



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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May 22, 2011

Fifth Sunday /Honoring Graduates

10:30 A.M.

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

Gathering

Meditative Music

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 power Jesus promised to send us..
You might want to read and reflect on John: 14:1-14*

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 today. If you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.*

Ringling of Bells

Lighting of Candles

Acolyte: Gracie Harper

Welcome and Announcements

Good morning! Welcome to St. John's Chapel UCC, where we are reminded to be quiet, to be still, and to listen...because God is still speaking. To our guests and visitors, please take a moment and sign the friendship pad.

Tomorrow is the second anniversary of David Rahmoeller's successful kidney trans-

plant. On Tuesday, the Board of Christian Education meets at 6:30 pm. The Junior Youth Hay Ride is on Saturday at 4:00 P.M.

Our birthdays this week are Dwayne Blumenstock, 05/22/27, and George Helfrecht , 05/28/30

This week's anniversaries include: Ken & Loy Swanson, 58 years on May 24th. Dr. Dean & Jan Rund, 38 years on May 26th. Harry and Frances Klender, 63 years on May 28th. George and Joyce Scroggs, Jr. 40 years also on the 28th.

Honoring Our Graduates Pastor Becky Hébert & Eleanor Berger, BCE
Congratulations to our 2011 Graduates: Michael Datema, Megan Flatbush, and Rachel Thompson. Please come to the pulpit so that we may honor you all.

And now, all who are able please stand.

***Opening and Greeting**

Pastor Stephan

Leader: In the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit.

People: Our hope is in the One who was and is and will be.

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

***Call to Worship**

Pastor Stephan

Pastor: Jesus said, I go and prepare a place for you, and I will come again.

People: We gather in this place to know your presence and your love.

Pastor: Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth, and the light.

People: To know you is to know God. Thus we pray grant us new insight that we may know you more deeply and God more intimately.

Pastor: Jesus said, leave everything and follow me.

People: We come, gracious Teacher, to worship, to learn and to serve with active love.

***Hymn**

"We Gather Together"

No. 767

***Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Stephan

Pastor: Ever-gracious God, you inspire us to be followers of Jesus of Nazareth, your Christ. You fill us with strength and hope, Yet we find it is often not

enough. We pray both for great faith and for easy lives, but we falter when these things do not exist together.
Forgive us, God, for our limited vision and our feeble trust.

Silence

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.

Silence

Pastor: Let us pray with words of the Psalmist

**All: In you, O God, I seek refuge. Incline your ear to me; be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.
For your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden from me, for you are my refuge. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Stephan

Pastor: Do not let your hearts be troubled, but take hope for we are not alone on our journey. There is no way that Christ has not been before. Christ meets us on our ways with peace and forgiveness and the fills us with the strength of the Spirit.
Praise be to God.

***Gloria Patri**

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

Children's Time

Pastor Stephan Scharf

(Children may exit for Sunday School after the Anthem)

Anthem "Godspell Medley" by Stephen Schwartz

Reading of Holy Scripture 1 Peter 2:2-10, Pastor Becky p.1104
John: 14:1-14, Pastor Becky p. 987

Sermon "The Power Promise" The Rev. Becky Hebert

***Hymn** "O Breath of Life" No. 305

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

. Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choral Response

Call to Offering and Offering Prayer Pastor Becky Hebert

Pastor: We have tasted of the Lord's goodness. A goodness we now want share living by God's Spirit, offering ourselves, our lives and our gifts those who are most in need of Christ's healing mercy.

Offertory Hymn "Break Thou the Bread of Life" by Sherwin

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

Pastor Becky: God, bless these tithes and offerings, that they may heal and make whole the lives of all your children.
And bless those who give and those who long to give, that we may become living stones of mercy, grace and justice in the house of your creation. Amen.

Hymn

“We Are Called to be God’s People”

No.779

Nicene Creed

p.3 in Worship Resources

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Commission and Benediction

Pastor Becky: Like the bread which had been scattered wheat over the hillsides,
and was formed into one loaf, so the Spirit binds us together in mercy
and fills us with the power for Christ’s service.
Depart from this place in peace and confidence, to love and serve in

the name of Jesus the Christ, – our way, our truth, our life.
Amen.

***Congregational Response** “Peace Be Unto This Congregation”



Peace be un - to this con - gre - ga-tion. Peace to ev - 'ry



soul here - in. Peace, which flows - from Christ's sal - va-tion. This He



gave, our souls to save. Peace, re - deem-ing all our sin.

Postlude

“Jesus Saves”

by Kirkpatrick

