



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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Liturgist: Elaine Tebbenkamp

August 21, 2011

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 A.M.

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

Gathering

Meditative Prelude

played by Kyle Aho

As we gather for worship we invite you to observe silence and enter into reflective meditation

The theme of today's worship will focus on the shape and quality of a transformed life when we align with God. You might want to read and reflect on Romans 12:1-8, Isaiah 51:1-6 and Matthew 16:13-20.

Space to write down your thoughts:

Communion is available at the altar during this meditative time. There are also candles at the Communion table that you may light to symbolize the concerns or joys you carry with you to worship, or whatever is in your heart and mind. If you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter..

Lighting of Candles

Ringling of Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Elaine Tebbenkamp

***Call to Celebration**

Elaine Tebbenkamp

One: We who dwell in the shelter of the Most High

People: Seek God here.

One: We who come to be inspired and changed

People: Seek God's Spirit here.

One: We who know how little we know

People: Seek God's Word here.

***Hymn**

We Praise Thee O God, Our Redeemer

No. 40

Opening Prayer (Psalm 138)

Elaine Tebbenkamp

One: I give you thanks, O God, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing
your praise;

**People: I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted
your name and your word above everything.**

One: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

**All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O God, for they have heard
the words of your mouth.**

**People: They shall sing of the ways of God, for great is the glory of God. For
though God is high, God regards the lowly; but the haughty, God
perceives from far away.**

One: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath
of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers
me.

**People: God will fulfill God's purpose for me; your steadfast love, O God,
endures forever.**

All: Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Confession

Pastor

One: In this time of confession, God invites us to examine our lives, acknowledge our good and turn back from what separates us from God, our selves and each other.

God of mercy and forgiveness, we see that:

All: **Our love isn't always genuine. We see evil and wring our hands in stead of resisting it. We forget to consider more ways to serve you. We turn our back on strangers who could benefit from our hospital ity. We do not pray enough for our enemies We associate with our own kind, fearing the "other". We relish in fantasies of revenge.**

One: For all this, and for all else that burdens our heart today, O God, we seek your forgiveness. Have mercy on us and hear our prayers.

Assurance Of Pardon

Pastor

***Gloria Patri**

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

Children's Time

Joyce Burton

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

Anthem

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
by Liz Stafford, Pastor Stephan & Kyle Aho

Scripture Reading

Elaine Tebbenkamp

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

Elaine Tebbenkamp

Epistle

Romans 12:1-8

Pastor Stephan Scharf

Sermon

Pastor Stephan Scharf

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***Hymn**

"God Our Author and Creator"

NCH 530

Unison

1 God our Au - thor and Cre - a - tor, in whose life we find our own,
2 Like those first a - pos - tles, Sav - ior, give us strength to love and serve:
3 Keep us faith - ful, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us bear the mes - sage true,
make our dai - ly wit - ness great - er, by our lives make your love known.
when our faint - ing spir - its wa - ver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.
that at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."
Help us show how love em - brac - es those whom fear and greed down - trod;
Teach us wis - dom and com - pas - sion: bid our rest - less thoughts be still;
Join our lives in might - y cho - rus till we come from ev - ery place,
in all yearn - ing hearts and fac - es let us see a child of God.
by your guid - ance help us fash - ion lives con - formed un - to your will.
with all those who went be - fore us, to the full - ness of God's grace.

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

Offering Statement

- Offertory** "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"
by Liz Stafford & Kyle Aho
- *Doxology and Dedication Prayer** ("Praise God" No. 7 in *Sing to the Lord*)
- *Closing Hymn** "God The Spirit " No.780
- *Blessing**
- *Congregational Response** "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" #782
- Postlude** "Heaven Came Down" Peterson
Played by Kyle Aho

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.

