



St. John's Chapel United Church of Christ

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10:30 AM

Pentecost Worship in a New Key with the Oikos Ensemble

*In this circle of earthly existence you shine so finely,
It surpasses understanding. God hugs you.
You are encircled by the arms of the mystery of God.*
—Hildegarde of Bingen

Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy.
—Abraham Joshua Heschel

*My whole life, my whole soul, my whole spirit is to blow that horn.
What we play is life.*
—Louis Armstrong

PAUSE — GREET THE NEW DAY . . .

Gathering Music "Up the Downspout" by Cliff Aerie

Lighting of Candles Acolyte: Sarah Graham

Ringing of Bells

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Becky Hebert

Jazz Invocation "Morning" by Yusef Lateef

Invitation to a New Day Rev. Becky Hebert

One: A new day dawns—rise and welcome the morning.

All: Our Creator God paints a new day—hues of green and blue and brown

sketching the wonders of creation.

One: Wake up! Pray and give thanks for this morning.

All: A day filled with divine music—melodies of our deepest yearnings from the wellspring of prayer.

One: Blessings reach out before you.

All: A day filled with dramatic blessings—tales of our human striving as we author stories of faithful discipleship.

One: Love calls out to embrace you.

All: A day filled with holy poetry—verses and couplets expressing love's embrace for every encounter on life's journey

One: A new day dawns—rise and welcome the morning.

All: A day to offer praises to God—using all our creative imagination to express the wondrous grace of our Creator.

One: A new day dawns...

All: A new day dawns—rise and welcome the morning.

***Song of Awakening**

“Praise to God”

Sakura/Japanese Folk Melody

**Praise to God, praise to God for the greenness of the trees,
For the beauty of the flowers, for the blessing of the sky,
For the greatness of the sea.
Praise to God, praise to God, now and forevermore.**

**Thanks to God, thanks to God, for the gift of friends in Christ,
For the church our house of faith, for the gift of wondrous love,
For the gift of endless grace.
Thanks to God, thanks to God, now and forevermore.**

**Sing to God, sing to God for the grace of Jesus Christ,
For the love of parent God, for the comfort and the strength,
Of the Spirit, holy God.
Sing to God, sing to God, now and forevermore.**

IMAGINE — HOLY POSSIBILITIES . . .

Grace Note

“Spirit”

by Frederick Buechner

Prayer for Becoming

Rev. Becky Hebert

God of the darkened night, God of the morning light, God of all the moments in-between—breathe afresh in us. Give breath to voice that we may hear you speaking in holy conversation, dialogue and candor. Give breathe to silence—a deep resonance to truly hear your sigh in a gentle breeze, the laughter of friends and the tears of family. Give breath to music—refreshing us even in the

cacophony of life through the sweet melodies pulsating in rhythm and song. Give breath to spirit—in our faithful waiting, our doubting despair, in every moment that can transform our lives into holy possibilities.

God of all possibility, God of impossibility, breathe afresh in us. Expand the borders of our imagination and inspire us to answer the call of Christ—a call when we least expect it, a call when we most need it, a call that challenges us to follow creatively in Jesus' footsteps, embracing one another as we travel through our daily journey, seeking new possibilities to share your amazing grace. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace** "Amazing Grace" by John Newton

Not Just for Children Only Rev. Cliff Aerie

Choral Anthem "I'm Going On a Journey" by Eddie Bonnemere

CREATE — A LIFE WORTHY OF LIVING . . .

Holy Wisdom/Holy Word Acts 2: 1-13 Reimagining Pentecost

Revs. Cliff & Becky

***Meditation Song** "Give me a Clean Heart" by Margaret Douroux

Give me a clean heart, so I may serve you.
God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you.
For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.
Give me a clean heart, and I'll follow you.

Free Play on the Word "A Pentecost Story" Rev. Cliff Aerie

Jazz Reflections "Sing My Blues Away" by Chris Bakriges/Cliff Aerie

BECOME — A BLESSING FOR OTHERS . . .

