



"Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words."

Jeremiah 18:2

St. John's Chapel United Church of Christ

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Liturgist: Nancy Anderson

September 5, 2010
Fifteenth 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 reflection. The theme of today's worship will focus on being Jesus' disciples, especially when it involves being open for God's radically transforming power in our lives. You might want to reflect on Luke 14: 25-33 and Jeremiah 18: 1-11.

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: Sadie Harper

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Celebration**

Lay Pastor: We come to learn anew the promise and the costs of discipleship. Thus, God, You call us to Your Potter's House to give us new form and shape in Your image.

All: **You call us to renewal and transformation. We can trust Your good intentions for us. You have searched us and known us.**

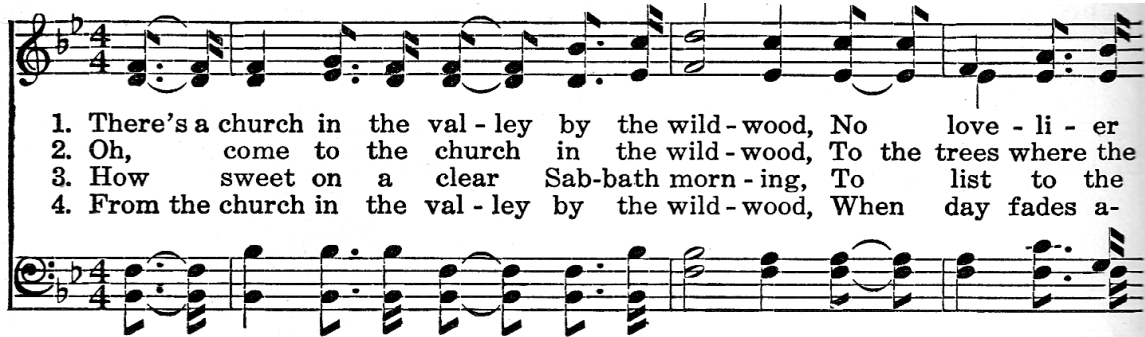
Lay Pastor: For it was You who formed our inward parts; You knit us together in our mother's womb.

All: We praise You, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderfully are Your works that we know very well.

***Hymn of Celebration**

"The Church in the Wildwood"

A special request by Ken Swanson



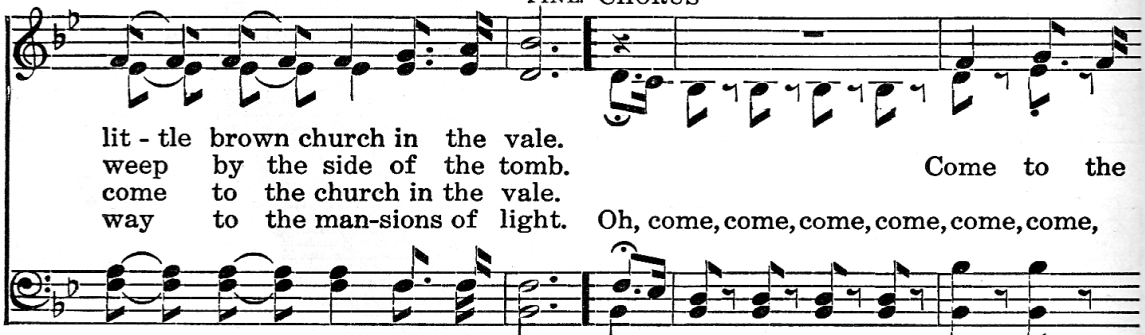
1. There's a church in the val - ley by the wild - wood, No love - li - er
2. Oh, come to the church in the wild - wood, To the trees where the
3. How sweet on a clear Sab - bath morn - ing, To list to the
4. From the church in the val - ley by the wild - wood, When day fades a -



spot in the dale; No place is so dear to my child - hood As the
wild flow - ers bloom; Where the part - ing hymn will be chant - ed, We will
clear ring - ing bell; Its tones so sweet - ly are call - ing, Oh,
way in - to night, I would fain from this spot of my child - hood Wing my

D. S.—No spot is so dear to my child-hood As the

FINE CHORUS



lit - tle brown church in the vale. Come to the
weep by the side of the tomb.
come to the church in the vale.
way to the man - sions of light. Oh, come, come, come, come, come, come,

lit - tle brown church in the vale.

church in the wild - wood, Oh, come to the church in the vale;
 come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come;

D. S.

***Call to Confession**

Lay Pastor: Jesus, Lord and brother, we are Your disciples and yet we struggle with the costs of following Your radical love. Where you tore down the borders between people, between poor and rich, clean and unclean, sinners and righteous, we are timid to leave behind the comfortable limits in which we arranged our lives. Doing so we sometimes even accept injustice, intolerance and war as naturally given.

