



St. John's Chapel  
United Church of Christ  
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July 12, 2009

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 A.M.

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*(\* All who are able, please stand.)*

**Gathering**

Meditative Music

As we gather for worship we invite you to observe silence and enter into reflection.

*The theme of today's worship will focus on "Kingdom Food." You might want to reflect on: the difference between Herod and Jesus' kingdom food and how they are both cannibalistic in nature.*

*Space to write down your thoughts:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*You may wish to come forward and write your thoughts in the "Book of Common Prayers" located in front of the choir loft to the left. Or light a candle at the communion table to symbolize the concerns or joys you carry with you to worship, or whatever is on your heart and mind. You may spend time in reflection where you are, or if you reflect better walking, walk around the sanctuary and reflect on images you encounter.*

**Hymns**

"Come and Dine"

No. 593

"Forward Through the Ages"    see hymn on following page

1 For - ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,  
 2 Wide grows God's do - min - ion, reign of love and peace;  
 3 Not a - lone we con - quer, not a - lone we fall;

move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine;  
 for it we must la - bor, till all striv - ings cease.  
 in each loss or tri - umph, lose or tri - umph all.

Gifts in dif - fer - ing mea - sure, hearts of one ac - cord,  
 Proph - ets have pro - claimed it, teach - ers tes - ti - fied,  
 Bound by God's far pur - pose in one liv - ing whole,

man - i - fold in ser - vice, one the sure re - ward.  
 po - ets sung its glo - ry, mar - tyrs for it died.  
 move we on to - geth - er to the shin - ing goal.

## Connecting as Community

### Welcome

#### Hymns

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

No. 124

“Holy God We Praise Thy Name”

No. 12

#### \*Invocation

#### \*Passing of the Peace

## Silent Meditation and Personal Confession

*(During this time of inward reflection and repentance, you may want to use the "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 they gave and received love, and when they did not give or receive love. Once your days are reviewed and examined you may journal what you uncovered, or simply imagine offering your insight up to God to let God love you just as you are.)*

### \*Assurance of Forgiveness

### \*Gloria Patri ("Glory Be to the Father" No. 9 in *Sing to the Lord*)

## Children's Time

### Children's Hymn

"Jesus Loves Me"

No. 738

*(Children may exit for Children's Church)*

## Bringing the Word of God to the People

### Reading of Holy Scripture

Mark 6: 14-29 (p.916)

Judith Bartell

### Sermon

The Rev. Becky Hebert

"Kingdom Food"

## Responding to God

### Hymn

"Heralds of Christ"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Heralds of Christ". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a time signature of 4/4. It features a series of chords and melodic lines, with some notes marked with 'y' above them. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a time signature of 4/4. It features a series of chords and melodic lines. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, and the instruction "Trumpets, before each stanza" is written to the left of the first line of lyrics.

Trumpets, before each stanza

1. Her - als of Christ, who bear the King's com-mands,
2. Through des - ert ways, dark fen, and deep mo - rass,
3. Where once the crook - ed trail in dark-ness wound
4. Lord, give us faith and strength the road to build,

Im - mor - tal ti - dings in your mor - tal hands,  
 Through jun - gles, slug - gish seas, and moun - tain pass,  
 Let march - ing feet and joy - ous song re - sound,  
 To see the prom - ise of the day ful - filled,

Pass on and car - ry swift the news ye bring:  
 Build ye the road, and fal - ter not, nor stay;  
 Where burn the fu - neral pyres, and cen - sers swing,  
 When war shall be no more and strife shall cease

Make straight, make straight the high - way of the King.  
 Pre - pare a - cross the earth the King's high - way.  
 Make straight, make straight the high - way of the King.  
 Up - on the high - way of the Prince of Peace. A-MEN.

**Prayers of the People, the Lord's Prayer and Solo Response**

*(During this time of prayer there will be times of silence for you to reflect, to talk with God and to listen for the still small God in your mind's eye.)*

Pastor: God hear the cry of Your suffering people, of women and men and boys and girls who hunger and hurt.

*Silence*

Voice 1: Hear, O God the cries of those who are despised and in exile—and tell us who they are so that we bring them the kingdom food of liberation.

*Silence*

Voice 2: We have just heard again one of the stories in the Bible that try to help us learn more about You. And we ask You to help us hold a true vision of Your Kingdom of earth and live into that vision.

