

“Love one another as  
I have loved you.”  
John 13:34



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

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May 2, 2009

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30 A.M.

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

## **Gathering**

Meditative Prelude

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

*The theme of today's worship focuses on what happens when we stuff powerful feelings. You might want to reflect on times when you have not spoken for fear you would hurt someone's feelings, and your frustrations continue to build about our changing world and in church. Are you more of a traditional thinker or an innovative thinker, or a combination there of, and how do you lovingly interact with your opposite?*

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

## **Lighting of the Candles**

Acolyte: Sadie Harper

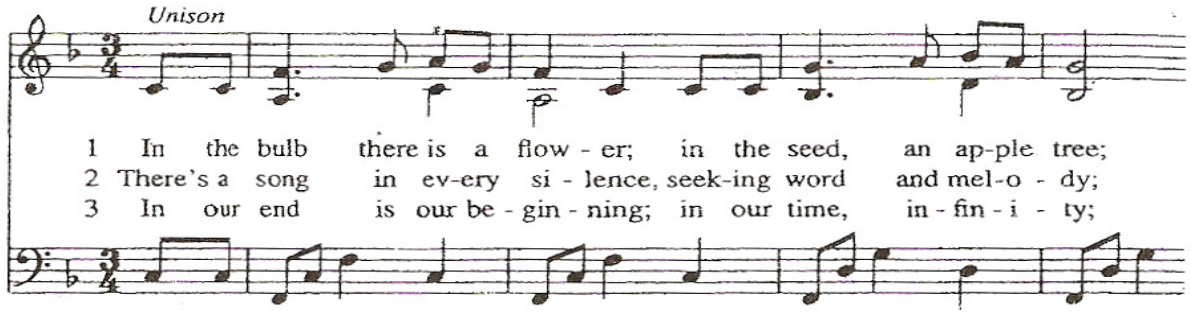




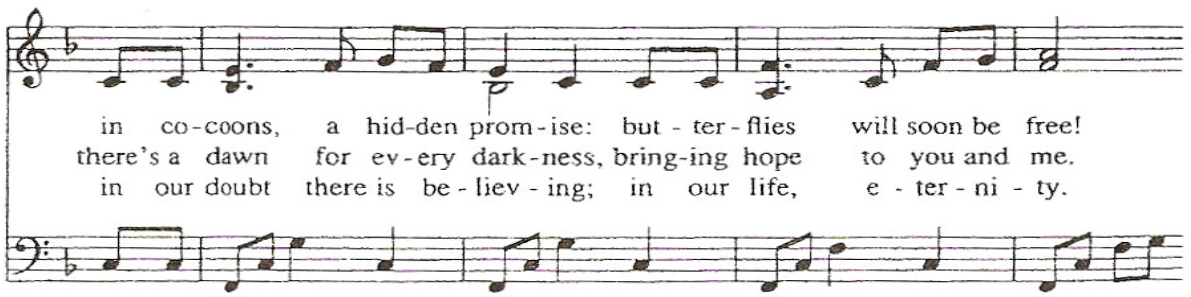
**\*Hymn**

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower" by Natalie Sleeth  
*A special hymn request by Rosemary Witt*