All: God have mercy on us. Like a potter, mold us and cast us anew in Your image. In Your presence we are allowed to be truly honest with ourselves, protected by the knowledge that You know our deepest hopes, fears and feelings of guilt and do not turn away from us.

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*)



Postlude

"Instrumental Postlude"

played by Kyle Aho

This morning's fresh altar flowers were provided by Rev. Becky Hebert and Mr. Dean Wohlford in honor of their 18th wedding anniversary~

Our Stewardship for Sunday, August 29, 2010

Worship: 90

Offering: \$1,515.00

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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.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

Evelyn Blumenstock: had rotator cuff repair surgery on Wednesday, September 1, and Dwayne immediately called to let everyone know that Evelyn was out of surgery, back home, and doing fine. Evelyn herself followed up with a call on Thursday saying her bandages were removed today and that she is doing very well.

Steve's (Steve Dodge) doing great now that he's using a cane rather than a walker. This is the first week back at work—part-time—and he's now able to drive. He's seeing his doctor today for the first time after surgery, and I'm sure he will surprise the doctor with his rapid recovery. Thanks for all the prayers and see you soon! Love, Margaret.

Flo Valentine: has settled in at Ravenwood Assisted Living, 1950 E. Republic Road, Springfield, 65804 so everyone can now write, send cards and drop by after church. And isn't it nice that her phone number is just the same as always, 883-1288.

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.

Thank you from Steve & Margaret Dodge~

My family and I appreciate very much all the prayers, cards and best wishes for my successful hip replacement surgery. The prayer shawl meant a lot to me and I will keep it with me when I sleep. Many thanks to Pastor Becky and Stephan for being there for Margaret & Karen during the surgery, and for visiting me during my hospital stay. I'm happy to report I've moved on to using a cane from the walker. It's wonderful to have a loving church family.

Steve Dodge

Our 2010 Crop Walk begins...

...as Nancy Anderson manned a sign-up table in the Narthex today. It is certainly not too early to get pledges for this Sunday, October 3rd event at beautiful Phelps Grove Park. And don't forget our Crop Walk Dinner after worship on September 19.

It's not too
early for



**KOINONIA will meet at
Mike & Eleanor Berger's
on**

**Sunday,
September 26**

*Not October 10 as re-
ported in The Messenger*

A Perfect Youth Project Awaits...

We need 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.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

September 12, 2010: Rally Day

Children's Church, 10:30 to 11:30 am, Chuck Andrews

September 19: 3rd Sunday of the Month

Sunday School for Children following Children's Time in Adult Worship,
Joyce Burton



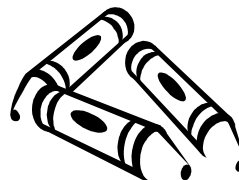
September 26: 4th Sunday of the Month

Children's Choir following Chancel Choir Anthem, Chris Brammer

Starting in October and going through May

1st Sunday of the Month

Children's Church, 10:30 to 11:30 am, Chuck Andrews



2nd Sunday of the Month

Sunday School, 10:30 to about 11:00 am, Chuck Andrews

Children's Choir (following Chancel Choir Anthem), Chris Brammer

3rd Sunday of the Month

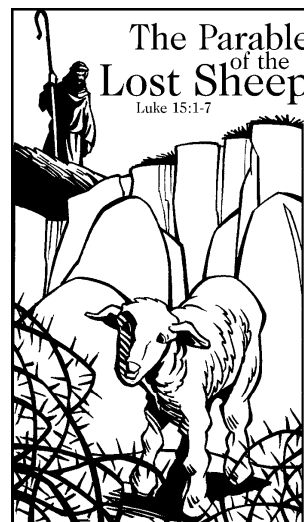
Sunday School for Children following Children's Time in Adult Worship, Joyce Burton

4th Sunday of the Month

Children's Choir following Chancel Choir Anthem, Chris Brammer

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.





Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

September 5, 2010

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

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

Monday: LABOR DAY

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

Saturday: Bread for the World, Messiah Lutheran 9:00 am

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



Rally Day!
 Sunday,
 September 12
BE THERE!



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.