



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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Liturgist: Nancy Anderson

September 6, 2009

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M.

(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 will focus on the Syrophoenician woman and deaf man's encounter with Jesus. You might want to read and reflect on their story as it is found in Mark 7: 24-37.

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

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

Meditative Hymn "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Acolyte:

(On next page)
Sarah Graham

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad,
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 4 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;

Lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 And there I found a rest - ing place, where Je - sus made me glad!
 The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, draw near, and drink, and live."
 My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I am re - deemed.

5 I heard the voice of Je - sus say,
 "I am this lost world's Light,
 Look un - to me; your morn shall rise,
 and all your day be bright."

6 I looked to Je - sus, and I found
 my guid - ing Star, my Sun;
 And in that light of life I'll go
 till trav - eling days are done.

Horatius Bonar was one of the founders of the F. W. M. S.

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

***Hymns of Praise** "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

No. 537

*Call to Confession

Leader: On this Labor Day Sunday, let us, in a special way, lift up all people who labor: either for pay or as volunteers, in jobs or at school, at home or in the workplace, in the United States and around the world.

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

Leader: We are workers, God, just like you. But we confess that our

work is not always done in a manner that affirms and honors each other.

Women: Our work is not always done in a spirit that is pleasing to you. We confess that, on some occasions, we have blindly bought goods made by people who are paid too little or work in unsafe conditions.

Men: We admit that we have failed to end an unjust system in which some workers have jobs that provide good wages, health insurance, sick leave, a pension, paid vacations, and other benefits, while others have jobs that do not.

Young: Creator God, help us to build a new world out of the ashes of the old, a world where all workers are valued.

Old: Help us to build a new world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in.

All: Help us to build a world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill.

Leader: And help us to build a world where those who serve us—in stores, schools, nursing homes, and many other places—are also served by us.

All: It will be a world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance You have given us.

Written by Edith Rasell, minister for labor relations and community economic development, Justice and Witness Ministries:
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***Words of Assurance**

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

Children’s Time

(Children may exit for Children’s Church)

Reading of Holy Scripture Mark 7: 24-37 p. 917

Sermon The Rev. Becky Hebert
“Saying It the Way It Is and the Deaf Hear”

***Hymn** “Open My Eyes, That I May See” No. 461

Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer (using debt and debtors) & **Choral Response**

(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 voice of God.)

Pastor: O God, our God we come before You with humble and open hearts. We are ready to have You make us aware of how You see us. Or, at least, we want to be ready to hear You say it the way it is.

Silence

Dear Jesus, lay your hands upon us this day that we may truly hear and speak even the difficult truths.

Silence

You, O God, are an awesome God. You breathe into emptiness and create all that is. To the labor of Your hands our labor cannot compare. Yet, when we labor with You to thread through it all beautiful dreams of justice, compassion, liberation, and peace—You sigh deeply and open windows to the heavens.

Silence

Fill our hearts with compassion and a thirst for justice that we may be co-creators, with You—that we may be Your hands at a bedside, Your arms to embrace the lonely, Your eyes that see the pain and injustices, and Your voice that speaks truth to the world.

Silence

On this day that You have made for us, we lay before You our prayers and the prayer Jesus taught us saying: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

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

Service of Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving and awesome God, You care for us and love us no matter who we are. We thank You for the bread and the cup You generously provide. Grant that they will help us to open our ears to Your sharp words that can liberate us from our demons and renew us to love all who pass our way. Let us leave this table proclaiming Your kingdom, Your *malkuta* of peace and justice for all. Amen.

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

"Song of Hope"

May the God of hope go with us every day, Fill-ing all our
lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus-tice speed us
on our way, Bring-ing light and hope to ev-ery land and race.
Pray-ing, let us work for peace, Sing-ing, share our joy with all,
Work-ing for a world that's new, Faith-ful when we hear Christ's call.

Organ Postlude

from "Jubilee Suite"

Gordon Young

Our Stewardship for Sunday, August 30, 2009

Worship 94 Offering \$1675.00

Keep the following people in your thought and prayers:

Members:

Karl Kruger: is in complete remission!!

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.

Perdy Scafe: has now also been diagnosed with diabetes as well as non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.

Family and Friends:

Thelma Hurshman: is now home and doing great!

