



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ

4344 S. Fremont Ave.
Springfield, MO 65804-7306
www.stjohnschapel.org

Liturgist: Cynthia Gromer

May 17, 2009

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30 A.M.



Upon entering the sanctuary please be respectful of all who are using this time for prayer.

(All who are able, please stand.)*

Organ Prelude

“Our Hope for Years to Come”

W. Croft

*What does it mean to love as Jesus loved? What truly saves us?
(Words of meditation as the Prelude is played.)*

Ringing of the Bell and Lighting of Candles

Acolyte: Sadie Harper

Welcome and Announcements

Members and guests, please sign the friendship pad and pass it down to the end of the pew. Then, pass it back toward the aisle noting the names of those seated next to you. After worship, greet those who are sitting in the pew with you.

Introduction of Our Secretary Joanne Bourbon

Introit

“Enjoy Life”

Pfatsch

***Call to Celebration**

Psalm 98 adaption

Leader: Sing to God a new song,

People: For God has done marvelous things.

Leader: Break forth into joyous song!

People: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

Leader: The world and those who live in it.

People: Let the hills sing together for joy

Leader: At the presence of God, for God cometh to judge the earth.

Unison: God will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

***Opening Hymn**

“In My Heart There Rings a Melody”

No. 350

Call to Confession

Leader: Whoever does acts of love and keeps God's commandment has the joy of Christ fulfilled in them.

People: **When we are hateful and mean spirited, offering up no acts of kindness,**

Unison: We stand in need of forgiveness. Let us confess our sins.

*Prayer of Confession

We are people of little faith, faithful God, who treat Your love for us so offhandedly. We muddle Your commandment to love as Jesus loved to mean all kinds of senseless things. Therefore, we love little and seldom do acts of love which drains our strength to face our own troubles. We do not always provide the type of Christian family where our energy can be restored to do acts of justice. It would seem we prefer our burdens to building a community where all can safely lay down their lives for each other.

*Silent Meditation and Personal Confession

Pastor: Amen.

People: Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Graduate Recognition

Children's Time

(Children may exit for Children's Church)

*Hymn

"How Can I Keep From Singing"

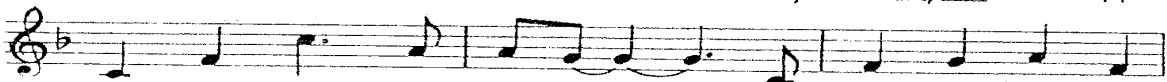
HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Quaker Hymn

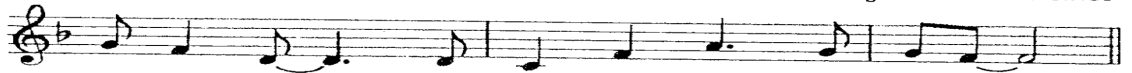


VERSES:

1. My life flows on in end - less song; — a -
2. Through all the tú - mult and the strife, — I
3. What though the tem - pest 'round me roar, — I
4. When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, — And
5. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, — A



1. bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion, — I hear the real though
2. hear that mu - sic ring - ing; — It sounds and ech - oes
3. hear the truth it liv - eth. — What though the dark - ness
4. hear their death knells ring - ing; — When friends re - joice both
5. foun - tain ev - er spring - ing. — All things are mine since



1. far - off hymn — that hails a new cre - a - tion, —
2. in my soul; — How can I keep from sing - ing? —
3. 'round me close, — Songs in the night it giv - eth. —
4. far and near, — How can I keep from sing - ing? —
5. I am his; — How can I keep from sing - ing? —

REFRAIN:

REFRAIN:

No storm can shake my in - most calm, — While to that Rock I'm
 cling - ing. — Since Love is Lord of — heav - en and earth,
 How can I keep — from sing - ing? —

Morning Prayer, Lord's Prayer (*Using debts and debtors*) & **Choral Response**
 "Be with us Father"

Offertory "Sweet Hour of Prayer" W. Bradbury

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

Anthem "Green Cathedral" Hahn
 Guest Conductor: Joshua Chism

Reading of Holy Scripture I John 4: 16-21 pg. 1112
 John 15: 9-17 pg. 983

Sermon The Rev. Becky Hebert
 "To Love As Jesus Loved"

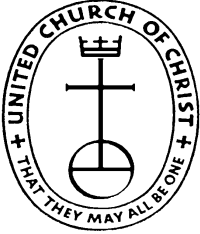
***Hymn** "Sunshine In My Soul" No. 374

***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!

***Choral Response** "Look at the World" Rutter
Organ Postlude "Little Postlude in G Minor" P. Taylor



Sunday School — 9 AM

Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

May 17, 2009

Steve Fortner will open the church in May.

