



St. John's Chapel  
United Church of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Martha Robertson

**Liturgist: Judith Bartell**

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July 10, 2011

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 A.M.

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

**Gathering**

Meditative Prelude

played by Kyle Aho

As the congregation gathers, you are invited to be silent and to pray and reflect on what brings you to worship today.

Can you bring ALL of yourself to worship? Not just your body but also your mind and your heart, your spirit and your energy? In the *Koiné Greek* used in the New Testament, the word *nous* (pronounced like 'noose') is typically translated "mind." But it has a bigger meaning than that; it means mind AND heart AND spirit; it means thinking and feeling. The poet Scott Cairns seeks to capture this wholeness of person in his poem "Adventures in New Testament Greek: *Nous*."

You could almost think the word synonymous  
with *mind*, given our so far narrow  
history, and the excessive esteem

in which we have been led to hold what is,  
in this case, our rightly designated  
nervous systems. Little wonder then

that some presume the mind itself both part  
and parcel of the person, the very seat  
of soul, and lately, crucible for a host

of chemical incentives—combinations  
of which can pretty much answer for most  
of our habits and for our affections

When even the handy lexicon cannot

quite place the *nous* as anything beyond  
one rustic ancestor of reason, you might

be satisfied to trouble the odd term  
no further— and so would fail to find  
your way to it, most fruitful faculty

untried. Dormant in its roaring cave,  
the heart's intellective aptitude grows dim,  
unless you find a way to wake it. So,

let's try something, even now. Even as  
you tend these lines, attend for a moment  
to your breath as you draw it in: regard

the breath's cool descent, a stream from mouth  
To throat to the furnace of the heart.  
Observe that queer, cool confluence of breath

And blood, and do your thinking there.

## **Lighting of Candles**

## **Ringling of Bells**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **\*Opening Words**

Leader: Rejoice in our God always!

**People: Again I say rejoice!**

Leader: For God has gathered us together

**People: From all corners of the earth,**

Leader: To be present now,

**People : And to know the joyful unity**

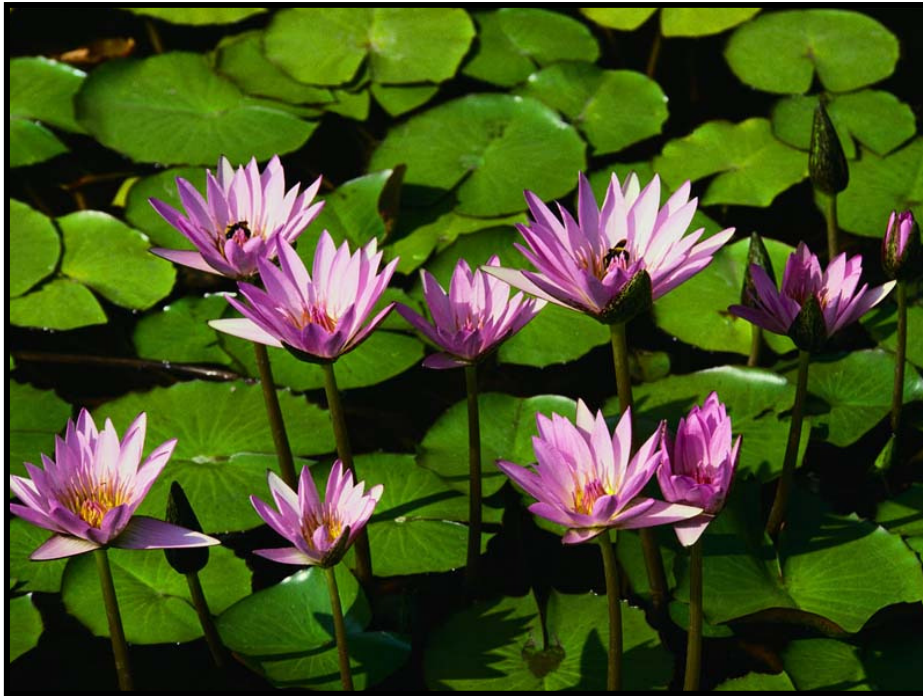
Leader: Of being one with Christ.