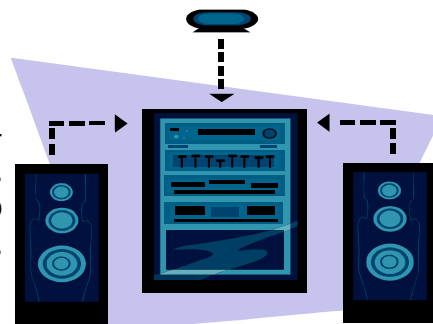
Our Stewardship for Sunday, August 14, 2011

Worship: 66 Offering: \$2786.00

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

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

Tyler Cunningham– Continue to pray that his skull knits together successfully. The Dr's are monitoring him.

Joyce Scroggs– She is doing better. She is at home. 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– He is taking therapy and doing well.

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:

Katie Kobberman– Katie is Jack & Karli Rowett's aunt on their mom's side. She is undergoing testing at the Mayo Clinic. She will be in Rochester, MN. for the remainder of August and September. Pray for safe travel for Katie and her mother Rose, and that the Dr's find a manageable approach to address her issues.

Diane Bender's Father– Diane is Phyllis Bender's daughter in law. Her father is in his nineties and is in failing health. He is in a Nursing home for rehab.

Bailee Wenniham– Granddaughter of a friend of Nancy Anderson's. She is 15 yrs. old and has been diagnosed with lupus and has had 2 strokes.

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



*Genealogy
Class*

REMINDER The Genealogy Workshop is today at 2:00 P.M.

Gift of the Chalice for West Plains

We still need sponsorships for the Chalice set given to the West Plains Church when they joined the UCC conference. The remaining balance is \$97.50



Volunteer Opportunity

**UMHE @ The Monroe
needs volunteers to staff the
Lobby Desk, Monday - Friday**



The job description for this “*point of hospitality*” is to be that smiling face ☺ that first welcomes college students and others to **The Monroe**. The hours are very flexible and we will work completely with your schedule.

If you are interested please contact:

Marlene Ledford MarleneLedford@MissouriState.edu or
Howard Cavner HowardCavner@MissouriState.edu
or call 865-8711.

UMHE @ The Monroe (United Ministries in Higher Education) is a campus ministry at Missouri State University promoted by the Disciples of Christ, Evangelical Lutherans, Presbyterian USA and the United Church of Christ. We will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary at MSU this Fall.

The Monroe is a privately owned apartment building with 42 units and 122 students located at 1141 East Monroe in the midst of the Missouri State University campus. Programming in five value areas (Community Service, Self Improvement, Spiritual Inquiry, Civic Engagement and Care of the Earth) are a part of **The Monroe** experience.

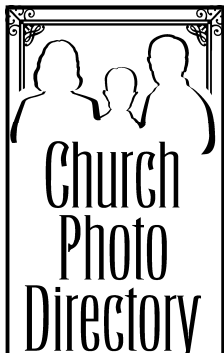
Please consider volunteering at **The Monroe** at MSU. This is a new building and it houses 122 students. Your friendly face could really make a difference in their lives.

Help Wanted:

Liturgists and Volunteers for a new ministry for Homeless Women. (Please see the posted information in the Narthex)

Job Requirements:

None, just a willingness to be of service



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Please welcome Brooklyn Eva-Lorelai McDonald to the world. She is the daughter of proud parents Noelle and Steve McDonald, and granddaughter to proud grandparents Karl & Jeanne Kruger. Brooklyn was born on August 17 at 7:37 A.M. She weighed 6 lbs. and 11 oz. Congratulations to all.

August 21, 2011

Steve Fortner will open the church in August
Remember the Genealogy Workshop is today

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| TODAY: | Sunday Worship..... | 10:30 am |
| | Pastor Stephan Scharf Preaching | |
| | Genealogy Workshop..... | 2 :00 pm. |
| Tuesday | BCE meets at Pasta..... | 6:30 pm |
| Monday | Grace & Weight..... | 5:30 pm |
| Thursday | Preschool Open House..... | 5:30 pm. |
| Sunday | Sunday Worship..... | 10:30 am |
| | Pastor Stephan Scharf Preaching | |

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 may be extended. If you have questions, call Beverly Graham at 881-3034