- Today: Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:30 am
- Graduate Sunday
- Independent Women—Outback Steakhouse: 1:00 pm
- The Kitchen..... 4:15 pm
- Tuesday: Men's Brotherhood..... 7:30 am
- Friendship Circle..... 7:00 pm
- Wednesday: Seniors & Retirees..... Noon
- Grace and Weight..... 5:30 pm
- Chapel Bells..... 6:30 pm
- Chancel Choir 7:40 pm
- Messenger Items Due
- Thursday Bread for the World—Brentwood Library– John White, Speaker
- Next Sun.: Seventh Sunday of Easter 10:30 am
- Ozark Cluster with layity in Pierce City..... 4:00 pm
- Monday Memorial Day—Office Closed
- Tuesday Secretary out of the Office



Women's Guild Prayer Shawl Ministry

Women's Guild is participating in the Prayer Shawl ministry. We invite anyone who can knit or crochet to join us. Your shawl will be given, with a blessing, to church members who need our love and support. There is a basket on the Narthex floor for donations of new yarn, a sample shawl. and instruction sheets.

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 Stewardship for Sunday, May 10, 2009

Sunday School	18	Offering	\$6.00
Worship	101	Offering	\$2737.25

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers

Members:

Nancy Anderson: went home Thursday, May 14th. She is doing great with the help of a walker.

Alice Shoemaker: .is back at work and feeling stronger every day!

David Rahmoeller: his transplant is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26th. Please continue to keep us in your prayers that there will be no delays or complications. David and Debbie

Norman Rahmoeller: Norman is at Springfield Rehab and Care Center, 2800 S. Fort. He is now in the care of Season's Hospice.

Bob and Sue Davis: Bob reports that Sue, who is suffering from Alzheimer's, is doing better and her memory has improved.

Butch Stillman: has some numbness in his legs and could still use lots of prayers.

Karl Kruger: received a good report from his doctor, but is still experiencing some foot pain. If you would like to visit Karl, please call before stopping by.

Matt Gromer: is currently stationed at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, NC. Jamie & the kids are leaving Tuesday, May 12th to join him. He does not think, at this time, that he will be deployed.

Sheldon Smith: has moved to The Neighborhood at Quail Creek, 1514 W Lark St, Room 682, Bed 2, 65810 . He says he is feeling much better but is in a "gloomy" mood.

Judy Bartell & Cynthia Gromer's mother, Georgia Zay is back in St. Joseph Hospital suffering from pneumonia and other possible infections.

Family and Friends:

Peggy Gilbert: (Friend of Tona Griggs) is battling aggressive breast cancer.

Josephine Walker: (Jeanne Kruger's mother) is at Magnolia Square, Room 228, 502 W. Edgewood (65807).

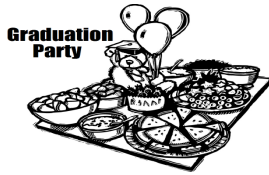
Jeanette Jones: (Alice Shoemaker's sister) had surgery for colon cancer. She is now recuperating at her daughter's home in Topeka. The family thanks everyone for their prayers.

John Masters: suffered diabetic kidney failure but his kidney functions are returning and dialysis will not be necessary.

Kermit McCuiston: (Jamie Gromer's grandfather) has cancer.

Holly Francis: (Logan McCuiston's mother) has been diagnosed with cervical cancer. She is feeling better following a round of chemotherapy and is trying to stay positive. Holly could use help as a single mom.

Suane Sutherland: CloElla's sister, is battling continuing pain and disability as a result of years of Rheumatoid Arthritis but is feeling a little better now..



Graduation Party

The Youth F.R.O.G.S. are having a graduation party for the graduating FROGS today from 4:30 to 8:00 pm at the Blackwell's.

