



**St. John's Chapel**  
**United Church of Christ**  
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**Liturgist: Rhonda Glaser & Glenda Weise**

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August 9, 2009

Tenth 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 again focuses on "bread," and asks us to consider whether the bread offered by God is only spiritual. You might want to spend some time reflecting on today's scripture reading*

*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 spend time in reflection where you are, or if you reflect better walking, walk around the sanctuary and reflect on images you encounter.*

**Hymns**

“Here, O Lord, I See Thee”  
Acolyte: Sadie Harper

No. 749

“Spirit Song”

No. 311

**Connecting as Community****Welcome****Hymns**

“I Know Whom I Have Believed”  
*Please remain seated for this hymn.*

No. 443

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“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”  
*Please stand for this hymns and all marked with an asterisk \*.*

No. 273

**\*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**                      John 6: 35, 41-51                      p. 972

**Sermon**    "Wonder Bread"                      The Rev. Becky Hebert

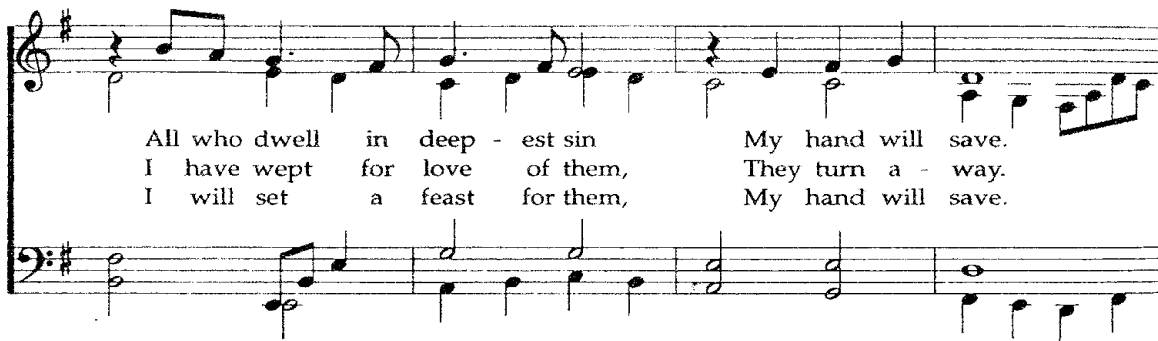
## **Responding to God**

**Hymn**    "Here I am Lord"                      (Music on following page)

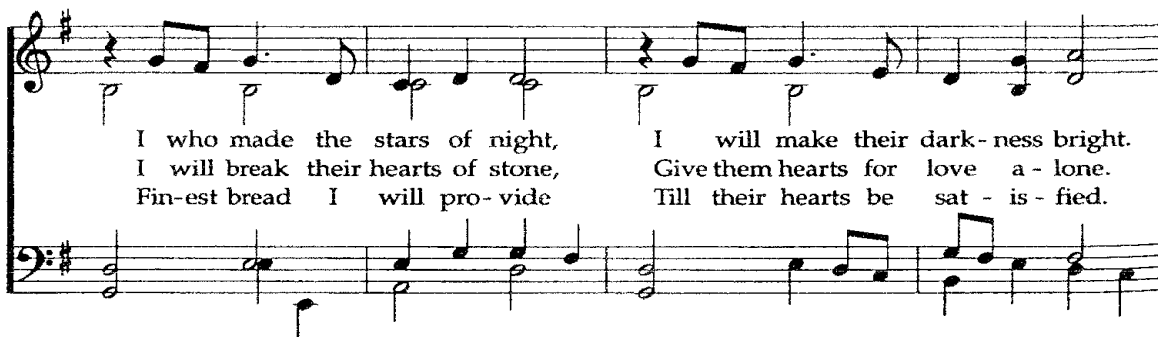
## HERE I AM, LORD



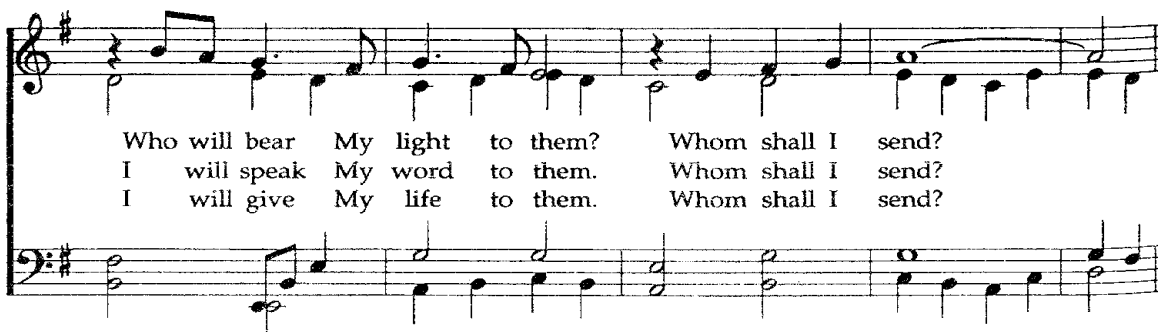
