



St. John's Chapel  
United Church of Christ

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**Liturgist: Elaine Tebbenkamp**

**Rev. Dr. Martha Robertson**

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July 17 2011

Fifth 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

Welcome to worship! As the congregation gathers, please take the time to center yourself in silence, asking yourself what it is that brings you to worship today.

You might find reading today's Gospel lesson helpful and enjoyable as you get ready for worship. It's Matthew 13: 31-35 and it's on page 890 in the Bible in the pew rack. In worship here during the past few weeks, we have been thinking and talking about Christian behavior and Christian practices. One of the parables in the reading from Matthew introduces the idea of 'usefulness' into this on-going conversation, an idea explored with passion and clarity in Marge Piercy's poem, *To Be of Use*.

The people I love the best  
jump into work head first  
without dallying in the shallows  
and swim off with sure strokes almost out of sight.  
They seem to become natives of that element,  
the black sleek heads of seals  
bouncing like half-submerged balls.

I love people who harness themselves, an ox to a heavy cart,  
who pull like water buffalo, with massive patience,  
who strain in the mud and the muck to move things forward,  
who do what has to be done, again and again.

I want to be with people who submerge  
in the task, who go into the fields to harvest  
and work in a row and pass the bags along,

who are not parlor generals and field deserters  
but move in a common rhythm  
when the food must come in or the fire be put out.

The work of the world is common as mud.  
Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles to dust.  
But the thing worth doing well done  
Has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident.  
Greek amphoras for wine or oil,  
Hopi vases that held corn, are put in museums  
But you know they were made to be used.  
The pitcher cries for water to carry  
And a person for work that is real.



### **Lighting of Candles**

### **Ringling of Bells**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Opening Words**

Elaine Tebbenkamp

One: O magnify the Lord with me,

**All: let us exalt the name of the Lord together.**

One: They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

**All: They shall mount up with wings as eagles,**

One: They shall run and not be weary,

**All: They shall walk and not faint**



## Sung Prayer of Invocation "POUR OUT YOUR SPIRIT"

words & music p. 57 from *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

From the sac - red wa - ters of my birth  
to the sac - red wa - ters of this hour,  
I have leaned up - on You who knit me in my  
moth - er's womb. O pour out Your Spir - it now.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 100. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a 4/4 time signature, and a tempo marking of 100. The first measure has an Am chord. The second staff has an F chord in the first measure and a Gsus chord in the last measure. The third staff has G, C, F, C, and G/B chords. The fourth staff has Am, Dm7, Gsus, G, F, and C chords. The music is a simple melody with lyrics underneath.

### \*Confession

One: Come to me,  
all you who labor and are heavily burdened,  
and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you,  
and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.  
For my yoke is easy,  
and my burden is light.

Let us ask God to forgive us.

All: **Almighty God,  
in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people,  
but we do not do what you command.  
We are often silent when we should speak,  
and useless when we could be useful.**

**Have mercy on us, O God.  
Forgive us and free us from sin;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

One: Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn?  
Only Christ,  
and Christ died for us,  
Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us,  
Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Friends, believe the Gospel:

**Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*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)*

**Anthem**

Duane Harris with Chancel Choir

**Reading of Holy Scripture**

Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24 Elaine Tebbenkamp p.566  
Matthew 13: 31-35 p.890

**Sermon**

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The Rev. Dr. Martha Robertson

**\*Hymn** "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" No. 214

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

**Offertory Statement**

**Offertory** Duane Harris with Chancel Choir

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

**\*Closing Hymn** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 507

**\*Charge and Blessing**

One: God has shown you what is good.  
What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,  
and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Many: Amen.

**\*Congregational Response** "God Is So Good" p.50 verses 1 & 4

**Postlude** "Something Beautiful" by Gaither  
Played by Kyle Aho

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**WELCOME**

We wish to welcome Duane Harris, this morning.  
He is a candidate for choir director

We would like to thank Rev. Martha Robertson for being with us these past three weeks. We appreciate all you did for us here at the Chapel.



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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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Our deepest sympathy to Jeanne and Karl Kruger and their family. Jeanne's mother, Josephine Jean Walker passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 9th, 2011. She was 93 years old. Please keep the family in your prayers



*With Sincere Sympathy*

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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 undergoing chemo treatments.

**Gene & Gerry Duillo**— Pray for them as they deal with the loss of their son, Tony.

**Phil Scafe**— They have found dying bone due to previous cancer treatments.

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:**

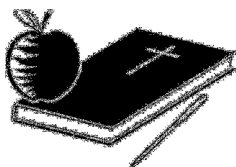
**Peggy Gilbert:** ( She is a friend of Tona Rowett and Pray her medication is working to keep her cancer under control..

**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.

## 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



## *Genealogy Class*

### **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

## **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



Contact the Christian Board of Education to help



The Semiannual meeting of St John's Chapel will be Sunday July 31st. after the worship service. You may turn in your report to the Chapel office by July 26th for publication in the printed report, or present your report yourself at the meeting. Please plan to attend this important informational meeting..

**Our Stewardship for Sunday, July 10, 2011**

Worship: 70      Offering: \$2707.00

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

**Koinonias Pool and Visiting Party**

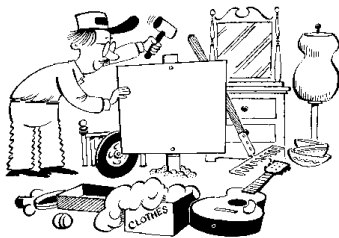
The Koinonias Pool and Visiting party will be Saturday , July 23rd, at 3:00P.M. Dinner is at 5:30 P.M. The meat and drinks will be provided, so please bring a side dish. This event is co-hosted by Nancy and Ed Anderson, and Shirley and Corniel Datema. Please RSVP to either the Andersons at 863-7309, or the Datemas at 865-4080



**July 17, 2011**

Curt Bartell will open the church in July

TODAY:	Sunday Worship.....	10:30 am
	Rev. Dr. Martha Robertson Preaching	
	Join us for an Appreciation Lunch for Martha, family style at Mr Yen's after the service	
Monday	Grace & Weight.....	5:30 pm
Thursday	Endowment Committee.....	7:00 pm
Saturday	Koinonia's Pool Party- .....	Swimming at 3pm and dinner at 5:30 pm
Sunday	Sunday Worship.....	10:30 am
	Pastor Stephan Scharf Preaching	



**GOT STUFF?**

United Ministries in Higher Education is having a **GARAGE SALE** on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 7 am to 12 pm at the House, 602 Florence. If you have an item or items that you could donate we would greatly appreciate it. We welcome anything and will even consider selling large items (like something over \$200) on consignment. UMHE would get 30% of the sale of consignment items. What a great way to clean out your stuff! Please contact Tona Rowett or Gary Tebbenkamp if you have questions. Items may be dropped off at the House by Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, but be sure to call first (865-8711) for someone to be there to accept the item(s). If an item is large it may need to be brought to the House on Saturday morning. Thanks for your support of our campus ministry