



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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Liturgist: The Rev. Becky Hebert

September 19, 2010

10:30 A.M.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

(* 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. Among the themes of today's worship are Paul's instructions that "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone", and that "this is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior..." You might want to read and reflect on 1 Timothy 2: 1-4.

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, Ringing of Bells

Acolyte: Grace Harper

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Celebration**

***Invocation**

God of our hearts, Your balm heals our wounds with overwhelming joy. You hear our prayers, intercessions and supplications. Your presence is pleasing to us and we welcome You. Together, in Your sanctuary, we rejoice in Your embrace and offer You our boundless love. Amen.

***Hymn of Celebration**

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

No. 117

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**

***Gloria Patri**

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

Please be seated.

Children’s Time

(Children may exit now for Sunday School).

Anthem

“River in Judea”

John Levitt

Reading of Holy Scripture

Isaiah 58: 1-12

p. 674

I Timothy 2; 1-7

p. 1080

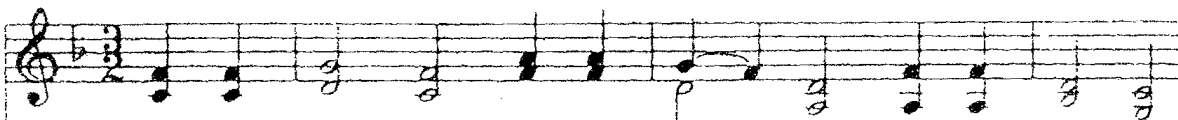
Sermon

“Pray Against Indifference”

Stephan Scharf

***Hymn**

“Restless Weaver”



- 1. Rest - less Weav - er, ev - er spin - ning threads of jus - tice
- 2. Where earth’s frag - ile web is rav - eling help us mend each
- 3. When our vio - lent lust for pow - er ends in lives a -
- 4. Rest - less Weav - er, still con - ceiv - ing new life—now and

and sha - lom; dream - ing pat - terns of cre - a - tion
bro - ken strand. Bless our ur - gent, bold en - deav - ors
bused and torn, from com - pass - ion's stur - dy fab - ric
yet to be. bind - ing all your vast cre - a - tion

where all crea - tures find a home; gath - ering up life's var - ied
cleans - ing wa - ter, air, and land. Through the Spir - it's in - spi -
rash - ion hope and trust re - born. Where in - jus - tice rules as
in one liv - ing tap - es - try: you have called us to be

fi - bers—ev - ery tex - ture, ev - ery hue: grant us your cre -
ra - tion—of - fer - ing health where once was pain—strength - en us to
ty - rant, give us cour - age, God, to dare live our dreams of
weav - ers. Let your love guide all we do. With your Reign of

a - tive vis - ion. With us weave your world a - new.
be the stew - ards of your world knit whole a - gain.
trans - for - ma - tion. Make our lives in - car - nate prayer.
Peace our pat - tern, we will weave your world a - new.

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

Before we approach God in prayer, I would like you to settle in, take a few breaths and envision all people and issues, that you could pray, thank, or intercede for today.

Silence

God, You show concern and compassion for Your whole Creation. Every person matters to You; and this knowledge exceeds and transcends our understanding and

changes the way we perceive and treat each other. In praying for all, instill in us Your radical love and inclusiveness. Create in us a kinship in prayer with everybody near to and far from us, that we may learn to treat all human beings with Your kind consideration and concern. Let your heavenly perspective tear down the walls we put between each other and heal our indifference to other people's needs.

Silence

Jesus, Your followers—we—so often gave and give a picture of unbridgeable disunity. Strife and friction has accompanied Your church since its early times. In this past century, most churches have learned to reach past denominational boundaries, enforce the ecumenical dialogue and even unite to form new denominations, because we have relearned that You are the one unifying center of all churches. In our prayer for each other, help us overcome what still separates us; and where a union is not possible show, us how to accept and appreciate the differences as part of Your universal church. Help us to include people of other faiths or no formalized beliefs in our prayers and thanksgiving, that we may unlearn the mistakes of the past when churches were the main force of exclusion and persecution.

Silence

God, we are thankful to live in a country that allows us to freely practice our beliefs and seeks to ensure equal rights to all its citizens. Make us aware if people in our society are in danger of being denied liberty, equality and justice and the courage to stand up for them. We thank you for all people who experience that same freedom in other countries, and intercede on behalf of those who still suffer under oppression or the infringement of their life and dignity. Let us not be indifferent to their needs and teach us ways to further their liberation. For all governments and people in authority, we pray for wisdom and compassion so that in their rule Your justice and peace and benevolent intent may be visible. In conflict and war, break open our narrow perspective of friend and foe, and in praying for perceived enemies show us the fellow human

behind the opponent's mask.