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo-ple cry.  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo-ple's pain.  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them, They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.



I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?  
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?  
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You  
 call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, If You  
 lead me. I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

### **Prayers of the People**

*(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: Jesus our Savior, you are water offered in a parched place; help us to drink in your wisdom.

*Silence*

Jesus, you are bread set before starving people; help us to be nourished by your truth.

*Silence*

Jesus, you are the vine, putting down roots into deep, good soil, help us to cling to you like branches.

Jesus, you are the light of the world; help us to bask in your warmth.

Living water, bread of life, feed us in the silence.

With hearts filled with your love send us forth to feed others. To this end we dedicate this service with the prayer of Jesus upon our lips.

## Lord's Prayer and Solo Response

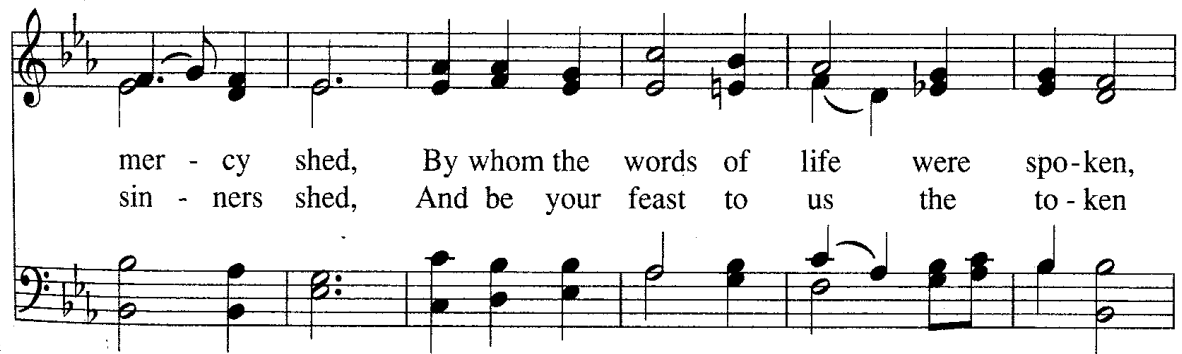
### Offering

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

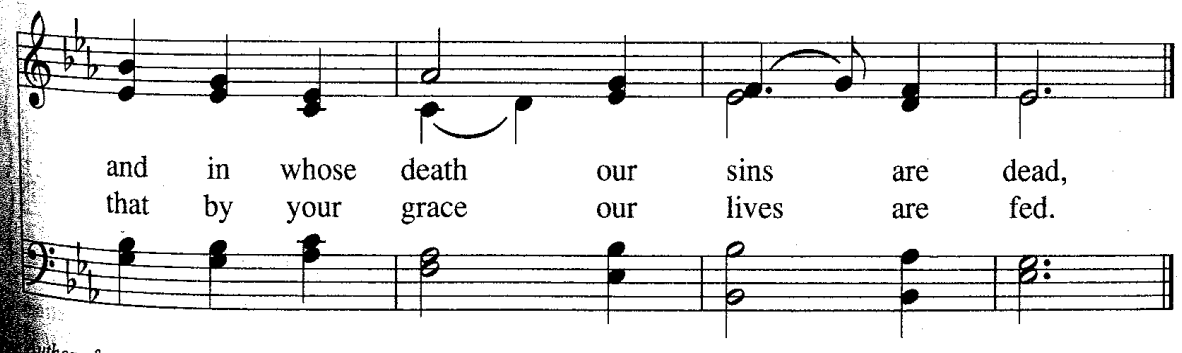
**\*Hymn** "Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken"