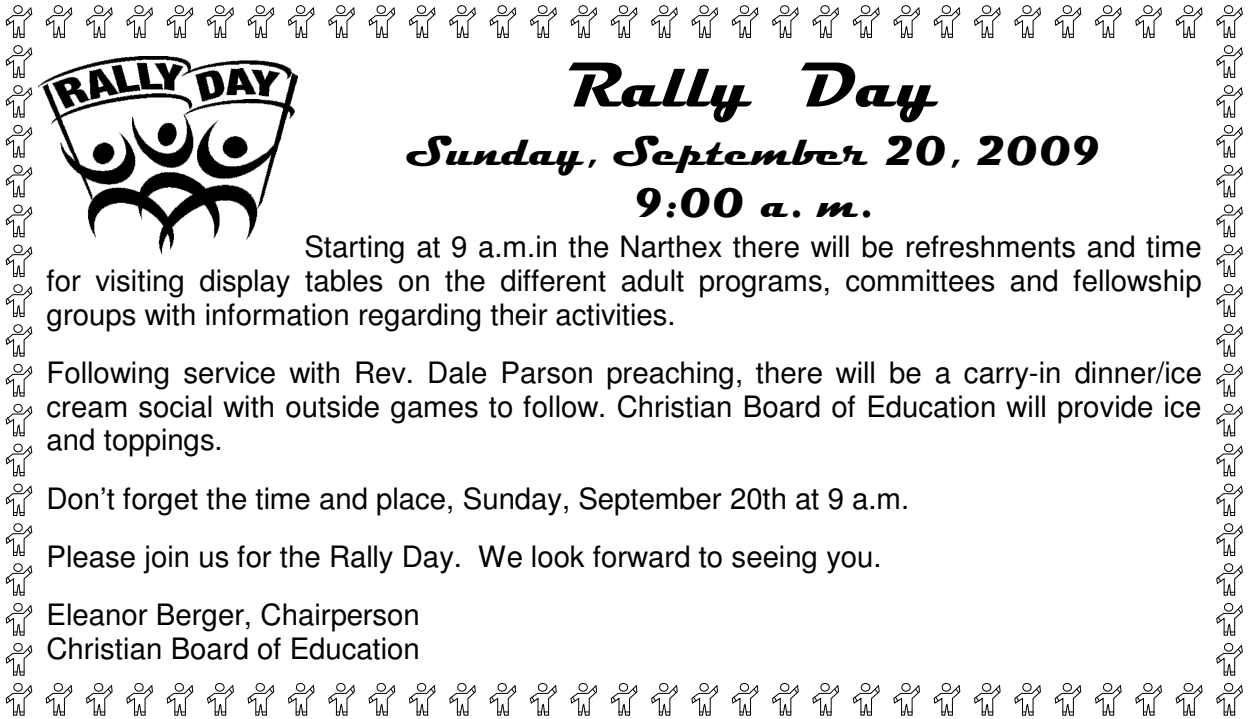
Peggy Gilbert: (Friend of Tona Griggs) is battling aggressive breast cancer.

Josephine Walker: (Jeanne Kruger's mother) is at Magnolia Square, Room 228, 502 W. Edgewood (65807).

Holly Francis: (Logan McCuiston's mother) is doing well.

Joyce Johnson: (Friend of Glenda Weise) was in remission from breast cancer, but it has now returned and is in her bones.

Todd McClain: (Cousin of Melissa Burnett) is undergoing extensive medical tests.



Rally Day
Sunday, September 20, 2009
9:00 a. m.

Starting at 9 a.m.in the Narthex there will be refreshments and time for visiting display tables on the different adult programs, committees and fellowship groups with information regarding their activities.

Following service with Rev. Dale Parson preaching, there will be a carry-in dinner/ice cream social with outside games to follow. Christian Board of Education will provide ice and toppings.

Don't forget the time and place, Sunday, September 20th at 9 a.m.

Please join us for the Rally Day. We look forward to seeing you.

Eleanor Berger, Chairperson
 Christian Board of Education

I'm sure you noticed the insert in the bulletin today. Please fill it out and drop it in the basket near the name tag stand if you would like to be part of the next Spiritual Development Group. Summer Service survey forms are available on the large table in the narthex.

Budget Requests are due next Sunday, September 13th.

All Church organizations, whether educational or not, are asked to have a table at this year's **Rally Day** on Sunday, September 20th at 9 a.m. This will give everyone in the church and visitors a chance to review and sign-up for programs, committees and social organizations. Please call Eleanor Berger at 833-8796 regarding set-up times for your table.

Labor Day church office closed, Monday, Sept. 7th and Friday, Sept 11th.

Council meets, Tuesday, Sept. 8th at 6:30 pm.

Choir practice, Wednesday , Sept. 9th at 7:00 pm then back to regular Bell & Choir practice times next Wednesday, Sept. 16th.

Church Work Day: Saturday, Sept. 12 th.

Women's Guild meets 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.



Sunday School Teacher induction will be held next Sunday, September 13th.

Mowers Needed!! We have no mowers signed up The dates open are: Sept. 13, Oct. 4 & 18 and Nov. 1 & 15.



Discernment Prayers for Our Church. Prayer time is on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at noon. The next prayer dates are Sept. 8th and Sept 22nd.



**Sponsored by
Church World Service**



Everyone can help! Join CROP Hunger Walk or contribute to a walker. The Walk will be held Sunday, Oct. 3 at 2 pm.

We will have a table in the narthex, after church, through the month of September so you may sign up to walk or get your collection envelope (you don't have to walk to collect) or make a contribution. Nancy Anderson will be there to assist you.



St. John's Chapel UCC Staff

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Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

September 6, 2009

Mary Lou Datema will open the church in September.

Today:	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost.....	10:30 am
	Communion	
	Bring Crosslines Food	
Monday	Labor Day-Office Closed	
Tuesday:	Council.....	6:30 pm
	Fish Day	
Wednesday:	Grace & Weight	5:30 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday	Women's Guild	1:00 pm
	Council.....	6:30 pm
Saturday	Church Work Day	
Next Sun:	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost.....	10:30 am
	Teacher Dedication	
	Independent Women's Group	1:00pm

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.