**People:** Rejoice in our God always!

**Leader:** Again I say rejoice!

**Unison:** O God of love, you have called us into the church. We thank you for opportunities to grow in understanding and concern for one another. May our congregation be an incarnation of your love within and beyond these church doors, wherever there is loneliness, injustice, or misunderstanding; through Christ our Head, and the Holy Spirit our Strength. Amen

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Opening Hymn

"I Heard My Mother Say"

NO.409 TNCH

1 I heard my moth-er say, I heard my moth-er say,  
2 At mid-night was my cry, at mid-night was my cry,  
3 Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die,  
4 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,

I heard my moth-er say, "Give me Je - sus."  
at mid - night was my cry, "Give me Je - sus."  
oh, when I come to die, give me Je - sus.  
in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.

*Refrain*

Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus, you may

have all this world, give me Je - sus.

## **Responsive Reading**

One: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**All: For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from sin and death.**

One: For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do:

**Men: by sending the One called the Son, in the likeness of sinful flesh, to conquer sin.**

One: In this way God condemned sin in the flesh

**Women: so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.**

One: For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh,

**Men: but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.**

One: To set the mind on the flesh is death,

**Women: but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.**

One: For this reason

**All: the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God;**

One: it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot,

**All: and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.**

One: But you are not in the flesh:

**Men: you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.**

One: Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Christ.

**Women: But if Christ is in you,**

One: though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

**All: If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,**

One: that same One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also

**All: through God's Spirit that dwells in you.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

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

**Children's Time**

**Pastor Stephan Scharf**

*(Children will stay in the Sanctuary after Children's Time)*

**Ministry of Music**

"Beside Still Water"  
played by Kyle Aho & M.M. Rutledge

By Hamblen

**Reading of Holy Scripture**

Genesis 25:19-34 Judith Bartell  
Matthew 13: 1-9

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**Sermon**

"Being Whole Christians" The Rev. Dr. Martha Robertson

**\*Hymn**

"Near to the Heart Of God"

No. 621

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

**Offertory**

"It Is Well with My Soul"  
played by Kyle Aho & M.M. Rutledge

By Bliss

**\*Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

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

**Hymn**

"The Gift of Love"

No.495

**\*Benediction**

Leader: As Jesus sent the disciples into the countryside to preach and to heal, so Christ sends us out to speak words of hope and to heal human hurts today.

**People: We accept this mission to be God's people in the world.**

Leader: Go on your way, rejoicing in the presence of God's Spirit, and in the power of the gospel of love and hope

**All: For yours is the glory, O God, now and forever! Amen**

**\*Congregational Response** “God Is So Good”

p.50 verses 1 & 4

**Postlude**

“In The Service of The King”  
Played by Kyle Aho

by Ackley

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**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.

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**Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Members:**

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

**Eleanor Lockhart**– She is doing well. Her white blood count is up, so she is on antibiotics at this time.

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:**

**Peggy Gilbert:** (Friend of Tona Rowett & Melissa Burnett is still 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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**Our Stewardship for Sunday, June 19, 2011**

Worship: 61      Offering: \$2392.00

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

**A warm “thank you” to our UCC friends in Battle Creek Michigan.  
They brought down 40 buckets of cleaning supplies for Joplin**

**Attention : Calling All Our Great Cooks**

St. John's Chapel is filled with wonderful cooks and the Friendship Circle is calling on them to submit their recipes for a cookbook. Place your recipes in the designated basket in the Narthex and put your name on them so you get credit for it in the cookbook . You may submit more than one recipe in any category you want. The deadline for submission will be the middle of August. If you have questions, call Beverly Graham at 881-3034



<b>July 10, 2011</b>	
Curt Bartell will open the church in July	
TODAY:	Sunday Worship..... .10:30 am Rev. Dr. Martha Robertson Preaching Bring Donations for Crosslines Independent Women meet at Jimm's.....1:00 pm
Tuesday	Fish Day Grace & Weight.....5:30 pm Council..... 6:30 pm
Thursday	Women's Guild.....1:00 pm
Sunday	Sunday Worship.....10:30 am Rev. Dr. Martha Robertson Preaching



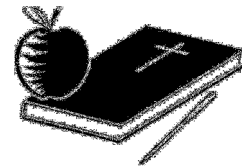
**Vacation Bible School *Bible Safari***

**Go on a "Bible Safari" with the kids.**

Sponsored by the Christian Board of Education.  
Our VBS will be August 1-5, 2011, from 6 to 8:00 P.M.  
Registration Forms are in the Chapel office

**Genealogy Workshop**

The Genealogy Workshop for the congregation will be held August 14, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Come and learn how to find your ancestors. Please RSVP by contacting the Chapel office or on the sign up sheet in the Narthex. Contact Jim May if you have any questions.889-0240



**Genealogy  
Class**