Choral Response

Offertory Instrumental Interlude played by Kyle Aho

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

***Closing Hymn** "In My Heart There Rings a Melody" verses 1 & 3, No. 350

***Nicene Creed** (*Worship Resources* page 3)

*Benediction

***Congregational Response** "Peace Be Unto This Congregation "



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.

Postlude "Instrumental Postlude" played by Kyle Aho

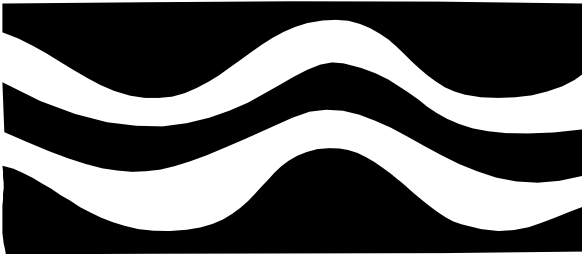
You, whether a member or guest, are an important and valuable part of this St. John's Chapel Community. Your participation in this worship service is a blessing. May you always know God's gift of unending love.

A nursery is available during worship for children up through three years of age. If you need help locating the nursery, you are hard of hearing.

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!

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& MORE DINNER

**Benefiting the 2010
CROP WALK
In the Fellowship Hall**



18th Annual Springfield Area
CROP HUNGER WALK

(Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty)

Sunday, October 3, 2010

2:00 p.m.

(Registration Begins 1:00 p.m.)

1- or 2-mile Walk Beginning and Ending at

Phelps Grove Park

(Bennett St., West of National Ave.)

Come, Walk with the World!

Helping Hungry People through:

*Church World Service
Crosslines
Least of These*

www.springfieldcropwalk.com

Our Stewardship for Sunday, September 12, 2010

Worship: 70

Offering: \$1,183.00

The average weekly offering needed to meet annual budget is \$2,704.00

Our "Mowing Account" balance is currently at \$85.00 We've done a tremendous job funding our lawncare this summer, but a little more is now needed. Please give noting "mowing" on your check memo.



For September, \$115.00 needed~

For October, \$250.00 needed~



THANK YOU!

**...for funding mowing in lieu of having to mow.
What a lovely summer we have all enjoyed this year.**

Our church mowing this summer has been funded by contributions from the following people: Ed & Nancy Anderson, Ida Barry, Mary Lou Datema, Tom Davis, The Friendship Circle, Pete & Beverly Graham, Dennis & Cynthia Gromer, Deb Hall, Rober & Eleanor Lockhart, Karl & Jeanne Kruger, Jim May & Donna Harper, Bob & Doris McMinn, Dean & Jan Rund, Norm & Esther Steinhauer, Ken & Loy Swanson, and Richard & Mary Margaret Thompson.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

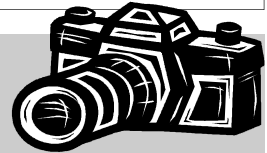
Family and Friends:

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.

This week's special "basket" offering goes to CUE Seminary Support~

The KOINONIA GROUP PHOTO will be taken immediately following worship, Sunday, September 26.



For the Calendar of Events,
Bulletins, Sermons &
The Messenger

www.stjohnschapel.org

*Is your #1 source for the
latest information*

Let's go to EMMAUS HOUSE
Near St. Charles, MO

Saturday, October 16

*It's a bus tour In conjunction with
St. Peter's UCC, Billings, MO.
Please ask Deb for more info.*

Emmaus Homes, in Missouri since 1893



Order your printed OCTOBER MESSENGER today for pick-up here at SJC. Forms are in the Narthex.

Otherwise, "See you on the Internet!"

And your Messenger items are due tomorrow, September 20~

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Course in Parables — 9:00 AM
 Worship — 10:30 AM
 Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

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Shirley Datema will open the church for the month of September~

- TODAY: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am
 Pasta Dinner benefiting CROP WALK Following Worship
 Lansford Lawrence Installation, St. Peter's, Billings 4:00 pm
 Serve at The Kitchen 4:15 pm
- Monday: Messenger items due today
 Grace & Weight 5:30 pm
- Tuesday: Friendship Circle 7:00 pm
- Wednesday: Bells 6:30 pm
 Choir Practice 7:40 pm
- Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am
 Worship Committee Meeting..... Following Worship
 Koinonia Fall Social, The Bergers 6:00 pm

Don't miss this provocative
Course on Parables
Sundays, 9:00 am
 Lead by noted New Testament scholar
 Dr. John White

For Our Children in September
 TODAY: Children's Sunday School following
 Children's Time
 Sept 26: Children's Choir following the Choral
 Anthem
 October 3: Children's Church at 10:30 am
Thank you Chuck Andrews & Chris Brammer!



It's a
KOINONIA
AUTUMN SOCIAL
6 pm, Sunday, Sept 26
Mike & Eleanor Berger's
Bring a dish-Meat & Bev provided



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.