The Independent Women's Group luncheon is today, at 1:00 pm at Outback Steakhouse, 3760 S. Glenstone.



The Men's Brotherhood will meet at 7:30 AM on Tuesday, May 19 at Scrambler's on E. Republic Rd. All men are invited.

Friendship Circle meets Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 pm.



Gathering of Seniors' and Retirees

The Gathering of Seniors and Retirees will meet on Wednesday, May 20th with a carry-in lunch at noon.



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Bread for the World Dr. John White will be speaking on "The Gospels' Mandate for Feeding the Poor", Thursday, May 21st, 7:00 pm at the Brentwood Library. It is free and open to the public.

Neighborhood Garden—Green Thumbs Needed There has been interest expressed in using part of the land in the back for a Neighborhood Garden. Please call the office if you would be interested in getting this ministry up and running.

Summer Schedule Begins

Sunday, June 7 there will be no Sunday School and the kids will go to Children's Church.

Pastor Parish Relations Committee meets Thursday, June 4, at 6:30 p.m. Rather than after-church complaints in the parking, lot, staying away on Sundays, or nursing a negative attitude...guess what!!! You can share your comments, questions or concerns with members of the pastoral relations committee prior to their meeting on June 4. Feel free to contact Jack Gonzenbach, Tona Griggs, Chris Trumbull, Mary Lou Datema or Nancy Anderson.



Discernment Prayers for Our Church. The group meeting now, is presently learning about and doing Centering Prayer as its means of discerning the call of our congregation. Prayer time is on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at noon. The next prayer date is May 26th.



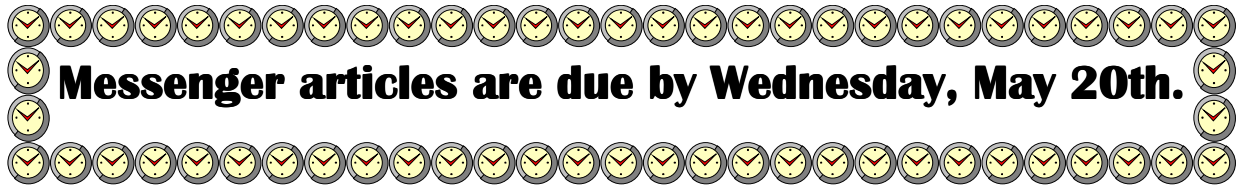
Tyler Bartell graduates from Nixa High School, today, May 17th.

Shanee' Rahmoeller graduates from Kickapoo High School Tuesday, May 19th at 6:00 pm in the Hammons Student Center at Missouri State University.

Ryan Rehagen graduates from Nixa High School today, May 17th. He plans to attend OTC and hopes to be a coach (football) and teacher.

Elizabeth Thompson graduates from Parkview High School, Monday, May 18th. She plans to attend Missouri State University with an eye towards pre-pharmacy.

Shari Marie Blumenstock graduated from the University of Missouri at Columbia, Saturday, May 16th Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology.



Messenger articles are due by Wednesday, May 20th.



Ozark Holistic Nurses Network

Invites you to the holistic education program (open to the public)

“2009 Labyrinth: A Walking Meditation”

Presented by: Becky Hebert, Pastor, St. John’s Chapel UCC

Thursday, May 28th at St. John’s Chapel-Fellowship Hall

5:30-7:00 pm

Program Agenda:

5:50-5:45 pm Sharing Circle & Welcome

5:45-6:45 pm “2009 Labyrinth: A Walking Meditation”-Becky Hebert

6:45-7:00 pm Discussion/Questions-Becky Hebert



St. John's Chapel UCC Staff

Pastor — Rev. Becky Hebert

Pastor's Home - 882-0415

Cell - 773-6702

Secretary — Joanne Bourbon

Pastor's E-mail pastor@stjohnschapel.org

Church Office - 881-5175

FAX - 881-1647

Church E-mail - sec@stjohnschapel.org

Music Director - Chris Brammer

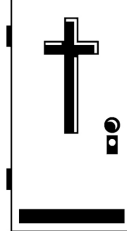
Guest Conductor - Joshua Chism

Organist - Milly Peterson

Nursery Attendant - Lea Ann Kruger

Custodian - Lee Bartell

St. John's
Chapel
Office



Will Be

Closed: Monday, May 25

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.