



St. John's Chapel  
United Church of Christ  
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August 29, 2010

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M.

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*(\* 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 how we are both limited and enriched by our ancestral inheritance. You might want to read and reflect on I Kings 21: 10, 15-21.*

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

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*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 where you are on your faith journey. If you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.*

### **Lighting of Candles, Ringing of Bells**

Acolyte: Carsen Glaser

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **\*Call to Celebration**

Lay Pastor: The Holy Spirit desires to touch us with life-restoring wholeness.

People: **God's empowering Spirit wishes to unleash in us a well-spring of compassion that reaches out , that touches.**

Lay Pastor: Jesus, our Savior, ever enlarging our narrowly conceived religion.

People: **He shows us a Kingdom on earth in which the outsider becomes the insider.**

Lay Pastor: Here, in this time together, let us touch and be touched by the power of God's transforming love.

**\*Hymn of Celebration** "Faith of the Martyrs"

1 Faith of the mar - tyrs, liv - ing still in spite of  
2 Mar - tyrs con - fined in pris - ons bleak were still in  
3 Faith of the mar - tyrs! We will love both friend and  
4 Faith of the mar - tyrs! Faith and prayer shall long out -

joy, when we re - call their faith's re - ward:  
fate if we, like them, live faith - ful - ly:  
faith by strength - ening word and fear - less life:  
God all hu - man - kind shall then be free:

*Refrain*

Faith of the mar - tyrs, liv - ing faith! We would be true in life and death.

dun - geon, fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with  
heart and con - science free; and no less blessed will be our  
foe in peace or strife; and sow the seeds of hope and  
live sin's ty - ran - ny; and through the truth that comes from

**\*Call to Confession**

Lay Pastor: God, be merciful unto us,

People: **As humbly we draw near to confess our sins and own our goodness.**

**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**

**\*Gloria Patri**

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

**Children's Time**

*(Children may exit after for Children's Choir)*

**Anthem**

"Maybe God is Still Speaking"

James Ahrend

**Reading of Holy Scripture**

I Kings 21: 10, 15-21a *Pastor*

p. 325

Galatians 2: 15-21 *Lay Pastor*

p. 1060

**Sermon**

"My Ancestral Inheritance"

The Rev. Jeffrey Whitman

**\*Hymn**

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

No. 102

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

**Choral Response**

**Offertory**

Instrumental Interlude

played by Kyle Aho

**\*Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

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

**Hymn**

**"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"**

1 The church of Christ, in every age be -  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a

set by change, but Spir - it led, Must  
vic - tims of in - jus - tice cry For  
car - ing church that longs to be A

claim and test its her - i - tage and  
shel - ter and for bread to eat, and  
part - ner in Christ's sac - ri - fice, and

keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
nev - er live be - fore they die.  
clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.

**United Church of Christ Statement of Faith**

We believe in You, O God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:

God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.

God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.

God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto You. Amen.

**\*Benediction**

The Rev. Jeffrey Whitman

**\*Congregational Response** "The Song of Hope"

May the God of hope go with us every day, Filling all our  
lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us

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**Postlude**

“Instrumental Postlude”

played by Kyle Aho

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**Our Stewardship for Sunday, August 22, 2010**

Worship: 94

Offering: \$1,128.00

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**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.

# Today...

Join us for a delicious home-cooked  
Sunday meal in the  
Fellowship Hall.

Enjoy a lot of good company  
& raise a little bit of money for the  
SJC General Operating Fund.  
See you after worship!



## Thanks to all of

### my church family...

...for the prayers, thoughts, the many cards, visits, food and well wishes. Also, thanks to Pastor Becky and to Stephan for being there with my family the day of the surgery. It was greatly appreciated and made my days go much smoother. It is so important to have a loving church family that is there for you.

Beverly Graham



**Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Family and Friends:**

**Peggy Gilbert:** (Friend of Tona Griggs & friend & colleague of Melissa Burnett) thanks the congregation for our continued prayers as she takes oral chemotherapy during remission of her breast cancer.

