



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

July 31, 2011

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 A.M.

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

Gathering

Meditative Prelude

played by Kyle Aho

Welcome to Worship! As the congregation gathers, we invite you to take the time to center yourself in silence, asking yourself what it is that brings you to worship today. Reading today's Scripture may prove a good and enjoyable way to guide you in your preparation. It is Genesis 32:22-31 and Mark 8:34-37, you find it on page 29 and 919 in the Pew Bibles. To lead a blessed and good life – many if not all of us would be able to identify with that basic longing. Today we will examine that blessings often do not just happen, but can come to us as a struggle.

Lighting of Candles

Ringling of Bells

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening and Greeting**

Nancy Anderson

One: The day breaks

All: And God wakes us with blessings.

One: The hour calls

All: And God surrounds us with peace.

One: The evening falls

All: And God holds us fast.

One: Let us turn to God in worship

All: God, who never turns from us.

One: The peace of God, the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Amen.

***Opening Prayer (based on Psalm 17)**

One: Hear a just cause, O God; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer. From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.

All: God, you see us, you see our struggles and difficulties.

One: If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

All: God, you see our possibilities and the promise of good in us. You see how hard we try to make the best of our lives.

One: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.

All: Call us in our wandering to hear you say our names. Connect the scattered dots of our life's journey, O God, and soften the hard spots with your blessing

One: I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

All: For you are a good God, a God present in the scramble, and in the end, you always embrace us with a blessing.

***Hymn**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

No. 17

Confession

Sing

Kyrie Eleison (sing 3 times)

NCH 751

Musical score for the hymn "Kyrie Eleison". The score is written for a single melodic line in G major, 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son, Chri-ste e - le-i-son." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a circled ending. The bass line consists of a steady accompaniment of eighth notes.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Children’s Time

Chuck Andrews

(Children will stay in the Sanctuary after Children’s Time)

Anthem Jesus, Lover of My Soul” Traditional
Pastor Stephan Scharf & Kyle Aho

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Genesis 32:22-31 Nancy Anderson
Gospel: Mark 8:34-37 Pastor Stephan Scharf

Sermon “On A Limp” Pastor Stephan Scharf

***Hymn** “God of Abraham and Sarah” No. 20

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

The Apostle’s Creed (Page2 in *Worship Resources*)

Offering Statement

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

Offertory “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” Doreen Potter
Pastor Stephan Scharf & Kyle Aho

All: Gracious God, Source of all good things, bless our tithes and offerings, increase their effect as they are used in your service. May this act of giving bring about renewal in our lives and in the lives we touch. May our service inspire others to trust in your compassionate ways.

Amen.

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| *Closing Hymn | “A Closer Walk With Thee” | No.617 |
| *Commission and Benediction | | |
| *Congregational Response | “Let All Things Now Living” | No.761 |
| Postlude | “Anywhere With Jesus” | Kyle Aho |

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.



**Semiannual
Church
Meeting**

All are invited to stay for the Semiannual Meeting after Worship this morning. We will be discussing the important issues and the current events here at St. John’s Chapel

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:

Tyler Cunningham– Kim and Adam Cunningham’s baby had a CAT scan done to see if his skull was fusing together too quickly. They should know the results of the scan this week.

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.

Jeanne & Karl Kruger-Pray for them and their family as they deal with the loss of Jeanne’s mother, Josephine.

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..



Bible Safari VBS

Vacation Bible School starts tomorrow and continues through August 5th, from 6 to 8:00 P.M.

Registration Forms are still available in the Chapel office

Please keep this important outreach in your prayers.

Sponsored by the Christian Board of Education.

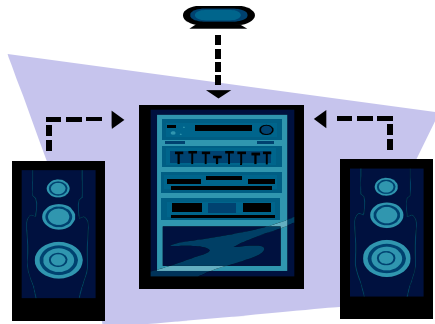
The Board of Christian Education is seeking donations to help with the cost of VBS snacks and drinks. The Congregation’s assistance with this request is most appreciated. Please give your donations to Eleanor Berger.



Our Stewardship for Sunday, July 24, 2011

Worship: 71 Offering: \$1992.00

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



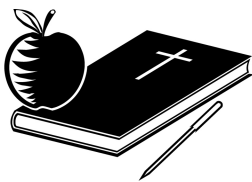
Audio Person Needed

David Rahmoeller is stepping down as the Sunday Audio volunteer, so we need someone to take his place. His last Sunday will be August 28th. If you feel led to help out in this area, please contact the Chapel office. Training will be provided.

Thank you David for your many years of faithful service in this ministry.

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



Thank you to everyone who sent condolences, cards, and flowers in remembrance of my Mom, Josephine Walker. It means so much to have church family that shares and cares so much.

Jeanne Kruger

Pictorial Directory Update

The Olan Mills pictorial directory has gone to the printer. We should have a copy to proof about the second week in August. Those of you who **did not have your picture taken by Olan Mills**, but would like a color copy of the directory, can order them at \$5.00 each. Please let the office know if you would like one or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex as soon as possible

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Family Faith day at The Springfield Cardinals Stadium

What: A baseball game

When: August 26th, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Who: You the congregation of St. John's Chapel , UCC.
(and many other congregations from local churches)

Why: A time of fellowship and to see a great game followed by fireworks.

Where: The Cardinal Stadium in downtown Springfield

Please let Judith Bartell or Beth in the office know if you would like to attend.

Tickets are \$6.00

We can make arrangements with the stadium so that everyone may sit together.



Friendship Circle

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE POOL PARTY



The Friendship Circle is having their pool party August 9. Please come anytime after 4:00 to swim; we will eat about 6:00. All are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. Mary Lou is providing taco salad. We will meet at Mary Lou Datema's at 3158 W. Wick. All women of the church are welcome!

July 31, 2011

Curt Bartell will open the church in July

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| TODAY: | Sunday Worship..... | 10:30 am |
| | Pastor Stephan Scharf Preaching | |
| Mon.-Fri. | VBS Bible Safari..... | 6-8:00 p.m. |
| Monday | Grace & Weight..... | 5:30 pm |
| Saturday | Bread For The World (may be postponed until Sept.)..... | 9:00 am |
| Sunday | Sunday Worship..... | 10:30 am |
| | Pastor Stephan Scharf Preaching | |
| | Bring Crosslines Donations | |

Suitcases For Children

Mary Lou Datema is continuing to collect suitcases, backpacks and duffle bags to be given to children in foster care to transport 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!