1 Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the soul in  
2 Look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the tears by



mer - cy shed, By whom the words of life were spo - ken,  
sin - ners shed, And be your feast to us the to - ken




and in whose death our sins are dead,  
that by your grace our lives are fed.

## \*Blessing and Sending Benediction

### Going Forth Singing

"Ours the Journey"



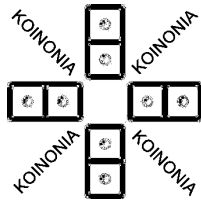
God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar,  
we, thy peo - ple, ours the jour - ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er,  
now and ev - er - more. Now and for - ev - er - more!

### Postlude

**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.



**Koinonia Group**, hosted by Shirley & Corneil Datema and Nancy & Eddie Anderson, meets tonight, August 9th at 5:00 pm at the church. Come join us for an exciting evening of good food, good friends and Mexican Dominoes. Meat and drinks will be provided, please bring sides and desserts. All are welcome! RSVP to Shirley at 865-4080 or Nancy at 863-7309.

**Council** meets Tuesday, August 11th at 6:30 pm.

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

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

### **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 liturgists for the following dates when we return to regular services. Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 & 29 and Dec. 6, 20, 27.



**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. 11th and 25th.

**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.

Our Stewardship for Sunday, August 2, 2009

Worship                    84                    Offering    \$4151.00

Keep the following people in your thought and prayers:

**Members:**

**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.

**Karl Kruger:** received a good report from his doctor. If you would like to visit Karl, please call before stopping by.

**Perdy Scafe:** has been diagnosed with non-hodgkins lymphoma and has begun chemotherapy treatments which should last about 4 months.

**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.

I want to express my sincere gratitude for the kindness of the congregation. The meals for my family that were delivered to our home helped us tremendously. This has been a difficult year for my family due to my fight with cancer and surgery. I am so blessed that remission is finally something we are able to look forward to. Your prayers and kind thoughts have truly helped us.

Thank you again,  
The Francis Family  
Holly, Jordan, Gracie & Logan



*Thank You  
Notes*

**August 9, 2009**

Nancy Anderson will open the church in August.

Today: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost..... 10:30 am  
Bring Crosslines Food  
Independent Women ..... 1:00 pm  
Tuesday: Fish Day .....  
Council..... 6:30 pm  
Wednesday: Grace & Weight ..... 5:30 pm  
Next Sun.: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost..... 10:30 am  
The Kitchen..... 4:15 pm



The Rev. Norman Rahmoeller family. Norman passed away Saturday, August 1, 2009 in Springfield, MO. at 81 years of age. Services were held at St. John's Chapel UCC on Wednesday, August 5th.



**John 6.: 35, 41-51**

I have wanted to ask performing artists (dancers, musicians, actors) whether some pieces are so well conceived that they require a kind of embodiment and engagement from the performer that other pieces do not. In this way, Jesus was brilliant. How can he keep us engaged with him even when he vacates earthly life? Pondering his words and deeds, praying like him, praying to be like him. All good. But we must eat and drink. So Jesus asks us to remember him in eating and drinking, bread and wine, for the sake of the world that he loves. Can a little bread and wine grow into determination to feed a world where many still go hungry? Can it satisfy nations where there is a drought of peace but a craving for more of everything? Can it be a meal of justice for all people? Jesus thinks so.

*Lord Jesus, make us hungry. Teach us mercy.. Amen*

Jennifer Anderson Koenig  
Assoc. Pastor, St. Olaf College  
Master of Divinity, 1994





Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

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### **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.