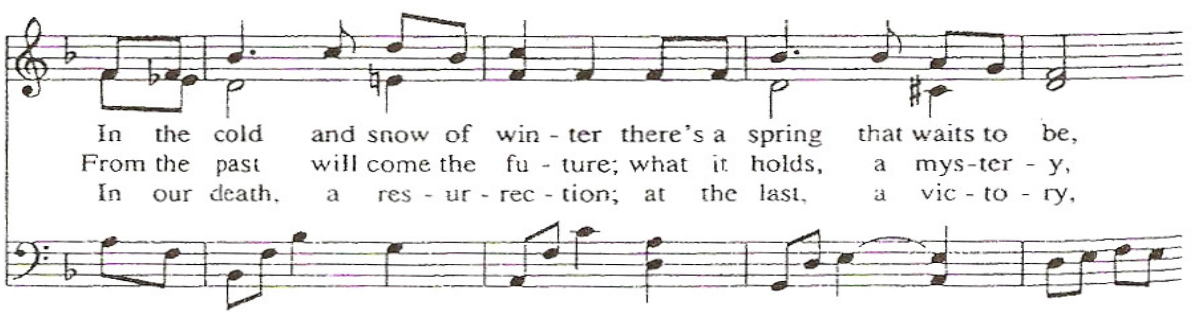
*Unison*



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
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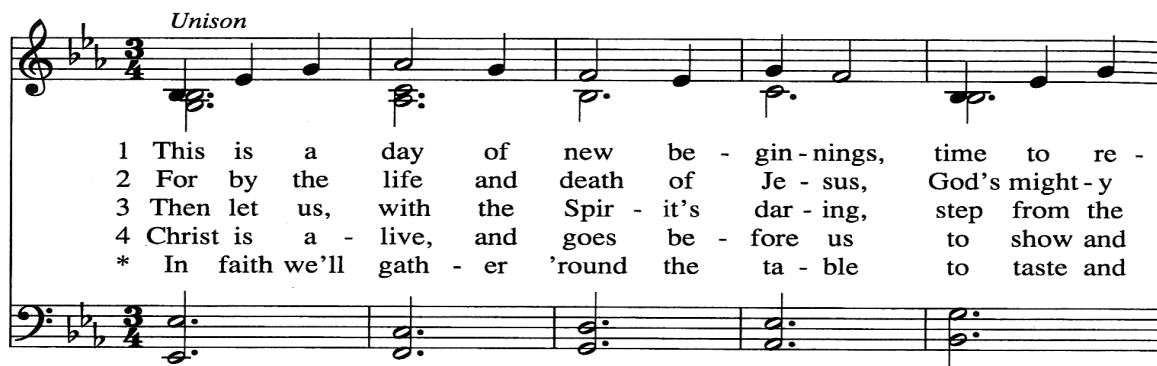
# Prayers of the People

## Offertory

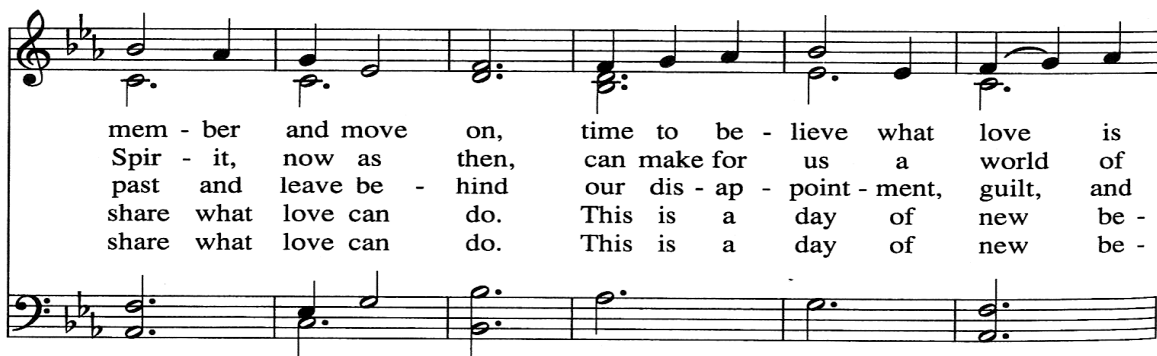
**\*Doxology and Dedication Prayer** ("Praise God" No. 7 in *Sing to the Lord*)

**Communion Hymn** "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" vs. 1, 2, 3 and \*

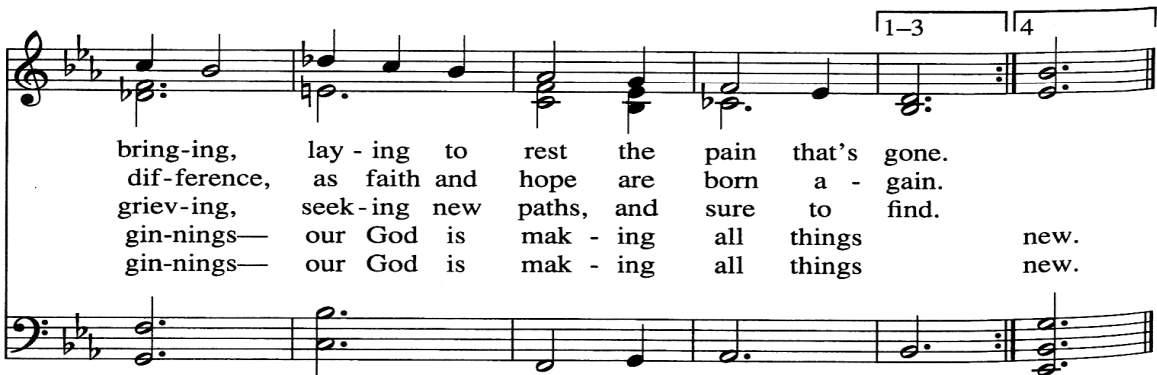
*Unison*



1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -  
2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y  
3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the  
4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and  
\* In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and



mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is  
Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of  
past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and  
share what love can do. This is a day of new be -  
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bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.  
dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.  
griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.  
gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.  
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**Service of Communion** (*Worship Resources*, p.5-6)

**\*Benediction**

**\*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**

*A sincere thank you to our guest accompanist, Kyle Aho ~*

**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:**

**Dwayne Blumenstock:** was admitted to St. John's for another round of chemotherapy, and is already back home. All cards and prayers are welcome, but no visitors at this time.

