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

May 15, 2010

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 A.M.

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

Gathering

Meditative Prelude

played by Kyle Aho

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 fellowship in new life and of loving ways that is formed through the Easter hope.

You might want to read and reflect on Acts 2:42-47 .

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

Ringing of Bells

Lighting of Candles

Acolyte: Sarah Graham

Welcome and Announcements

Nancy Anderson

***Opening and Greeting**

Nancy Anderson

Leader: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

People: And with your spirit.

***Call to Celebration** Psalm 67

Liturgist

Pastor: Gracious, God be in our midst as we gather for worship and fill us with awe in Your wondrous presence.

People: **Bestow Your blessing unto us, that Your way may be known upon earth, and Your saving power among all nations.**

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

People: **For you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

***Hymn of Celebration** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

No.776

***Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Stephan Scharf

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.

Hymn

"Lord Have Mercy Upon Us"

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "Lord Have Mercy Upon Us". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major, indicated by a sharp sign (#) on the F line. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." are written below the treble staff, with hyphens under "mer - cy" and "up - on". The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a 4/4 time signature.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor Stephan Scharf

***Gloria Patri**

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

Children's Time

Tona Rowett

(Children will stay in the service)

Anthem

"Sing Alleluia "

by Cindy Berry

Reading of Holy Scripture

Psalm 133
Matthew 18:18-20

Nancy Anderson p.563
Nancy Anderson p.896

Sermon

Acts 2:42-47

Pastor Stephan Scharf
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***Hymn**

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

No.529

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

Choral Response

Offering Prayer

Pastor Stephan Scharf

Offertory

played by Kyle Aho

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

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

***Hymn**

“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

No. 544

***Commission and Benediction**

Pastor Stephan Scharf

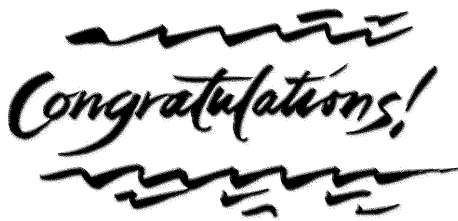
***Congregational Response**

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

No.782

Postlude

Played by Kyle Aho



Congratulations Liz Stafford!

Liz graduated on Friday. She has accepted a job in Cabool. We will miss her, and we wish her the best of luck in the future.

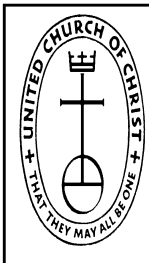
Our Stewardship for Sunday, May 8, 2011

Worship: 84 Offering: \$1,942.00
Sunday School: 13 Offering: \$12.00

The average weekly offering needed to meet annual budget is \$2,423.00

Help!

We have need of janitorial supplies. Toilet paper, which is a special size for our dispensers, other supplies, or just a donation so that we may purchase them for you. Thank you all again for your support. You are a wonderful congregation.



Sunday School — 9:15 AM
Worship — 10:30 AM
Pastor’s Day Off — Friday
Associate Pastor’s Office Day-Friday
Secretary’s Office Hours: 8:30 AM — 1:00 PM
Monday-Friday

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

Clint Burton– He is the son of Joyce Burton. He has been tested In Kansas City. The results of the tests did not reveal anything new.

Joyce Scroggs– She broke her hip. She is in St. John’s Hospital, room 3251.

Please Contact our members who find it difficult to attend:

Virginia Shean– Address: Ozark Nursing Care Center, 1486 N. Riverside Road
Ozark, Mo. 65721

Virginia Steury– Address: 1820 Plaza Drive, Nixa, Mo. 65714-9437

Flo Valentine– Address: Ravenwood Assisted Living, 1950 E. Republic Road
#16, Springfield, MO. 65807

Family and Friends:

Linda: A friend of Tona Rowett, The results from Linda’s tests show that she is cancer free. She is even driving again. How awesome are your prayers!

Peggy Gilbert: (Friend of Tona Griggs & friend & colleague of Melissa Burnett is struggling with her medication, and is undergoing frequent testing to ensure her breast cancer is under control.

