



St. John's Chapel United Church of Christ

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Liturgist- Elizabeth Thompson

May 3, 2009

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

"I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"
(Words for meditation as the Prelude is played.)

J. S. Bach

What has God been up to in your life this week? Who has shown up to enfold you in God's love? Who have you enfolded in God's love?

Ringing of the Bell and Lighting of Candles

Acolyte: Sarah Graham

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.

Choral Introit

"Hear the Bells"

***Call to Celebration**

Leader: God has told us from the beginning of time that we should love one another

People: **We pass from death to life when we love one another.**

Leader: We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—

People: **And we ought to lay down our lives for one another.**

Unison: **During this time of communion with God, let us fill our hearts and souls with love, so that we may so love.**

***Opening Hymn**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

No. 17

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

We gather here, dear God, because You have convened us. You sought us out, as a shepherd seeks lost sheep. You called us by our very own names. Yet, we do not always call others by their names. Instead we call them names, shameful names and ostracize them from a place in the community. Forgive us and give us open hearts that can enfold in love all Your children, especially those the world has deemed unlovable. Enable us to hear Your special word to us this day, grant us the grace to respond to what we hear and leave here ready to touch the lives of all You send our way.

***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*)

Children’s Time

(Children may exit for Children’s Choir)

Anthem

“Wordless Prayer”

Morning Prayer *(using debts and debtors)* & **Choral Response**

“Be With us Father”

Offertory

“Mercies Numberless”

G. F. Handel

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

Reading of Holy Scripture

John 3: 16-24

pg. 968

John 10: 11-18

pg. 978

Sermon

The Rev. Becky Hebert

“Enfolded By Love”

***Hymn**

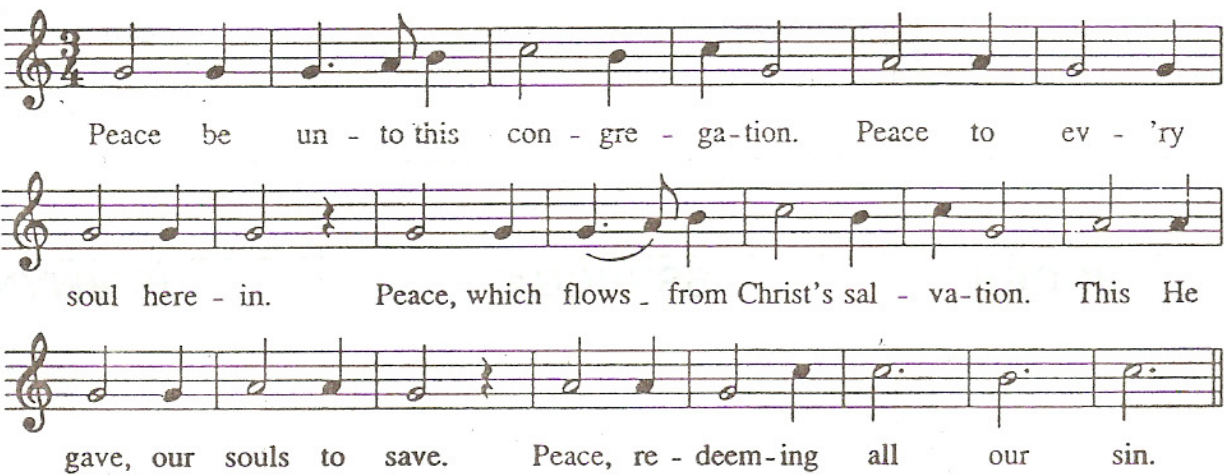
“Love Lifted Me”

No. 395

Service of Holy Communion (pages 13 and 14 of *Worship Resources* in pew rack.)
SERAPHIC HYMN (sung by choir and congregation)

***Benediction**

***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.

Moment of Silence

Choral Response "Enjoy Life"

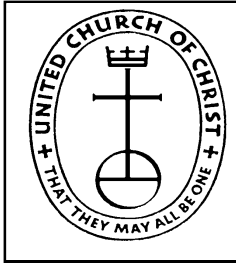
Organ Postlude "Toccatina in A-Minor" W. Baylor



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.



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 3, 2009

Steve Fortner will open the church in May.

Today: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Youth F.R.O.G.S..... after church

Monday: Board of Service Ministries 7:00 pm

Wednesday: Grace & Weight 5:30 pm
Chapel Bells..... 6:30 pm
Chancel Choir 7:40 pm

Saturday Camp Aurora Work Day 8:00 am

Next Sun.: Mother's Day
Kid's Choir Sings—Practice 10:15 am
Bring Crossline Food
Western Association Report

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.