**Josephine Walker:** (Jeanne Kruger's mother) is in Magnolia Square, Room 228.

**September is the **last** monthly Messenger to be mailed.  
No internet? Reserve your October Messenger today!**

*Please place in the Offering Plate or Submit to the Office  
Prior to September 19~*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

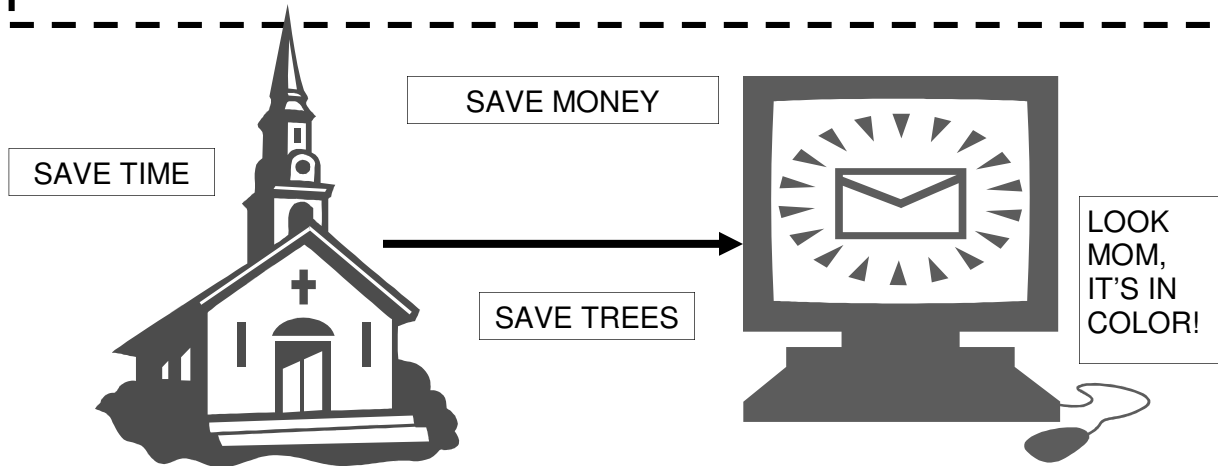
(CIRCLE YOUR REQUEST)

**YES**, Please print a Messenger for me that I will pick up at church.

**HELP**, I have internet but would like assistance in accessing The Messenger easily.

My thoughts and ideas regarding the "new" Messenger are: \_\_\_\_\_

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Calendar of Events, Bulletins, Sermons & The Messenger

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It's time to...

# RALLY!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

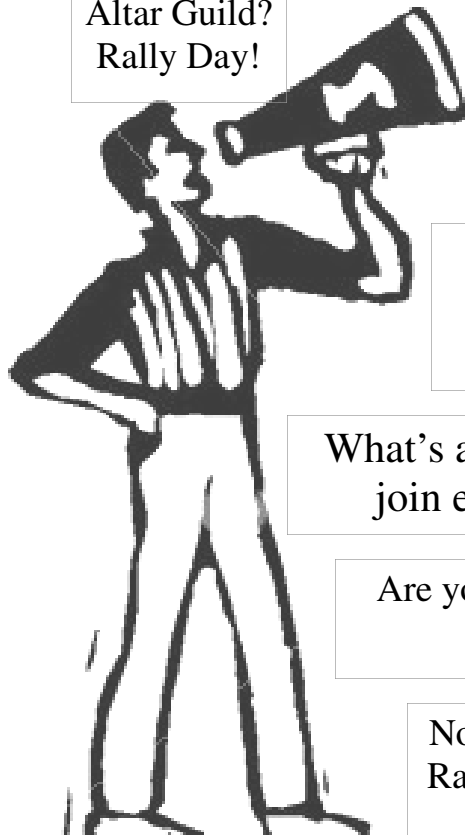
Beginning September 12,  
A Course in Parables  
Led by The Rev. Dr. John White~

IS FRIENDSHIP  
CIRCLE FOR  
ME?



I'm going  
to ask  
about The  
Kitchen  
At  
Rally Day~

Altar Guild?  
Rally Day!



