



St. John's Chapel  
United Church of Christ  
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**Liturgist: Shirley Datema**

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April 25, 2009

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 A.M.

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

**Gathering**

"Andantino"

Harold Darke

"Psalm Prelude, Op. 32. No. 2 (Psalm 37:11)"

Herbert Howells

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

*The theme of today's worship will focus on why we sing love songs in the middle of hard times.. You might want to read and reflect on Revelation 7: 9-17.*

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

Acolyte: Carsen Glaser

**Welcome and Announcements**

Good morning! We welcome you to St. John's Chapel UCC and are glad you joined us. Please take a moment and sign the friendship pad in your pew, and as you listen today, we hope you will consider making St. John's Chapel your worship home.



**\*Call to Celebration**

**\*Hymn of Celebration**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

No. 17

**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**

Please welcome Ginnie Medlin, Camp Aurora

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

**Anthem**

**“i thank you God”**

Lloyd Pfautsch

i thank You God for most this amazing  
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees

and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything  
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,  
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth  
day of life and love and wings: and of the gay  
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing  
breathing any--lifted from the no



**\*Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

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

**Hymn**

“Amazing Grace”

vs. 1, 2 & 5, No. 85

**Apostles’ Creed**

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

*And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell.*

*The third day he rose again from the dead;*

*he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the One Holy Universal Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

*Amen.*

**\*Benediction**

In darkness as in light, may the Holy One seek and call us to bear life to the world. In darkness as in light, may we hear and sing love songs to each other—that will not let us put on blinders to the pain all around us. Amen.

**\*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 three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of lyrics, ending with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

**Postlude**

“When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”

Wilbur Held

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

**Members:**

**Earl Reed:** is now recovering at home, sweet home!

**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.

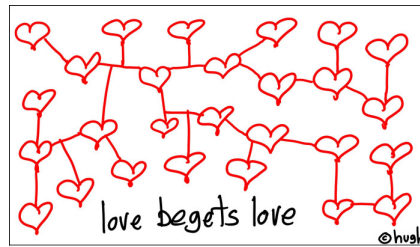
**A Special Request...From Glenda Wiese**

Glenda's friend, Joyce Johnson, has a daughter...Rita...who is nearing the end with breast cancer. Joyce related to Glenda how much it would mean for Rita to receive birthday cards this year...what a lift the cards might be.

Glenda called the Chapel Office and passed this information on, ending the call with "let's see what we can do". I don't know the date of Rita's upcoming birthday except to pass on that "she does not have long".

You can make a difference by sending a birthday card to:

Ms. Rita Billington  
PO Box 582  
Cassville, MO 65625



Please mention that you are a friend of Glenda Wiese's at St. John's Chapel UCC, Springfield, Missouri.

**Thank you for the lovely sanctuary flowers...**

Mike & Eleanor Berger  
celebrating their  
Wedding Anniversary



**Our Stewardship for Sunday, April 18, 2010**

Worship	73	Offering	\$1,700.00
Sunday School:28		Offering	\$30.00

# Mowing, *The Sequel*

Thanks to the generosity and understanding of our congregation, pledges made last Sunday for mowing, blowing & edging will nearly take care of the Spring-Summer mowing season! THANK YOU everyone, but a little more is needed.

Every bit helps, and with each \$50.00 pledge made & paid, we all enjoy another week of beautifully manicured Chapel grounds. Reminder notes of pledges will be mailed monthly, and please give if you have not already done so (drop a check in the collection plate and note "mowing" on the memo line).

THANK YOU to Danny Kruger and Joe Snodgrass for extending to St. John's Chapel a very special weekly service rate, and most of all, THANK YOU to the following individuals:

Charles Dunham for mowing April 3rd.  
Charles Dunham for mowing April 10.  
Corneil Datema for mowing April 17.

#### DONATIONS made by~

- Jim May & Donna Harper
- Ed & Nancy Anderson
- Tona Griggs & Dave Rowett
- Pete & Beverly Graham
- Dennis & Cynthia Gromer
- Karl & Jeanne Kruger
- May Lou Datema
- Tom Davis
- Dean & Jan Rund
- Richard Thompson
- Bob & Doris McMinn

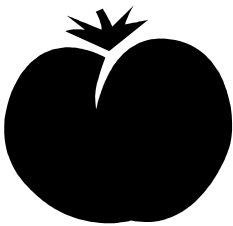
#### **Mowing "the back 40"**

Now, with the help of Danny Kruger and crew, only occasional mowing is needed of the East lot. No edging. No blowing. Just take that super-duper mower for a spin!

I even heard someone say that, "We should charge for the fun of driving that high powered machine!"

I don't know about THAT, but as the need arises, will the Riding Lawn Mower Cowboys (you know who you are) gather in the Narthex and work out "who's next"?

*Here's to a **GREAT SUMMER!***



**Support the SJC Garden Project with a purchase  
of TOMATO PLANTS today!**

**A little money will buy seeds, fertilizer,  
& a tilled plot...**

**Watch our garden & goodwill grow!**



# CAMP AURORA!



THANK YOU everyone who pitched in for our First Camp Aurora Work Day, yesterday, April 24!

The due date for 1/2 off camp registration fees is  
**SUNDAY, MAY 2ND!**

*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!

*From the Mid-South Conference of the UCC*

## “Shannondale Community Center is ours.”

Shannondale is a mission of service to our neighbors in impoverished Shannon County, as well as an outdoor space for church retreats, work groups, craft camps, and many other outdoor activities. The land and ministry of the site belong to the members of the Missouri Mid-South Conference, whose careful stewardship provides the labor, funds and spirit to maintain this ministry. We are asking the churches in our Conference to designate April 25 as Shannondale Sunday. This is an especially important year for maintaining this mission since last year's tornado significantly damaged Shannondale and the surrounding area.

Financial offerings to Shannondale allow us to maintain the outreach we provide to Shannon County in labor and love. If each member of the Conference gave just \$3, this special mission would be fully funded for a whole year. By offering of ourselves, we ensure that we can provide for these residents both today and in the future.

Sincerely,

**Jeff Fulk**  
**Minister Manager**

**Rev. Jeffrey Whitman**  
**Conference Minister**





Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

**April 25, 2010**

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

TODAY: Fourth Sunday of Easter ..... 10:30 am  
 Shannondale Collection Sunday

Monday: Grace & Weight ..... 5:30 pm  
 Landscape Committee...our Vegetable Garden..... 6:30 pm

Tuesday: Centering Prayers ..... 12 noon  
 Board of Christian Education ..... 6:30 pm

Wednesday: Ozark Cluster Meeting ..... 10:00 am  
 Spiritual Development..... 4:30 pm  
 Bells ..... 6:30 pm  
 Choir ..... 7:40 pm

Saturday: Bread for the World, Prince of Peace Lutheran ..... 9:00 am

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter ..... 10:30 am  
 Communion  
 Camp Aurora registration for 1/2 paid due today

*Thank you  
& Congratulations!*

**Vicky**



**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.

**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.