



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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Liturgist: Kathy Pittman

June 5, 2011

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:30 A.M.

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

Gathering

Meditative Prelude

played by 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 allowing ourselves to be one with Jesus and the joy this would bring. You might want to read and reflect on John 17: 1-11,13,26

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

Ringing of Bells

Lighting of Candles

Acolyte: Sadie Harper

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Becky Hebert

Greeting

Kathy Pittman

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

People: And also with you.

All: Amen.

Call to Worship (Psalm 68)

Kathy Pittman

Leader: We gather to honor and glorify our God Most High.
We shout for joy to God who rides upon the clouds!

People: **We sing praises to our awe-inspiring God, before whom the earth quakes, and whose abundant blessings provide for all in need!**

Leader: God is Sovereign over the earth, Defender of the defenseless, and Parent to orphans; God creates families for those who are alone.

People: **God leads captives to freedom and breaks the yoke of oppression.**

Leader: God goes forth before the people, marching through the wilderness of their lives, bringing forth restoration and justice.

People: **Sing praise to God, Rider of the ancient skies, who dwells in holiness**

Leader: Proclaim the power of God!

People: **O God, how awesome you are in your sanctuary! You give power and strength to your people.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***Hymn of Celebration**

“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”

No.507

***Confession**

Kathy Pittman

Leader: Risen Christ, you breathe Your Spirit upon us and invite us to be of one accord with you. Aligned with You we are empowered to shine the light of Your kind being in our actions and attitudes.
Often we are driven apart from the unity with You, by the things we set into our heart in Your stead, by our actions and our words.
Apart from You we are restless, therefore we pray:

All: **My Lord and my God, take from me all that hinders me from You and bestow on me all that draws me to You.**

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**

Rev. Becky Hébert

***Gloria Patri**

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

Anthem

Reading of Holy Scripture

John 17: 1-11,13, 26

p.985-986

Sermon

"The Farewell Prayer"

The Rev. Becky Hebert

***Hymn**

"We Are Not Our Own"

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Joined in a Prayer of Farewell

Unison

1. We are not our own. Earth forms us, hu-man leaves on na-ture's grow-ing

vine, fruit of man-y gen-er - a - tions, seeds of life di-vine.

1. We are not our own. Earth forms us,
human leaves on nature's growing vine,
fruit of many generations,
seeds of life divine.
2. We are not alone. Earth names us:
past and present, peoples near and far,
family and friends and strangers
show us who we are.
3. Through a human life God finds us;
dying, living, love is fully known,
and in bread and wine reminds us:
we are not our own.
4. Therefore let us make thanksgiving,
and with justice, willing and aware,
give to earth, and all things living,
liturgies of care.
5. And if love's encounters lead us
on a way uncertain and unknown,
all the saints with prayer surround us:
We are not alone.
6. Let us be a house of welcome,
living stone upholding living stone,
gladly showing all our neighbors
we are not our own!

Prayers of the People

Choral Response

Call to Offering

Offertory

“Lamb of God”

by McHugh

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

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

Service of Holy Communion (pages 11-12 of *Worship Resources in pew rack*)

SHARING THE ELEMENTS (Please hold the cup and bread until all have been served. Note the center circle of the communion cup receptacles contains grape juice.)

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (in unison)

