



St. John's Chapel  
United Church of Christ  
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**Liturgist: Dennis Gromer**

**Rev. Dale Parson**

June 19, 2011

First 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 our creating and recreating God, and all God's blessings.*

*You might want to read and reflect on Genesis 1:1-2:4.*

*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 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**

Acolyte: Gracie Harper

## **Ringling of Bells**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Dennis Gromer

## **\*Call to Worship**

Dennis Gromer

One: In the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Many: Amen.

One: Our help is in the Creator God  
**Many** **who made heaven earth, who keeps covenant and faith with us,**  
One: and who will not abandon the works of God's hands.  
Peace be with you.  
**Many** **And with your spirit.**

## **Opening Prayer**

Dennis Gromer

One: We come to worship, to open ourselves to God's reality that surrounds us. We are not the first to marvel at the wonders of creation and the God we see at work in it.  
Let us pray and listen together to the word of the Psalmist:  
Creator God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Many:** **When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

One: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands

**Many** **you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

**All:** **O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**  
**Amen**

## **\*Hymn of Celebration**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

No. 20

## **Prayer of Confession**

The Rev. Dale Parson

## **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 imag-*

*ine offering your insight up to God to let God love you just as you are.*

**\*Words of Assurance**

The Rev. Dale Parson

**\*Gloria Patri**

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

**Children's Time**

**Joyce Burton**

Honoring Father's at this time

*(Children will join us in the sanctuary after Children's Time)*

**Anthem**

"From a Distance"  
Sung By Christy Graham

by Julie Gold

**Reading of Holy Scripture** Genesis 1:1-2:4.

Rev. Parson & guests

Paraphrased from "The Message" by Eugene Peterson

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20- Dennis Gromer

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**Sermon**

"This Is Good"

The Rev. Dale Parson



**\*Hymn**

"Creator God Creating Still"

By Huber

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1 Cre - a - tor God, cre - at - ing still, by will and word and deed,  
 2 Re - deem-er God, re - deem-ing still, with o - ver-flow-ing grace,  
 3 Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,  
 4 Great Tri - une God, for this new day we need your pres-ence still.

Cre - ate a new hu - man - i - ty to meet the pres-ent need.  
 Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a ho - ly place.  
 Em - power us now to do your will. Cor - rect us when we stray.  
 Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do your work and will.

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

**Offertory Invitation**

**Offertory** "Orphans of God" by Lindsey/LaBar  
 Sung by Christy Graham

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

**\*Offertory Dedication**

**\*Hymn** "All Creatures of Our God and King" No.77

**\*Commissioning and Benediction**

**Congregational Response** "Restless Weaver"



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 -  
fash - 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.

**\*Postlude**

"Because of God's Grace"

played by Kyle Aho

**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.

**Our Stewardship for Sunday, June 12, 2011**

Worship: 115      Offering: \$2038.00

*The average weekly offering needed to meet annual budget is \$2,423.00*



**Check out the sign up sheet in the Narthex, and become involved in our Joplin relief efforts along with your fellow church members who have already signed up.**

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

**Members:**

**Dwayne Blumenstock**– He had a heart attack, but is doing fine. He is home now.

**Joyce Scroggs**– Her hip is better. She is in Christian Health Care at 3535 E Cherokee-889-9955 (ask for her room). Visitors are appreciated.

**Eleanor Lockhart**– The Doctors got all her cancer.

Please Contact our members who find it difficult to attend:

**Virginia Shean**–Ozark Nursing Care , 1486 N. Riverside Road Ozark, Mo. 65721

**Virginia Steury**– 1820 Plaza Drive, Nixa, Mo. 65714-9437

**Flo Valentine**–Ravenwood Asst. Living,1950 E. Republic Road #16,Spfd.,MO 07

**Family and Friends:**

**Linda:** She is a friend of Tona Rowett. Linda's tests show that she is cancer free.

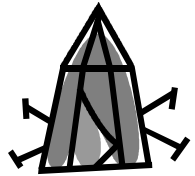
**Peggy Gilbert:** (Friend of Tona Rowett & Melissa Burnett is struggling with her medication, and has frequent testing to ensure her breast cancer is under control.

**Josephine Walker:** (Jeanne Kruger's mother) She is in Manorcare on Fremont Rm. 612.

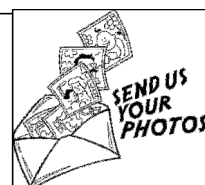
**The Friendship Circle is dining out at Grant's restaurant on Tuesday, 6/ 21, at 6:00 P.M.**

**Family Camp at Camp Aurora June 24,25, and 26**

It is Family Camp time again and we would like as many people as possible to attend, even if it's just for the day. Friday evening everyone brings their own supper (sandwiches, burgers, salads, etc.) and they can share with everyone or just eat what they bring. If you bring hamburger meat, there is a grill or a stove to cook on. We ask that each family bring some kind of dessert (cookies, brownies, cake, pie, etc.) Saturday we will supply the food and we will all work together to cook breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The pool is open for swimming and the volleyball court is ready for action! You can bring games, dominos, cards, etc. if you would rather stay indoors in the dining hall. A variety of snacks, popcorn, cookies, and sodas will be available. (We also have a soda machine the Dining Hall) You may want to bring a fan. We will all have a great time. We will need a head count--how many adults and how many children, to plan properly for provisions. **Turn in your registration by today, June 19th** to the Chapel office. Contact Jeanne Kruger if you have questions. Maps are in the office.



**The deadline for submissions and corrections to the Directory is tomorrow, June 20th. Don't be left out. Send pictures, addresses, phone numbers, and current e-mails in to the office right away. Thank you.**



# Christmas In July

## Chapel Wish List

Have you ever heard of Christmas in July? We have need of Christmas angels all year long here at the Chapel:

Dear Christmas Angels,

Please send us helpers for financing; mowing, copier repair, cleaning supplies, Camp Aurora, plants and mulch for the grounds, replenishing the Discretionary fund, and disaster relief.

Please send us volunteers; Joplin helpers, mowers, liturgists, fill-ins for those on vacation and Camp Aurora work days. We have sign up sheets for many areas where you can help ,or contact the Chapel office to provide a "Christmas in July gift."

Thank you,  
Congregation and Staff at St. John's Chapel, UCC

### **Camp Aurora 2011**

Camp is right around the corner. Please keep Camp Aurora, the Counselors, and the Campers in your prayers

Here are the dates for the camp dates:

Primary camp (grades 1,2, and 3) 6-26-11 through-6-29-11

Junior Camp (grades 4 & 5) 7-10-11 through 7-15-11

Junior High Camp (grades 6,7, & 8) 7-17-11 through 7-22-11

Senior High Camp (grades 9-12 ) 7-24-11 through 7-30-11



**Our VBS will be August 1-5, 2011, from 6 to 8 P.M. Safari is this year's theme**

**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.

**June 19, 2011**

Jeanne Kruger will open the church in June

TODAY:	Trinity Sunday.....	10:30 am
	Father's Day	
	Dale Parson Preaching	
Monday	Grace & Weight.....	5:30 pm
Tuesday	Friendship Circle Dinner @ Grant's Restaurant.....	6:00 pm
Friday	Family Camp At Camp Aurora .....	6-24-26-11
Saturday	Jr. Youth Party at the Datema's.....	TBA
Sunday	Worship Services.....	10:30 am
	Rev. Martha Robertson Preaching	

# Happy Father's Day



Honor  
your father:  
Father's  
Day