**Sharon Haislip:** began radiation treatments this week. She is scheduled for daily treatments, Monday through Friday, for the next six weeks.

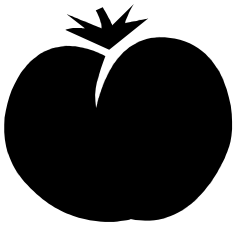
**Karl Kruger:** reported that his oncologist mockingly questioned him after this week's exam, "Why are you here? You are in complete remission!" What good news that was. Karl thanks everyone for their prayers and well wishes for his continued good health and recovery.

**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.

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

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

**Watch our garden & goodwill grow!**

The money raised from tomato plant sales last Sunday went towards the purchase of cypress mulch. Currently, the garden committee is waiting for grass and weed abatement, and for the ground to dry out a bit before we proceed to till. It will be "all hands (hoes, shovels and backs) on deck" as we remove dirt clumps after tilling and ready our plot. This is a good task for "young gardeners", and all children and youth are always welcome to come play in the dirt with us. As we prep our plot, we are feeding the soil nutrients such as a good dose of Epsom Salts. Master Gardener, Sandra Stangroom, diagrammed our 2010 effort to include tomatoes, cucumbers, pole beans, zucchini squash, and peppers in a "mound and path" style that will better retain water and keep weeds down. Informative free hand-outs from our last meeting included "Tips from Master Gardeners of Greene County", "Frequently Asked Vegetable Questions", and the invaluable "What Variety Should I Plant" list, specific to each planting region in Missouri.

Not only are we learning, but we are having a lot of fun imagining the entire east lot one day brimming with tummy and soul-filling gardens. Join our mission by calling 881-5175 for meeting details and event information.

Thank you, Bob & Eleanor Lockhart, for adding to the Mowing Fund last week. Remember to make YOUR contribution today~

**Our Stewardship for Sunday, April 25, 2010**  
Worship: 75                      Offering: \$1,205.00  
Sunday School: 19              Offering: \$10.00

## The Children's Choir...

Will be performing  
"Mother's Love"  
next Sunday, May 9, Mother's Day~

On the morning of May 9, children are asked to convene at 10:15 for a brief pre-performance practice.

Thank you!



Children's Choir

**We enthusiastically encourage our youngest members to contact the Chapel Office about serving as Liturgists~**  
Openings Sunday, May 24th, Sunday, May 30th & Sunday, June 6th

**To our confirmed Junior and Senior High School Youth,  
We would be delighted to have you read before us any Sunday~**

*Contact Deb, 881-5175 or sign up in the Narthex today~*



When was the last time you visited

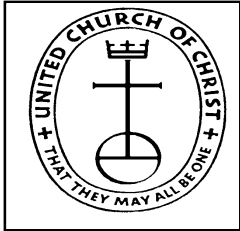
**[www.stjohnschapel.org](http://www.stjohnschapel.org)?**

Discover this week's events and meetings~  
Enjoy The Messenger on-line (& share with a friend)~  
And *virtually* never miss worship~

Bulletins and sermons are promptly posted every week.

**Remember...YOUR CHAPEL IS ONLY A CLICK AWAY**





Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

### May 2, 2010

Elaine Tebbenkamp will open the church for the month of May

TODAY:	Fifth Sunday of Easter .....	10:30 am
	Camp Aurora registration for 1/2 paid due today	
Monday:	Grace & Weight .....	5:30 pm
	Board of Service Ministries .....	6:00 pm
Wednesday:	Spiritual Development.....	4:30 pm
	Bells.....	6:30 pm
	Choir .....	7:40 pm
Sunday:	Sixth Sunday of Easter .....	10:30 am
	Happy Mother's Day!	
	Bring Crosslines food	
	Independent Women.....	1:00 pm

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JUNE is your opportunity to meet UCC leadership and delegates,  
and to hear the "must know" information found only in

### **"Unbinding the Gospel"**

June 11-June 13, Drury University, Springfield, Missouri

**About Unbinding the Gospel:** *"It is a book for Christians who want a hopeful, powerful, prayerful, joy-filled way to share their faith. (It's also a book for those who cringe when they hear the "E" word!)...Martha Grace Reese...interviewed 1200 pastors...and visited 50 congregations...and 150 mainline congregations that are doing the best statistical job in reaching unchurched people."*

**[www.gracenet.info](http://www.gracenet.info)**

Hear why some congregations flourish while others fail in a time when church attendance is rapidly dwindling. *What could be more relevant?*

Registration forms are available in the Narthex and Chapel Office

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### **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.