

Evangelical United Church of Christ  
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri  
 The Baptism of Christ  
 January 11, 2009  
 1st Sunday after Epiphany  
 (\*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT #10  
*"Majesty"*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

\*HYMN OF ADORATION #391  
*"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: This is a day of new beginnings.

**PEOPLE: This is a time to remember how Jesus' ministry began.**

LEADER: From the moment of his Baptism by John

PEOPLE: *Jesus understood his call from God.*

LEADER: Lord, open our hearts and spirits to hear your call to us.

PEOPLE: *Give us wisdom and courage to follow you always. AMEN.*

INVOCATION

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: *Lord God, as your Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, may we also feel the powerful presence of your transforming love, calling us from darkness to bright light. Be with us and guide our steps so that we may truly follow you in all our ways. AMEN.*

SENTENCES OF PRAISE

LEADER: Blessed is God, who reveals to us the presence of the Christ and who incorporates us into divine love.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 29

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
*ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

Prayer List

January 11, 2009

In case of hospitalization or surgery please notify our church office. When being admitted to a hospital be sure to tell them that you are affiliated with this congregation. \* indicates a new request. *Please note: after six months names will be removed from the prayer list, unless an update is made to the church office.*

Joyce Abernathy; 10-08	Frank, Jr & Ame	Ratliff Nursing Home
Leo Amelunke; 11-08	Maevers; 09-08	Polly Wilmsmeyer
Marilyn Amelunke; 11-08	Dana McClard; 12-08	Fountainbleau Lodge
*Ruby Bock; 01-09	M.D. McMillan; 08-08	Alta Proffer
Loyd Bollinger	Ester Nussbaum	Lutheran Home
Ian Bolton; 10-08	Travis Rister—Iraq; 09-08	Dorothy Cole
Eldon Chasteen; 12-08	Bob & Nora Lee	Viola Geiser
Phyllis Chasteen; 12-08	Seabaugh; 09-08	Frank Maevers, Sr.
<b>"Red" Clifton; 08-08</b>	Meta Siemers; 12-08	Leonard Moore
*Darline Dow; 01-09	Marshall Whitworth; 08-08	Andora Peetz
Lexi Edwards; 11-08	*Bonnie Wilkening; 01-09	Auburn Creek
Aleene Ellinger; 10-08		Irene Orlando
Dean & Carolena		House Bound
Galloway; 11-08		S.G. Coy
Joan Hope	Please Remember	Mary Huckstep
Ernie Jordan; 11-08	Our Friends at Home	*Kenny Mehrle
Ida Mae Jordan; 11-08		Helen Owens
Jane Juergens; 09-08		
Anita MacDonald; 09-08		

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
1-04-09 1-11-09 1-18-09 1-25-09	\$1,800.00	---	\$10.00	\$78.00
Worship	Attendance	Special Collections	Total	Offering
1-04-09 1-11-09 1-18-09 1-25-09	66		1-04-09 1-11-09 1-18-09 1-25-09	\$1,888.00

Welcome first time guests! **We're glad that you are here!** We invite everyone to complete a Communication card (located on the Information Table) and place it in the offering plate. You are important to us and we want to know that you are here.

Evangelical United Church of Christ	(573) 335-5611
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Pastor	Pastor Daniel Johnson
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Ernest Jordan
Organist	Beverly Reece
Sound System	Terry & Mindy Best
Diaconate	Gary Metje
Greeters	Kaye Lee
Reader	Beverly Reece
Ushers: Gordon Walton, Rhonda Bolton, Barbara Oberbeck, and Van Sander	

#### Meet & Eat

Bring your hors d'oeuvres and ideas tonight at 6:00 PM for the 2009 planning session for the Union of Concerned Christians. We will eat at 6:00 PM.



#### On the Calendar

- Jan 11 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM  
*Instillations of Officers*  
Union of Concerned Christians  
Meet & Eat, 6:00 PM
- Jan 13 Friendship Circle, 4:30 PM  
Rolling out Dumplings
- Jan 14 *Elfrink—gym, 5-6:30 PM*  
Open Gym, 7:30 PM
- Jan 16 February Chronicler Articles &  
Annual Reports DUE
- Jan 18 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM  
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Sunday School, 9:30 AM  
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM  
*Jamaican Meeting, 3:00 PM*
- Jan 19 Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
- Jan 20 Diaconate, 7:00 PM
- Jan 25 Annual Congregational

#### Annual Meeting Correction

Mary Martha Circle will provide some fried chicken for the annual dinner. Those attending are asked to bring any type of covered dish, including casseroles or other meats if they wish to.