***Benediction**

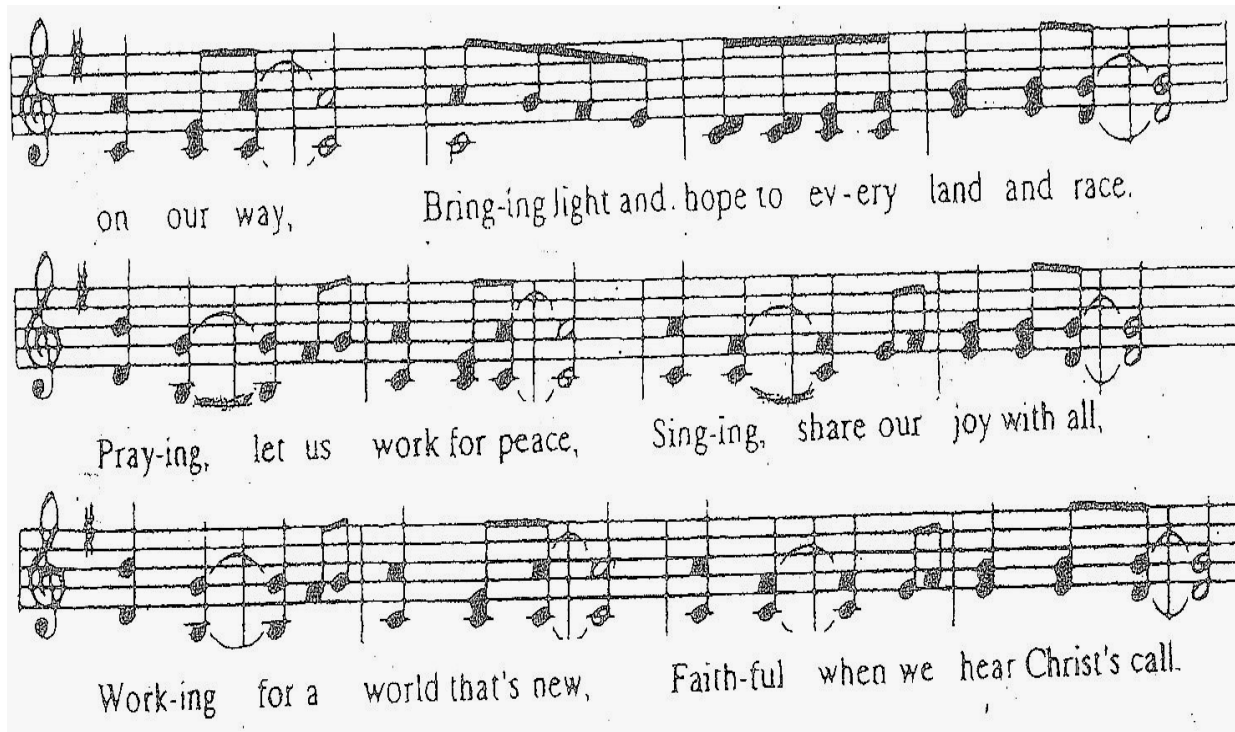
***Congregational Response**

“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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes in a simple, sans-serif font.

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Postlude

“All Because of God’s Grace”

by Adams

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

Keith Burton– He is the son of Joyce Burton. Pray the Doctor’s discover the cause of the bleeding.

Joyce Scroggs– She is recovering slowly. She is in Christian Health Care at 3535 E Cherokee-889-9955 (ask for her room). Visitors are appreciated.

John Scafe- He went to the Dr. on Friday for a follow up appointment.. He is doing much better.

Eleanor Lockhart– She had outpatient surgery for breast cancer on Thursday. She is recovering at home.

Please Contact our members who find it difficult to attend:

Virginia Shean–Ozark Nursing Care , 1486 N. Riverside Road Ozark, Mo. 65721

Virginia Steury– 1820 Plaza Drive, Nixa, Mo. 65714-9437

Flo Valentine–Ravenwood Asst. Living,1950 E. Republic Road #16,Spfd.,MO 07

Family and Friends:

Linda: She is a friend of Tona Rowett. Linda's tests show that she is cancer free.

Peggy Gilbert: (Friend of Tona Rowett & Melissa Burnett is struggling with her medication, and has frequent testing to ensure her breast cancer is under control.

Josephine Walker: (Jeanne Kruger's mother) She is in Manorcare on Fremont Rm. 612.

Joplin Recovery Group at St. John's Chapel, UCC

A group met following worship on May 29th to discuss what we would like to do as a congregation to help Joplin recover. The group, which has now grown to 19, decided to go with securing one family we will help from the beginning to the end of their recovery. This will include clean-up, the rebuilding of their home and helping to move back into their home. We are presently in the process of trying to secure a family through Habitat for Humanity through whom we will work on this endeavor.

The group also agreed that St. John's will function as a drop off point for needed supplies. Habitat will pick up and deliver these for us. We are not trying to replace the drop-off points already established. Habitat just wants to assure that needed supplies keep coming after this is no longer foremost on people minds. In church setting pastor will be asked to function as reminders.

Our volunteers for this St. John's Chapel UCC mission:

Dennis Gromer, Elaine Tebbenkamp, Kathy and Larry Pittman, Beverly Graham, Ken and Loy Swanson, Clo Ella Levenenz, Carolyn Wolfe, Jennifer Peaco, Nancy Anderson, Johna and Esther Steinhauer, Judith Bartell, Tona and Dave Rowett, Margaret Dodge, and Stephan Scharf. The response to this ambitious undertaking is overwhelming. My hope is that even more of you will join us.

Choir Announcement

To all choir members: The choir has been asked to attend a choir practice with Rev, Cliff Aerie on Sunday, June 12th, at 9:30 A.M. The music for the Anthem you will be singing that Sunday is in the Choir Room.



Becky Starts Her Sabbatical....

and we're going to wish her a Bon Voyage next Sunday, on June 12 during worship, followed by a labyrinth walk, and a noon luncheon here at the Chapel. All are welcome. Please RSVP to the office with your headcount by today, June 5th. A catered meal will be provided.

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 29, 2011

Worship: 59 Offering: \$2121.00

Sunday School: Offering:

The average weekly offering needed to meet annual budget is \$2,423.00

June 5, 2011

Jeanne Kruger will open the church in June

TODAY:	Seventh Sunday of Easter.....	10:30 am
	Communion	
	Paver Dedication Ceremony.....	10:15 am
Monday	Grace & Weight.....	5:30 pm
	Board of Service Ministries.....	6:00pm
Thursday	Women's Guild Luncheon @ Café Roswitha.....	12:00 noon
	Missouri Mid- South Conference begins with a banquet	
Friday	Missouri Mid- South Conference continues	
Sunday	Pentecost Sunday.....	10:30 am
	Becky's Farewell Celebration	
	Rev. Cliff Aerie & Oikos here to lead Worship	

WE NEED A VOLUNTEER!

We need someone to help clean the chapel while Lee goes on vacation. The dates are from June 17th through July 1st. Call Lee or the Church Office to volunteer.



Work on the Directory has begun! Don't be left out. Send pictures, addresses, phone numbers, and current e-mails in to the office right away. Thank you.