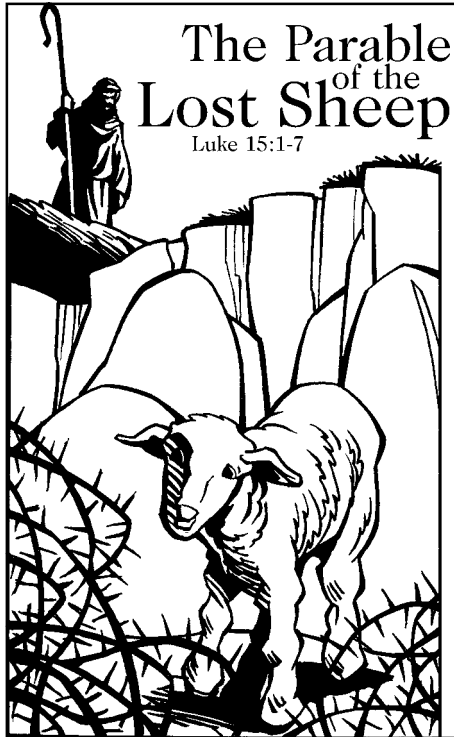
The 2010-2011 Spiritual Development Study  
Group is meeting Sunday, September 5 follow-  
ing worship for Q & A and planning.  
Interested? Join us!

Rally in the Kitchen & mark you calendar for the  
CROP WALK PASTA DINNER  
Sunday, September 19, see Judith Bartell~

What's a KOINONIA? Find out at Rally Day, then  
join everyone at The Bergers, September 26~

Are you called to learn more about BREAD FOR THE  
WORLD? Ask at Rally Day!

Not a joiner? Then CROP WALK is perfect for you.  
Rally for the 2010 CROP WALK, Sunday, October 3



## September Begins A Course in Parables~

Dr. John White will teach a course on parables for six consecutive Sundays, September 12 through October 24, 9:15-10:15 am. The course begins with a selection of parabolic stories and sayings of the Hebrew Bible, along with one added modern parable. Next, we will review the different ways the church has interpreted Jesus' parables. In the final segment, Dr. White suggests that Jesus' parables should be read metaphorically to recover Jesus' original message. During this course, two basic types of parables are identified and examined; *Narrative* and *One Liner*. Beginning September 12, both SJC adult Sunday school classes will combine and meet in the Fellowship Hall for this special Bible study course.

## Lights! Camera! Action!

We are putting out a call to someone with a video camera and recording skills to complete the physical inventory video record of SJC, and, Bob Eggleston will guide the camera person through the process. This is a perfect project for youth. For more information contact Bob Eggleston, 368-3831, [egglestons@mchsi.com](mailto:egglestons@mchsi.com).

*Women's Guild~*

1:00 pm, Thursday, September 9

Saturday, September 11  
9:00 am  
Messiah Lutheran

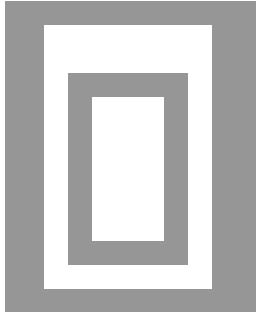
*Due to the Labor Day holiday weekend,  
Bread for the World will be held on Sep-  
tember 11 rather than on the first Satur-  
day of the month per usual~*



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**Board of Service Ministry  
Will meet Tuesday, September 14**

*BOSM will return to the usual  
first Monday of the month in October.*



A course in **parables**

September 12 through October 17  
6 weeks  
9:00 am, Coffee  
9:15-10:15, Class

Flo Valentine moved this week from her home of 46 years to take up residence at Ravenwood, although we don't know which Ravenwood assisted living residence as of yet. The good news is that Flo will practically be next door to SJC. We will keep you posted and will provide Flo's new address once she is settled.

**LABOR DAY  
WILL BE OBSERVED  
MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 6**



Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

**August 29, 2010**

Christy Graham will open the church for the month of August~  
Shirley Datema will open the church for the month of September~

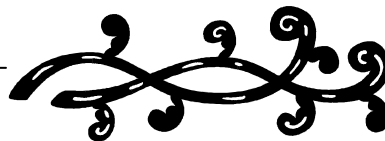
TODAY: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost ..... 10:30 am  
 Special Guest: Jeffrey Whitman, Conference Minister  
 Fund raiser dinner immediately following worship

Monday: Grace & Weight ..... 5:30 pm  
 First Day of Pre-School

Wednesday: Bells ..... 6:30 pm  
 Choir Practice ..... 7:40 pm

Saturday: Bread for the World will be held September 11

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost..... 10:30 am  
 Communion



OUR SINCERE THANKS TO

**JEFF WHITMAN**

FOR JOINING US AT  
ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL UCC  
THIS MORNING!

**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.