



St. John's Chapel  
United Church of Christ  
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**Liturgist: Nancy Anderson & Shirley Datema**

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August 16, 2009

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

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 "Coming Home". You might want to reflect on your definition of home and family.*

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

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*Or 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 you 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

"We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer"  
Acolytes

No. 39

"God We Thank You for Our People"

1 God, we thank you for our peo-ple, roots dug deep with - in the soil,  
2 Thank you, God, for gen-tle plea-sure: les - sons learned and se-crets told,  
3 Still we must con-fess be - fore you, some-times, Sav - ior, we have failed;  
4 By your Spir - it of cre-a - tion keep us bold for risk-ing still,

har - dy spir - its, rich in lov - ing, strong for strug - gle, bold for toil.  
hopes and mem-ories saved as trea - sure, passed to young ones by the old,  
though we wor-ship and a - dore you, some-times love has not pre-ailed.  
ea - ger in an - ti - ci - pa - tion, ev - er strong to do your will.

Faith - ful Rock of gen - er - a - tions, you whom par - ents' par - ents praised:  
Pranks and glo-ries, songs and sto-ries, food by lov - ing hands pre - pared.  
Tem - pers rac - ing, dev - il chas - ing, hearts es - tranged by ice or flame  
Bind us close to one an - oth - er, shar - ing life and death and birth,

Here in hope as we re - mem - ber may our song to you be raised.  
God, we bless you for your pres - ence in our tears and laugh - ter shared.  
You trans - form by ways for - giv - ing. Grace a - maz - ing! Grace, your name!  
Wel - com - ing as sis - ter, broth - er, all your chil - dren on the earth.

# Connecting as Community

## Welcome

### Hymns

“All Creatures of Our God and King”  
*You may remain seated for this hymn.*

No. 77

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“Come Let Us Join With Faithful Souls”  
*Please stand for all hymns with \*.*

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1 Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise;  
 2 Faith - ful are all who love the truth and per - fect truth pro - claim,  
 3 And faith-ful are the gen - tle hearts to whom the power is given  
 4 O God of hosts, our faith re-new, and grant us, in your grace,

One fam - i - ly in heart are we, and one the God we praise.  
 Who stead-fast stand at God's right hand and glo - ri - fy God's name.  
 Of ev - ery hearth to make a home, of ev - ery home a heaven.  
 To join the songs sung by the saints in ev - ery time and place.

### \*Invocation

### 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 you gave and received love, and when you 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 may exit for Children’s Church)*

**Bringing the Word of God to the People**

**Reading of Holy Scripture**                      Mark 3: 19b-35                      p. 912

**Sermon**    “Coming Home”                      The Rev. Becky Hebert

**Responding to God**

**Hymn**    “For the Beauty of the Earth”                      No.776

**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: In silence let us lift up our hearts to the One Holy God.

*Silence*

We open our hearts to You, O God. We open ourselves to be touched by what we heard to be Your word.

*Silence*

We surrender ourselves, O God, to Your presence within and with out.

*Silence*

We are a people, O God, who strive to be Your people, who endeavor to forgive, who struggle to live God-given lives and proclaim the Good news, We are a people who so want to be a genuine faith family that does Your will, not ours.

*Silence*

Give us a vision that will entice us on—a vision filled with increasing

Holy Love, striving for justice and peace with Spirit-led work that empowers, with nourishment for each other and all who come our way. We pray the O God make us Your holy family. This we pray in the name of the man who claimed all who do the will of God as his family and taught us to pray, saying:

## Offering

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

**\*Hymn**

“A Christian Home”

No. 727

## \*Blessing and Sending

### Benediction



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.

**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.

Our Stewardship for Sunday, August 9, 2009

Worship                    79                    Offering    \$1335.00

Keep the following people in your thought and prayers:

**Members:**

**Karl Kruger:** is in complete remission!!

**Lois Rahmoeller's:** address is 2900 S Jefferson, Apt. 304, 65807.

**Lois, David, Debbie, Shanee' & Brianna and Kenneth, Eileen, Danielle and Sean Rahmoeller:** on the death of Rev. Norman Rahmoeller.

**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.

**Perdy Scafe:** has now also been diagnosed with diabetes as well as non-hodgkins lymphoma . She was hospitalized for a couple of days this week to stabilize her diabetes medications but is now back home.

**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) is recuperating at home from her surgery.

**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.

**Joyce Johnson:** (Friend of Glenda Weise) was in remission from breast cancer, but it has now returned and is in her bones.


**Todd McClain:** (Cousin of Melissa Burnett) is undergoing extensive medical tests.

**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.

**Visioning Committee** meets Tuesday, August 19 at 6:00 pm.

**Friendship Circle** meets Tuesday, August 19 at 7:00 pm.

 <p>Choir Rehearsals Resume</p>	Wednesday, August 19th at 7:40 pm.
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**Mowers Needed!!** We have no mowers signed up past Aug. 23rd. The dates open are: Aug. 30th, Sept. 6 & 20, Oct. 4 & 18 and Nov. 1 & 15. It might look like a jungle if we don't get some mowers in before the summer is over!

**Liturgists Needed!**

**For the summer services we need two liturgists. I have one for each Sunday in 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 opportunities are: Aug 23, 30. We also need a liturgist for the following date when we return to regular services, Nov. 29.



**Discernment Prayers for Our Church.** Prayer time is on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at noon. The next prayer dates are Aug. 25th and Sept 15th.

**Women's Guild** will not meet in the month of August. The next meeting will be on Sept. 10th at 1:00 pm when the outreach project will be the Violence Center. We can still use your help collecting Best Choice labels. Please consider buying Best Choice items for Crosslines donations as well as for home. Please cut out the bar codes and leave them in the fishbowl in the narthex or give them to Flo Valentine. These labels help provide additional service projects.



Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

**August 16, 2009**

Nancy Anderson will open the church in August.

Today:	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost.....	10:30 am
	The Kitchen.....	4:15 pm
Tuesday:	Visioning Committee.....	6:00 pm
	Friendship Circle.....	7:00 pm
Wednesday:	Grace & Weight .....	5:30 pm
	Choir Practice (only, no bells) .....	7:40 pm
Next Sun.:	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost .....	10:30 am

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