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

Pastor Stephan Scharf

Offering

Offertory "Un Canto Per La Pace" by Roger Kellaway

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Cliff Aerie

Song of Commitment “Awake, Awake to Love and Work”

Kentucky Morning Song

**Awake, awake to love and work the lark is in the sky;
the fields are wet with diamond dew; the worlds awake to cry
their praises to the Font of life; Christ Jesus passes by.**

**Come, let your voice be one with theirs,
shout with their shout of praise;
see how the giant sun soars up, God’s gift for all your days!
So let the love of Jesus come and set your soul ablaze.**

**To give and give and give again, as God’s own grace is free;
to spend yourself nor count the cost; to serve most gloriously
the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.**

Sabbath Blessing—for Pastor Becky as she begins a holy adventure Stephan

One: Today, our pastor leaves on an adventure. Some call it a sabbatical—a time of rest and refreshment, and we certainly wish her a time of relaxation... but we know she is really setting forth on a pilgrimage.

All: Yes, this sabbatical is more than just a time of rest. It will be an opportunity for her to explore her spiritual roots, reflect on her calling to ministry, and experience the surprises and blessings of pilgrimage.

One: We wish Becky a time of spiritual renewal and charge her to return refreshed, renewed and filled with the Spirit!

All: And while she is away we pledge to lift her up in prayer and carry her in our hearts as we continue our ministry here at St. John’s Chapel.

One: Becky, as we extend our prayers to you on your adventure, will you remember us on your pilgrimage?

Becky: I promise to raise you up in prayer and ask the Holy One for every good blessing as you labor in the vineyard of our ministry.

One: As you embark on your pilgrimage we, your church family and partners in ministry, take this opportunity to share an ancient ritual of anointing that you may be blessed and catapulted onto the pilgrim pathway.

As Pastor Becky kneels she receives the blessing of anointment.

One: Becky, on this Pentecost Sunday, receive the blessing, promise and power of the Holy Spirit. May each step on your journey be filled with awesome wonder and every encounter graced with unexpected spiritual treasure. Receive and share blessings wherever your path may lead.

Let us join together in the spirit of prayer:

All: Amazing, wondrous and surprising God, we ask your blessing on

Becky as she embarks on the “Pilgrim’s Way” into life’s labyrinth; a journey to a holy center that will offer a refreshing wellspring for her spirit.

Becky: Gracious God, bless my friends and colleagues in ministry as they move day to day within their own faith journey and discover anew the pilgrim’s call to discipleship.

One: God of creation, mystery and awe, we will seal this Sabbath Blessing by walking our Labyrinth—moving to the center of our faith, and offering our heart-felt wishes for all our pilgrimages, far and near, in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Let our processional journey to the Labyrinth begin.

***Labyrinth Processional** “Joy Dawned Again” by Chris Bakriges

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The Oikos Ensemble is...

Rev. Cliff Aerie, soprano & tenor saxophones  
Dr. Chris Bakriges, piano  
Arianna Aerie, vocals  
Kyth Trantham, bass  
Karnell Robinson, drums

Oikos is the Greek New testament word translated as “dwelling place,” “house,” “abode.” At its biblical center is the sense of one who manages a household — a steward. It is also the root word for economy, ecology and ecumenical — clearly a relational concept of embracing God’s blessings of bounty, the environment, and human relationships.

As a musical ensemble, Oikos is a consortium of musicians sharing what it means to be blessed by God, sensitive to the Creator’s gift of our fragile world, and our responsibility to embrace sisters and brothers in the diverse global family. Learn more about the Oikos Ensemble at [www.oikos-ensemble.com](http://www.oikos-ensemble.com).

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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.

**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 is doing much better.

**Eleanor Lockhart**– The Doctors got all her cancer.

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.

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**Chapel Wish List**

Have you ever heard of Christmas in July? We have need of Santa all year long here at the Chapel:

Dear Santa(s),

Please send us helpers for financing; mowing, copier repair, cleaning supplies, Camp Aurora, plants and mulch for the grounds, and disaster relief.

