



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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Liturgist: Nancy Anderson

July 3, 2011

10:30 A.M.



* Denotes when all who are able to please stand.

Gathering

“Musical Interlude”

by Kyle Aho

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

Sacraments are religious ceremonies in which visible objects or actions are used in the belief that something invisible is or may be conveyed to participants. For Christians the invisible something that is conveyed via sacrament is God’s grace. Simply put, in sacrament, one thing is regarded as the “sign” of another, and what is signified is then conveyed to the participant . The word sacrament is related to “sacred” because it is usually something “sacred “that is “signified.”

From New Harper’s Bible Dictionary

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

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. Or you may wish to reflect on this where you are, today, on your faith journey, or if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.

Meditative Hymn

“Pour Out Your Spirit”

From the sacred waters of my birth

To the sacred waters of this hour,

I have leaned upon you who knit me in my mother’s womb.

O pour out your Spirit now.

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Celebration**

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All: Holy God, we do offer you our thankful praise this morning, rejoicing that you are God, maker of heaven and earth. Thank you for your covenant of love which binds us to you and to one another. With the church in all times and places, we lift our voices in thanksgiving and praise.

***Hymn of Celebration** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 51

Call to Confession Rev. Dr. Robertson

Prayer of Confession:

Holy God of steadfast love, have mercy upon us, for we are a warring, strife-torn people.

Forgive us our greed, our envy, our hatred and suspicion, our betrayals, our lack of love and joy. We ask from you the forgiveness that we so often do not extend to one another. In your great mercy, hear our prayer. Pardon and deliver us from all our sins, and grant us peace. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

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

Children's Time

Tona Rowett

(Children will remain in the sanctuary after Children's Time)

Anthem "He Leadeth Me" Bradbury /Gilmore
Kyle Aho & Butch Stillman

Reading of Holy Scripture Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67 p. 19-20
Romans 7: 15-25a p. 1029

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Martha Robertson

***Hymn** "Come, Share the Lord" No. 753

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

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory Statement

Offertory

“Softly and Tenderly”
Kyle Aho & Butch Stillman

Thompson

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

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

Offering Prayer

Service of Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of Elements

Unison Prayer

O God, we thank you
for uniting us by baptism
in the body of Christ
and by this meal filling us with joy and hope.
Grant that in the days ahead
our lips which have sung your praises
may speak the truth,
our eyes which have seen your love
may look with compassion

on the needs of the world,
our hands which have held
this loaf and cup
may be active in your service.
We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** "Peace Be Unto This Congregation"



Peace be un - to this con - gre - ga - tion. Peace to ev - 'ry
soul here - in. Peace, which flows - from Christ's sal - va - tion. This He
gave, our souls to save. Peace, re - deem - ing all our sin.

Postlude

"Glorious Freedom"

by Judson

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.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

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

Eleanor Lockhart— She began chemotherapy last Tuesday, fwchich will be followed by radiation 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: (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.

Our Stewardship for Sunday, June 26, 2011

Worship: 60

Offering: \$1031.00

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

Dear Summer Christmas Angels,

Please remember the gifts that keep the Chapel running: Mowing, Copier Repair, cleaning supplies, Camp Aurora, plants and mulch for the grounds, replenishing the Discretionary fund, and disaster relief.

Please send us volunteers; Joplin helpers, mowers, liturgists, 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 "Christmas in July gift."

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



Suitcases For Children

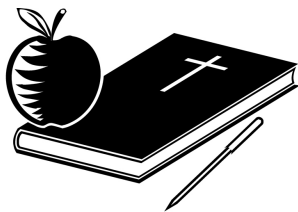
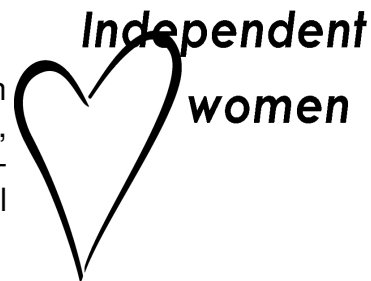
Mary Lou Datema is still collecting suitcases, backpacks and duffle bags to be given to children in foster care for transporting their belongings. Please save any of these items you are no longer using for her, and she will pass them on to Family Children's Services. Thank you!



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. You may bring items to donate to the Narthex

Independent Women Meeting in July

The Independent Women's group will be meeting in July at Jimm's Steakhouse, at 1935 S. Glenstone, on Sunday, July 10th at 1:00 PM.. The July hostesses are Jan Hale and Virginia Steury. Please call Jane Hale at 725-0886 if you have any questions.



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

Helping Hands: The congregation from Battle Creek, MI., who have entered into partnership with on our Joplin relief efforts, will be bringing supplies to the Chapel on July 6th. Many thanks to them.



*Help for Those
in Need*

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.



Have a wonderful Independence Day!
Be blessed and stay safe.
The Chapel Office will be closed for
the July 4th holiday.

July 3, 2011

Curt Bartell will open the church in July

TODAY:	Sunday Worship/Communion.....	10:30 am
	Rev. Dr. Martha Robertson Preaching	
Monday	Independence Day-Church Office Closed	
	No Grace & Weight.....	5:30 pm
Saturday	Bread For The World at Messiah Lutheran.....	9:00 am
Sunday	Sunday Worship.....	10:30 am
	Rev. Dr. Martha Robertson Preaching	
	Bring Crosslines donations	
	Independent Women meet at Jimm's.....	1:00pm

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

