! The starving children in _____ would be grateful to eat your broccoli!"***

As your mother's voice rings in your ears, tell us what she said. Not the sage, wise words...but the everyday stuff that kept us kids in check. The stuff you hear/heard yourself repeating to YOUR kids after swearing you never would.

Thanks for contributing, Deb Hall for Mother's Day~

Mowing

- _____, Thursday, April 22nd
- _____, Thursday April 29th
- Corneil Datema, THANK YOU! Thursday, April 15th
- Charles Dunham, THANK YOU! Thursday, April 8th
- Charles Dunham, THANK YOU! Thursday, April 1st



CAMP AURORA!



Our First Camp Aurora Work Day is April 24!
Come join us in getting ready for the 2010 camp season. The grounds
need raking and the leaves need burning.
The more people, the merrier (and the less work each has to do).
Let's help our special Camp Aurora~



Make note, parents & campers...

Please make your check for 1/2 of your registration fee payable to,
CAMP AURORA MINISTRIES, INC

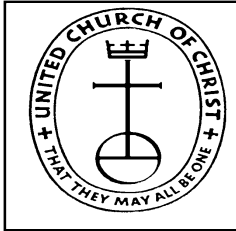
Once again, Camp Aurora partial scholarships are available for
campers registered prior to May 2!



The due date for 1/2 off
camp registration fees is

SUNDAY, MAY 2ND!





Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

April 18 2010

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

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter, Service 10:30 am
- Sunday School-aged Children's Parents Meeting.....Following worship
- Serve at the Kitchen 4:15 pm
- Monday: Grace & Weight 5:30 pm
- Landscape Committee 6:30 pm
- Sabbatical Committee 6:30 pm
- Tuesday: Brotherhood 8:00 am
- Friendship Circle 7:00 pm
- Wednesday: Messenger items are due today
- Seniors & Retirees 12 noon
- Spiritual Development 4:30 pm
- Endowment Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
- Bells 6:30 pm
- Choir 7:40 pm
- Thursday: Earth Day
- Saturday: Camp Aurora Work Day 9:00 am
- Youth F.R.O.G. Bowling lock in 8:00 pm
- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:30 am
- Shannondale Collection Sunday



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