Please send us volunteers; Joplin helpers, mowers, liturgists, fill-ins for those on vacation and Camp Aurora work days. We have sign up sheets for many areas where you can help ,or contact the Chapel office to provide a gift.

Thank you,

Congregation and Staff at St. John's Chapel, UCC

**Check out the sign up sheet in the Narthex, and become involved in our Joplin relief efforts along with your fellow church members who have already signed up.**

## Farewell Pastor Becky or “A Proper French Goodbye.”

"Au revoir". Literally, this means "at our next meeting" or "till we see each other again". This is pronounced as "oh-vuah" by natives and is the most flexible farewell phrase in French. It can be used very formally when addressing elders, superiors or people who you don't know, but it can be used with friends or colleagues too. If the mood and the time feels right, then a hug or an embrace is given, especially if the person is going away for a long time. Implied in this farewell is the idea of "good luck and come back soon" or "look forward to meeting you soon". If it is someone with whom you are close or intimate, a hug and a kiss on both cheeks would be a good way to show your feelings.

We will miss you. We wish a wonderful journey, with many blessings. Our prayers go with you. Au revoir, Pastor Becky. (information from "wikiHow")

*Our Deepest  
Sympathy to the  
Family and friends  
of Margaret Berger.*

Margaret Berger, 90, of Sioux City, Iowa, formerly of Springfield passed away Saturday, May 28, 2011 at Bickford Assisted Living in Sioux City.

Margaret is survived by her son Michael Berger and his wife Jane of Sioux City; and two sisters, Lois Webb of Wichita, Kan. and Joan Porto of Watertown, Connecticut.

She was preceded in death by her husband William Berger.

**A big thank you to Rev. Cliff Aerie and the members of Oikos for helping to make this a memorable Pentecost service and being part of Pastor Becky's farewell celebration.**

### Family Camp at Camp Aurora June 24,25, and 26

It is Family Camp time again and we would like as many people as possible to attend, even if it's just for the day. Friday evening everyone brings their own supper (sandwiches, burgers, salads, etc.) and they can share with everyone or just eat what they bring. If you bring hamburger meat, there is a grill or a stove to cook on. We ask that each family bring some kind of dessert (cookies, brownies, cake, pie, etc.) Saturday we will supply the food and we will all work together to cook breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The pool is open for swimming and the volleyball court is ready for action! You can bring games, dominos, cards, etc. if you would rather stay indoors in the dining hall. A variety of snacks, popcorn, cookies, and sodas will be available. (We also have a soda machine the Dining Hall) You may want to bring a fan. We will all have a great time. We will need a head count--how many adults and how many children, to plan properly for provisions. Turn in your registration by June 19th to the Chapel office. Contact Jeanne Kruger if you have questions. Maps are in the office.

**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.

| <b>June 5, 2011</b> |                                                                                                                        |
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|                     | Jeanne Kruger will open the church in June                                                                             |
| TODAY:              | Pentecost Sunday.....10:30 am<br>Oikos, Labyrinth Walk, and Pastor Becky's Farewell Party<br>Bring Food For Crosslines |
| Tuesday             | Fish Day<br>Grace & Weight .....5:30 pm<br>Council..... 6:30 pm                                                        |
| Thursday            | Pastor Stephan on vacation                                                                                             |
| Saturday            | CAMP AURORA WORK DAY..... 9:00 am                                                                                      |
| Sunday              | Trinity Sunday.....10:30 am<br>Dale Parson Preaching<br>Father's Day                                                   |

**CAMP AURORA WORK DAY-June 18th @ 9AM. Make plans to help out!**

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| <p><b><u>Our Stewardship for Sunday, June 5, 2011</u></b><br/>Worship: 66      Offering: \$3107.00<br/><i>The average weekly offering needed to meet annual budget is \$2,423.00</i></p> |
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**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.



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| <p><b>The deadline for submissions and corrections to the Directory is June 20th. Don't be left out. Send pictures, addresses, phone numbers, and current e-mails in to the office right away. Thank you.</b></p> |
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