—Meta Siemers

#### Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;  
*worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*  
The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
*the LORD is upon the mighty waters.*  
The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
*the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.*  
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
*the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
*and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.*  
The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
*the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*  
The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe  
*and strips the forests bare.*  
And in the temple of the LORD  
*all are crying, "Glory!"*  
*The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.  
The LORD shall give strength to his people;  
*the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.*  
*Hallelujah!*

\*GLORIA (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)  
*ALL SING: From all that dwell below the skies*  
***Let the Creator's praise arise; Alleluia! Alleluia!***  
***Let the Redeemer's name be sung.***  
*Let God the spirit free each tongue! Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Eternal is your glory, God.*  
*Eternal Word we give you laud;*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Eternal Spirit we adore,*  
*Your praise shall sound from shore to shore! Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

#### READING OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-5	Page 1
Acts 19:1-7	Page 1726
*Mark 1:4-11	Page 1551

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

LEADER: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us:

**ALL:** *“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.”*

### CALL TO OFFERING

LEADER: This is the day when we remember that the Lord has made all our days. The creation story has been told and retold, in the waters of creation and the waters of baptism. We are here to remember how God has blessed us and to share those blessings in return.

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #815

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below.*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

*ALL: God of glory and strength, we share this offering with you as a response to your powerful acts in our own lives. We share our financial resources with you because of the splendid ways that you have blessed us. Your majestic spirit fills our lives like the mighty waters fill the oceans. All glory is given to you, Lord God. In your powerful name, we pray. Amen. [Psalm 29]*

### \*SONG OF PRAISE #444

*“I Love to Tell the Story”*

SERMON —Pastor Daniel Johnson

*“He Saw the Heavens Torn Apart”*

### ANTHEM

*“Hymn of Promise”* —Choir

## INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND DEACONS

### GREETING

LEADER: Grace, mercy, and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

*PEOPLE: To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### INTRODUCTION

LEADER: Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church or in various settings in the life of the world. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

*PEOPLE: There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.*

LEADER: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

***PEOPLE: The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.***

LEADER: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

*PEOPLE: It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.*

LEADER: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

***PEOPLE: All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.***

### PRESENTATION

LEADER: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

*[The names of the people and their respective offices or ministries may be read.]*

### COVENANT

LEADER: [addressing the people being affirmed] Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the min-

istry of the church, whether gathered or scattered.

LEADER: Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your **ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?**

*INDIVIDUALS: I am.*

LEADER: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

***INDIVIDUALS: I do, relying on God's grace.***

LEADER: [addressing the congregation] Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered **God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and witness to the commitment we now make?**

[All who are able stand.]

*PEOPLE: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.*

[The congregation may be seated.]

#### LAYING ON OF HANDS

PASTOR: The laying on of hands is the act whereby the church in every age recognizes **God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful women and men and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon them the gifts of ministry.** We lay hands upon you, Marvin Best, Jr. and Marilyn Garner for the position of council member and Maxine Hale, Kaye Lee, Gary Metje, and Bonnie Wilkening for the position of deacon.

[The candidates who are able may kneel.]

PASTOR: May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of deacon or elder in **Christ's church and equip you with everything good to do God's will. Receive authority to execute the office of deacon or elder in the name of Christ.**

*PEOPLE: Amen.*

[The newly ordained may stand.]

#### PRAYER

LEADER: Let us pray. Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy **for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name.**

*PEOPLE: Amen.*

#### DECLARATION

LEADER: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the people of Evangelical United Church of Christ, I rejoice to announce: You are installed in your respective positions.

#### GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

LEADER: In accordance with the faith and order of this church, I extend to you the hand of Christian love.

*PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.*

[At the conclusion, the participants return to their places in the congregation.]

\*HYMN OF PARTING #389  
*"Spirit of the Living God"*

#### BENEDICTION

LEADER: Feel the power and love of God flood over you this day. Rejoice in **your calling. Go into God's world, offering hope and peace to all you meet. Go in peace. AMEN.**

CHORAL EXTROIT #70  
*"A Perfect Hearth"*

#### POSTLUDE

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