



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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May 9, 2010

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30 A.M.

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

Gathering

Meditative Prelude

Pianist, 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 what it means to be a collective human spirit, equally united. You might want to reflect on what your divinity, united with that of others, could unleash on the world.

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

Lighting of Candles

Acolyte: Sarah Graham

Prayer Shawl Blessing

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Celebration**

May God be gracious to us, and bless us, and cover us with the radiance of grace.

All: May God's way be known everywhere: in the hidden places of our hearts; in the comfort of our homes; in every corner of our world; in the farthest reaches of creation.

Liturgist: May God transform us this day and every day, until we stand shoulder to shoulder as equals.

All: Let our united souls shake the rafters with songs of joy!

***Hymn of Celebration** "Come Just As You Are" No. 321, vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5

***Prayer of Confession**

Liturgist: Let's start by acknowledging that we've tried to listen God's call, and tried to follow.

All: We try. Sometimes we succeed. Sometimes we don't.

Liturgist: In things we have done, and things we've left undone, we have relied on our own wits. Sometimes we have relied on the power and presence of God.

All: We have not always set apart the Sabbath, honoring God with our rest and renewal.

Liturgist: We live in a world of gross inequities. We have tried to be the voice of the voiceless and the hands and feet of God, but we do not always see through the subtleties that separate us.

All: God, You know us through and through, at our best, and at our worst, and still You seek us out. Grant us the grace to be honest with ourselves and with You.

Liturgist: You may be seated.

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.

***Words of Assurance**

***Gloria Patri**

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

Children's Time

By Joyce Burton this morning

Our Children's Choir

"Mom's Love", under the direction of Jami Blackwell

(Children may exit after)

First Reading of Scripture

Genesis 11: 1-9, Liturgist

p. 8

Anthem

"For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth"

Handel

"The People That Walked in Darkness"

Handel

Jason Gadberry, Baritone

Reading from Acts

Acts 16: 9-15

p. 1000

Gospel Reading

John 14: 23-29

p. 983

Sermon

"Disciples of Christ, Faith Family" The Rev. Becky Hebert

***Hymn**

"Fill Me Now"

No. 314

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

Offertory

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Charles Ives

Jason Gadberry, Baritone

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

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

Closing Hymn

"Christ for the World We Sing"

No. 702

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the Form of a Doxology

We believe in You, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ
and our God, and to Your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in Your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by Your righteous will declared through
prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,

You have come to us and shared our common lot,

Conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to Yourself.

You bestow upon us Your Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into Your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
To be Your servants in the service of others,
To proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil,
To share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,

courage in the struggle for justice and peace,

Your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in Your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

*Benediction

Liturgist: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them high!

Liturgist: Lift up your hopes:

All: We lift them high!

Liturgist: Lift up your dreams!

All: We lift them high!

Pastor: And may God bless you and watch over you and carry you all the way home. In Jesus' name go in peace.

*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!

The image shows a musical score for a congregational response. It consists of three staves of music in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: "God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar,". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "we, thy peo - ple, ours the jour - ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er,". The third staff concludes the piece with the lyrics: "now and ev - er - more. Now and for - ev - er - more!". The music ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

Postlude

Pianist, Kyle Aho

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

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.



Children's Choir

**Thank You!
Children's Choir
& Jami Blackwell~**

**For honoring our Mothers
this morning~**



Children's Choir

Our Stewardship for Sunday, May 2, 2010

Worship: 67

Offering: \$3,128.00

Sunday School: 19

Offering: \$11.00

Independent Women will meet

May 16th

due to Mother's Day

**We enthusiastically encourage our youngest members to
contact the Chapel Office about serving as Liturgists~**

There are openings on Sunday, May 24th, May 30th & June 6th

We would be delighted for you to read for us,,,on any Sunday~

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

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.

CARRY IN



FOR GRADS

Class
of
2010

After Worship

Class
of
2010

Hey Everybody!

Let's do our

GRADS proud

by cooking up a feast!

THANK YOU...

in advance for bringing your best
"make it and take it" dish
to church next Sunday!



How does a question become an answer?

Bread for the World (Who?)

Letters of Offering Workshop (What?)

Thursday, May 20th, 6:30-8:30 pm (When?)

South Campbell Library Center, Community Rm. B (Where?)

With a few well written words, change policy & lives (How?)

WHY?

Because even though I have no spare time, spare energy or spare dollars to give, I want to eradicate hunger in the United States. Right now.

Want to order flowers for the Sanctuary?

Just let the Chapel Office know because...

We wish to Thank You in the bulletin~

We want to expect & accept your order, usually delivered on the Friday before Sunday~

We want to check water levels the moment flowers arrive, & place in the Sanctuary per your instructions~

And sorry, but no charges to the Church account~

THANK YOU

Our Thanks to Marsha Schatz

For the breathtaking Cross of Lilys adorning
our Chapel throughout Easter~



Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

May 9, 2010

Elaine Tebbenkamp will open the church for the month of May

- TODAY: Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:30 am
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
Please turn in your Crossline food donations
- Monday: Grace & Weight 5:30 pm
Council..... 6:30 pm
- Tuesday: Crosslines Fish Day
Centering Prayers..... 12:30 pm
Spiritual Development Renewal Time..... 6:30 pm
- Wednesday: Spiritual Development..... 4:30 pm
Bells..... 6:30 pm
Choir 7:40 pm
- Thursday: Women's Guild 1:00 pm
- Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter 10:30 am
Carry-in Dinner honoring our 2010 Graduates.....Following worship
Independent Women meet at the home of Barbara Taylor 1:00 pm
Serve at The Kitchen 4:15 pm



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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.