



St. John's Chapel  
United Church of Christ  
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November 7, 2010

Twenty –fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M.

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*(\* 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 need to not give up on prayer, even when what we want seems impossible to obtain. You might want to read and reflect on Jeremiah 31: 27-34 and Luke 18: 1-8.*

*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**

Acolyte: Karli Rowett

### **Ringling of Bells**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Call to Celebration**

A.Pastor: The Holy One is here in this community of faith:

**All: Great is our God who is greatly to be praised!**

A.Pastor: The Living One is moved by our prayers.

**All: Great is our God who is greatly to be praised!**

A.Pastor: The Merciful One is our shelter and our peace.

**All: Great is our God who is greatly to be praised!**

A.Pastor: Our soul, bless the Redeemer forever.

**All: Great is our God who is greatly to be praised!**

**\*Hymn of Celebration** “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” No. 764

### **Call to Confession**

A.Pastor: Eternal God, we seek you out in our joy and troubles, with our triumphs and our failures. As we search our hearts and lay bare our souls to you in silence we ask:

**All: Do not hide Your face from me. Do not turn Your servant away from You in anger, You have been my help.  
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation**

### **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*)

### **Children’s Time**

*Children may exit after for Children’s Church)*

**Anthem** “Wade in the Water” arr. Roger Emerson

**Reading of Holy Scripture** Jeremiah 31: 27-34 p. 721  
Luke 18: 1-8 Gospel p. 955

**Sermon** “Pestering” The Rev. Becky Hebert

**\*Hymn** “O for a Heart to Praise My God” vs. 1, 2, & 4: No. 464

### **Prayers of the People & Choral Response**

**Offertory** Instrumental Interlude played by Kyle Aho

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

**Service of Communion**, page 7, *Worship Resources in your pew pocket*—

**Sharing of Elements** (*Please hold the cup and bread until all have been served. Note the center circle of the Communion cup receptacles contains grape juice.*)

### Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### \*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

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

#### **Family and Friends:**

**Phil Scafe:** (youngest son of John & Perdy) has been diagnosed with a large brain tumor and will undergo surgery on Tuesday. Phil and his wife reside in Sarasota, FL.

**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.

#### **An Important Request...**

It would be appreciated if everyone could bring their 2010 pledge up to date by the last Sunday of December. If your are unsure of where you stand on your pledge, please contact Shirley Datema.

#### **Our Stewardship for Sunday, October 24, 2010**

Worship: 64                      Offering: \$1,607.00

Sunday School: 8                Offering: \$11.00

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

**This week's "special offering basket" in the Narthex is for  
 CROSSLINES~**



Sunday School — 9:15 AM  
Worship — 10:30 AM  
Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

**November 7, 2010**

Judith Bartell will open the church in November~

- TODAY: Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost..... 10:30 am  
Communion  
Veterans' Remembrance Sunday  
Strengthen the Church Offering
- Monday: Grace & Weight today ..... 5:30 pm  
Council..... 6:30 pm
- Tuesday: Brotherhood ..... 8:00 am  
Fish Day
- Wednesday: Bells ..... 6:30 pm  
Choir Practice ..... 7:40 pm
- Thursday: Women's Guild ..... 1:00 pm
- Friday: Spiritual Development Course continues weekly meetings..... 6:00 pm
- Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Independent Women..... 1:00 pm  
**Service of Recognition, Pastor Stephan Scharf.....4:00 pm**  
Celebratory Fellowship Supper after

**To The Congregation...**The Ministerial Relations Committee will meet in the next few weeks, so if the congregation has any input, please contact a Council member.

**Thanks, Jim May, Council President**

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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.