Our Stewardship for Sunday, April 26, 2009

Sunday School	21	Offering	\$17.00
Worship	113	Offering	\$4045.00

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers

Members:

Nancy AndersonS: fell Wednesday night and had partial hip replacement surgery, Thursday, April 30. She is in room 3103 Bed 2 at St John's.

Alice Shoemaker: is at home trying to get her blood pressure under control. She sees her doctor again May 6th.

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. Pastor Becky reports when she stopped by he was sitting in his wheelchair and tried to communicate with her.

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: is coming home this weekend (probably Friday) If you would like to visit Karl, please call before going.

Matt Gromer: is currently stationed at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, NC. He is uncertain at this time when or where he will be deployed.

Sheldon Smith: has moved to The Neighborhood at Quail Creek, 1514 W Lark St, Rm 682, Bed 2, 65810 . He still has fluid around his heart and problems with one of his legs.

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: Is still recovering at home. He is now driving and walking without his cane.

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.

Suanne Sutherland: CloElla's sister, is battling continuing pain and disability as a result of years of Rheumatoid Arthritis.



NEW MEMBERS

Sharon Haislip (on the right) joined St. John's Chapel last Sunday, April 26th. She comes to us from Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Fairfield Bay, AR. She and husband Bill have been married 50 years and have 3 grown children. Both Sharon and Bill are retired and Sharon enjoys crossword puzzles, read-

Board of Service Ministries meets Monday, May 4 at 7:00 pm.

Camp Aurora Work Day **The Next Workdays at Camp Aurora** will be Saturday, May 9 th and May 16th starting at 8:00 am. Everyone is invited to help clean up the camp for the new season.

GRADUATING SENIORS

We are compiling a list of this year's graduating seniors. If you are or know a church family member who will be a Grad, please call, e-mail or leave a note on the secretary's desk and we'll be sure to include it in the list that will come out in the June Messenger.

KID'S CHOIR

is singing on Mother's Day, May 10th. Practice will be at 10:15 am.

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS

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

PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS

There will be a meeting of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee on Thursday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. Should you have any questions or concerns that need to be raised at this meeting regarding the congregation and our relationship with Pastor Becky, please contact a member of the committee. Agenda topics and feedback are welcome. Committee members are: Nancy Anderson, Mary Lou Datema, Jack Gonzenbach, Tona Griggs, and Chris Trumbell.

KOINONIA

Will meet on Saturday, May 16th at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will have an Italian themed dinner followed by dominoes, etc. Everyone is invited. Call Rita Allen at 888-2097 or Louise Eggleston at 887-7885 for details.



THE INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S

Luncheon will be Sunday, May 17 at 1:00 pm at Outback Steakhouse, 3760 S. Glenstone.

CHURCH WORKDAY

Saturday, May 16th at 8:00 am. Please bring your gardening tools so we can move the grape hyacinths to the flower beds and hopefully plant some trees. Tree donations would be greatly appreciated but each type needs to be approximately the same size. We especially need 3 Norway Spruce, 2 October Glory Maples, 4 White Dogwoods and 2 Yews (like the ones already planted). There are also plans for 4 Eastern Red Buds, 2 Autumn Blaze Maples, 4 Select Pears and 5 more yews. It would be great if someone could check around and get prices and sizes available.

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.

Karen Dodge will be performing in the Springfield School of Dance recital, today at Springfield Catholic High School Auditorium.



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 time is Tuesday, April 28th..



Youth F.R.O.G.S. are fundraising....Beware of F.R.O.G.S.!! ...To keep from being F.R.O.G.'D you may purchase insurance for \$10. Please see a youth.

- We will be selling note cards and notepads in the back of the narthex.
- If you wish to sponsor a youth, please see Paul or Jami.
- The Youth F.R.O.G.S. will meet today, May 3rd, following church.



Women's Guild Prayer Shawl Ministry

Women's Guild has decided to participate in the Prayer Shawl ministry. We invite anyone who can knit or crochet to join us. They 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 and a sample shawl. Please call Loy Swanson at 881-8801 for simple instructions.

Women's Guild invites everyone at St. John's to bring diapers, wipes, clothes, blankets, food, toys, etc. for Bailey's Nursery. Bailey is an alternative high school for students who are also young single parents. The Nursery makes it possible for them to attend school while their children receive quality daycare and teaches parenting skills as well. There is a wicker basket next to the Crosslines basket in the narthex. Please join us in this opportunity to care and share.

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Organist - Milly Peterson

Nursery Attendant - Lea Ann Kruger

Custodian - Lee Bartell



Every now and then,
when the world sits just right,
a gentle breath of heaven
fills my soul with delight...

~ Hazelmarie 'Mattie' Elliott, *A Breath of Heaven*