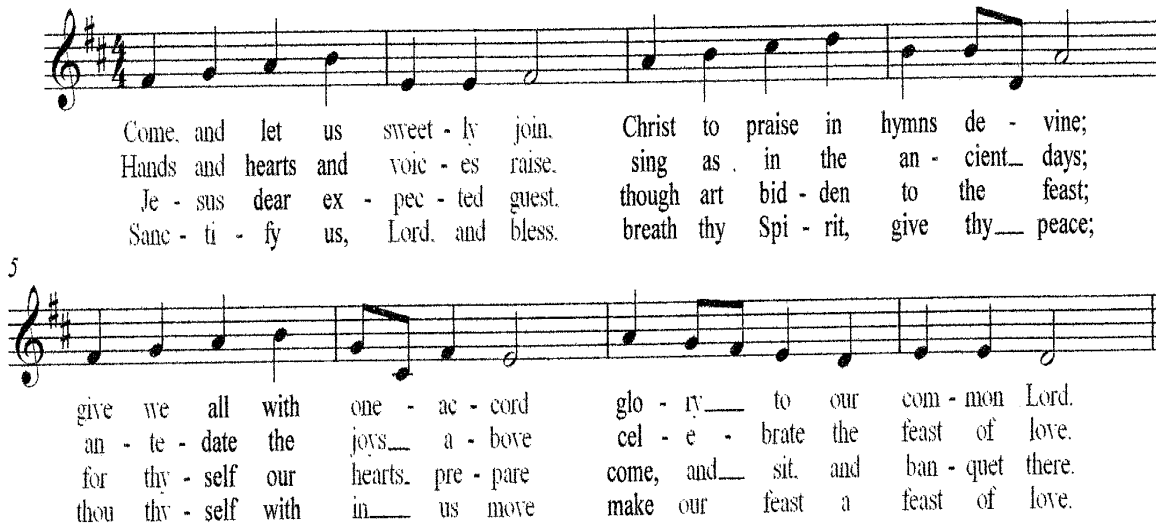
*Silence*

Voice 3: You have set before us this day, dear God, life and death. We so want to chose life of feasting on Christ. We say to ourselves:  
**People: Choose life, that you and your children may live.**  
 Pastor: We say to our friends:  
**People: Choose life, that you and your children may live.**  
 Pastor: We say to the world:  
**People: Choose life, that you and your children may live.**  
 Pastor: Thus says Jesus, "I have come that you may have life and have it in abundance." (John 10: 10) Let us join our voice in praying the Lord's prayer.

## Offering

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

**\*Hymn** "Come and Let Us Sweetly Join"



Come, and let us sweet-ly join. Christ to praise in hymns de-vine;  
 Hands and hearts and voic-es raise. sing as in the an-cient days;  
 Je-sus dear ex-pec-ted guest. though art bid-den to the feast;  
 Sanc-ti-fy us, Lord, and bless. breath thy Spi-rit, give thy peace;

5  
 give we all with one-ac-cord glo-ry to our com-mon Lord.  
 an-te-date the joys a-bove cel-e-brate the feast of love.  
 for thy-self our hearts. pre-pare come, and sit, and ban-quet there.  
 thou thy-self with in us move make our feast a feast of love.

## \*Blessing and Sending

### Benediction

## Going Forth Singing

## "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  
on our way, Bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.  
Pray - ing, let us work for peace, Sing - ing, share our joy with all,  
Work - ing for a world that's new, Faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

**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.



**Christian Ed is co-hosting VBS at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.**

We anticipate approximately 50 children will be attending.

**Time:** 6:00 to 8:00 pm  
**Days:** Monday, July 13 thru Friday, July 17  
**Where:** 815 E. Farm Rd 182 (Plainview Rd)

A light dinner will be provided from 5:30 to 6:00 pm. Donations of the following items will be greatly appreciated: Macaroni & cheese, chicken nuggets, corn dogs, chips, small tortillas, vanilla wafers, mandarin oranges, apples, canned peach halves, raisins, loaves of bread, red jelly and fruit drinks. (lemonade type drinks). Donations may be left in the designated box in the narthex. If items are perishable (i.e. hot dogs, etc.) please put them in the freezer in the kitchen.

We are still in need of volunteers to help during the week. Pays well. Please call Eleanor Berger for more details at 833-8796 or 773-3037.

**Registration forms are available in the narthex.**



Is today following church services. There is a carry-in lunch.

**Semi-Annual**  
MEETING

**Endowment Board Meeting** will be Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30 pm in the work room.

**LITURGISTS NEEDED!**

For the new summer services we need two liturgists. I have one for each Sunday in July and August but need a second who will read the Scripture from their seat. The sign-up sheet is on the easel in the narthex. Available dates are: July 19 & 26. Aug 2,9,16,23,30, we also need liturgists for the following dates when we return to regular services. Sept. 6 & 27, Oct. 4, Nov. 1,22 & 29 and Dec. 6,20, 27.

**Friendship Circle** will meet at Mary Lou's house on July 21st for a salad supper and swim party. Come any time after 4:40 pm to swim, and we will plan to eat about 6:00 pm. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.



**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 dates are July 14th and 28th.

**Messenger Items are due Thursday, July 23rd!!!**

**Pastor Becky** will be on vacation July 13th through July 26th. Next Sunday, July 19th we welcome Samantha Hogenson from The House at MSU.

**Board of Christian Education** meets Tuesday, July 28 at 6:30 pm.

Our Stewardship for Sunday, July 5, 2009

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**Members:**

**Norman Rahmoeller:** Norman is at Springfield Rehab and Care Center, 2800 S. Fort. He is now in the care of Season's Hospice

**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:** continues to improve. If you would like to visit Karl, please call before stopping by.

**Perdy Scafe:** is suffering from shingles in her mouth but seems to be tolerating the chemo as well as can be expected.

**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).

**Kermit McCuiston:** (Jamie Gromer's grandfather) has cancer.

**Holly Francis:** (Logan McCuiston's mother) Will be undergoing surgery at Cox this Tuesday. She should be hospitalized about 3 days. I would be helpful if you could take some meals to the family.

**Suane Sutherland:** CloElla's sister, is battling continuing pain and disability as a result of years of Rheumatoid Arthritis but is feeling a little better now.

**Andrew Hill:** the brother of a friend of Mary Lou Datema, is suffering from severe pancreatitis and is not doing well. He is currently in the ICU at St. John's.



Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

**July 12, 2009**

Jim May will open the church in July.

Today:	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	10:30 am
	Semi-Annual meeting.....	
	Independent Women.....	1:00 pm
	Bring Crosslines Food	
Monday	VBS at Prince of Peace.....	6:00 pm
Tuesday:	Fish Day .....	
	VBS at Prince of Peace.....	6:00 pm
Wednesday:	VBS at of Peace .....	6:00 pm
	Endowment Board .....	6:30 pm
Thursday	VBS at Prince of Peace.....	6:00 pm
Friday	VBS at Prince of Peace.....	6:00 pm
Next Sun.:	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	10:30 am
	Guest Speaker-Samantha Hogeson from "The House"	

**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.

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