Josephine Walker: (Jeanne Kruger’s mother) She is in Manorcare on Fremont , Room 612.

Graduation Recognition

We will recognize our graduates on May 22nd during the Worship Service. Please attend this service to commemorate this important milestone.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We need someone to help clean the chapel while Lee goes on vacation. The dates are from June 17th through July 1st. Call Lee or the Church Office to volunteer. We always need liturgists, and people to help serve at The Kitchen. You can sign up in the Narthex or call the Church Office.

UPDATES REQUESTED. Please update your e-mail, address, and phone number with the church office. We will be announcing “the monthly arrival” of the Messenger with a group e-mail. We will also use these updates to help finish our directory.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars with the following dates:

- Day Care Pre-K Graduation– May 19 @ 6:00 P.M.
- Honor Graduates-May 22
- Junior Youth Hay Ride-May 28, time TBA
- 2nd Anniversary of David Rahmoeller’s Kidney Transplant– May 23
- Office Closed Memorial Day-30
- Paver Dedication-June 5– There will be a ceremony to dedicate the pavers in the Labyrinth.
- Annual Conference gathering at Drury-June 10-11
- Pastor Becky’s Farewell Party after worship-June 12
- Pastor Becky’s Sabbatical begins-June 19



Conference Annual Gathering

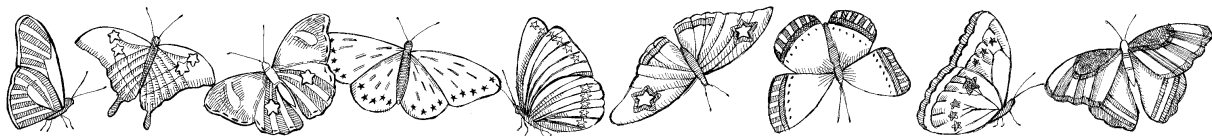
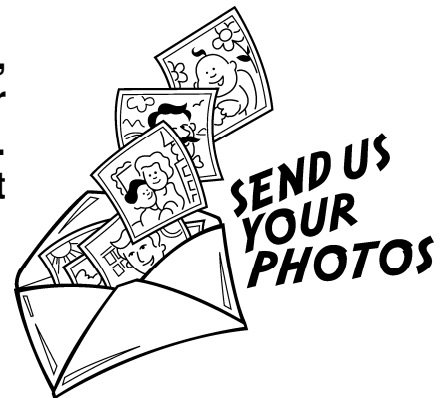
The Conference Annual Gathering (CAG) of the Missouri Mid-South Conference will be held June 10-11, 2011, at Drury University in Springfield, Missouri. Plans are underway for an exciting and inspiring time together.



CALLING ALL GARDENERS

It is not too late to get your own garden plot in the Community Garden at the Chapel. Just a contribution of \$25.00, to offset the cost of water, and some hard work will get you enough produce to feed your family, friends, and help feed the hungry in our area. (you must donate some of your crop to an area organization which helps to feed the hungry.) Contact Judith Bartell, Lean Kruger, Gary Tebbenkamp, Kathy Pittman, Deb Hall, or the church office to get started.

Let Johna Steinhauer, or Beth in the office, know if you still need to update a picture or your contact information for our Directory. We are tackling this project very soon. Let us know by 5-25-11



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.

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| May 15, 2011 | |
| Dennis Gromer will open the church in May | |
| TODAY: | Fourth Sunday of Easter.....10:30 am Independent Women meet today at The Heritage Cafeteria1:00pm. Serve at The Kitchen 4:15pm |
| Monday | Grace & Weight5:30 pm |
| Tuesday | Friendship Circle7:00 pm |
| Wednesday | Senior & Retirees Luncheon.....12:00 noon Choir Practice.....7:00 pm |
| Sunday | Fifth Sunday of Easter10:30 am Honoring Our Graduates in the Worship Service |



Summer is right around the corner. Please make sure the Chapel office has all the summer plans for your organizations, clubs, and outings so that no one misses out on anything all summer long!

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.