



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ

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BAPTISM SACRAMENT FOR ALIYA ANNELI FOURIE

(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 reflection.

The theme of today's worship will focus on the character of a Spirit led life.

You might want to read and reflect on Romans 12:9-21.

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

Or 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 on your faith journey, or 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

***Call to Celebration**

Leader: Come, all who love God and seek to know God.

People: For each of us like sheep have gone astray, each in our own way.

Leader: But Christ is our shepherd, who seeks us out when we are lost.

People: **And the love of God knows no bounds and bids us come play and celebrate in God's garden of freedom**

***Hymn of Celebration** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 507

Call to Confession

Silent Meditation and Personal Confession

During this time of inward reflection and repentance, you may want to use "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 have uncovered, or simply imagine offering your insight up to God to let God love you just as you are.

***Words of Assurance**

Will all who are able please stand...

One: God's mercy extends beyond the bounds of even our collective imagination.
God's love seeps through any wall we could ever put up.
God's goodness holds more power than the sum of all sin.

It is because of that extensive, seeping, powerful and bold love
And trusting in the power to loosen or to bind, I assure you,
That God forgives us all our sins.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Children's Time
Tona Rowett

Baptismal

Sacrament of Baptism

***Congregational Assent**

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.

Creed : Apostles Creed

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Prayer of Baptism:

Act of Baptism:

***Blessing of Parents, Godparents, Grandparents and Congregation**

***Hymn**

“Baptized In Water ”

No. 739



Anthem

“Sunday Morning”
Liz Stafford & Kyle Aho

By Ian Clarke

Reading of Holy Scripture

Romans 12:9-21
and Luke 6:27-36

Sermon

Stephan Scharf

Hymn

"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant"

NCH 539

1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
(repeat stanza 1)

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

Offering Statement

Offertory

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

***Offering Prayer**

***Hymn**

“Jesus Lover Of MY Soul “
Melody: Kyle & Stephan

Text No. 636

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 460 vs. 4 only

Postlude

“I Am His, And He Is Mine”
played by Kyle Aho

By Mountain

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 21, 2011

Worship: 67 Offering: \$2041.00

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



Sunday School Starts Today!
Please enjoy the Rally Day Refreshments
and take a look at the display tables

Congratulations to the proud parents, grandparents, God parents, and family as we welcome Aliya Anneli Fourie into our Church family this morning.

Sgt Matthew Gromer, son of Dennis & Cynthia Gromer is being deployed to Afghanistan . He is serving in the US Army .He will be flying out from the Springfield Airport on Monday Aug 29 at 1:00 for deployment. Anyone able to come & give him a send off would be appreciated. His wife Jamie & four children will be residing in Springfield until his return and reassignment to a new duty station. All of your thoughts and prayers will be



Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

Sgt. Matthew Gromer—Pray for him. He will be going to Afghanistan. Pray for his family too. He is the son of Dennis and Cynthia Gromer.

Phil Scafe— He had an MRI and was found to be cancer free. What a blessing!

Tyler Cunningham— Pray that he continues to heal. The Dr's are monitoring him.

Joyce Scroggs— She is doing better. She is at home. Visitors are appreciated.

Eleanor Lockhart— She is undergoing treatments.

Gene & Gerry Duillo— Keep them in your prayers as they deal with their loss.

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

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..



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.



The Olan Mills Directory Proof is being sent to the Printer. Don't forget to order a copy , IF you would like one, and you DID NOT, have your picture made by Olan Mills., please sign the order sheet in the Narthex or call the office to place your order. Copies are \$5.00 each.

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



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 cook-book. Place your recipes in the designated basket in the Narthex and put your name on them so you get credit for it in the cook-book . 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

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



August 28, 2011

Steve Fortner will open the church in August

TODAY:	Sunday Worship.....	10:30 am
	Pastor Stephan Scharf Preaching	
Monday	Grace & Weight.....	5:30 pm
Wednesday	Choir Practice.....	7:00 pm.
Sunday	Sunday Worship.....	10:30 am
	Pastor Stephan Scharf Preaching	

Audio Person Needed

David Rahmoeller is stepping down as the Sunday Audio volunteer, so we need someone to take his place. Today is his last Sunday. If you feel led to help out in this area, please contact the Chapel office or Pastor Stephan. Training will be provided. Maybe a group of volunteers could be trained.

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

