

Evangelical United Church of Christ
33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

[*Those who are able are invited to stand]

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** —1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

LEADER: Love is patient; love is kind.

PEOPLE: It not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

LEADER: It does not insist on its own way.

PEOPLE: It is not irritable or resentful.

LEADER: It does not rejoice in wrongdoing,

PEOPLE: But rejoices in the truth:

LEADER: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

ALL: Love never ends. Amen.

***HYMN OF ADORATION**

“Here I Am, Lord” —598

INTROIT

LEADER: Let us pray. O God, in the midst of the cacophony of voices that crush our spirit and deny our calling, voices that say, “Who do you think you are?” We come to hear your voice of affirmation; we come to hear your voice calling us to be and do what you have called us to be and do. Let this time of worship quiet our fears, soothe our bruised souls, and energize us for ministry in and with your beloved world. Let faith abide. Let hope abide. Let love abide—here in this sanctuary, here in our community, here in our world, but most of all, here in us.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION —Jeremiah 1, Luke 4

LEADER: Let us pray. God, who shapes the course of history, it is so hard to be a prophet. We’re just ordinary folks. What do you expect us to do? Who will listen to us anyway? Even if they do, they’ll only get mad. You’d do better to find someone else—

Prayer List —January 31, 2010

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.**

Leo Amelunke; 12-09	Sally McMillan; 01-10	Ratliff Nursing Home
Josh Amelunke; 12-09	[Bill & Jane’s sister-in-law]	Polly Wilmsmeyer
*Irene Amos; 01-10	Ester Nussbaum	Fountainbleau Lodge
*Marvin Best, JR; 01-10	Marilyn Propst; 11-09	Alta Proffer
Ruth Bierschwal; 07-09	Jean Ratliff; 08-09	Veteran’s Home
Connie Blattner; 11-09	[Jamaican CMM]	Frank Maevers, Sr.
Dora Briggs; 07-09	Bob Roloff; 09-09	Kenny Mehrle
Jim Caughlin; 01-10	Jacob Sandvos; 12-09	Lutheran Home
*Darline Dow; 01-10	[Barbara Lynch’s Grandson]	Dorothy Cole
Aleene Ellinger; 08-09	Slaughter Family; 08-09	Leonard Moore
[Jane McMillan’s Mother]	Chris Spivey; 08-09	Ester Nussbaum
Lillian Graden; 09-09	[Michelle’s Nephew]	House Bound
Virginia Heise; 08-09	Tanner Stallins; 10-09	Loyd Bollinger
Joan Hope	Margaret Tallent; 07-09	S.G. Coy
Ernie Jordan; 10-09	Marjorie Thompson; 07-09	Mary Huckstep
*Ida Mae Jordan; 01-10	J.D. Treadwell; 09-09	David Kies
Margie Kurre; 01-10	Norma Trickey; 12-09	Helen Owens
Carolyn Keese; 12-09	Burnell Turner; 11-09	
[Bolton Family Friend]	Winfield Family; 07-09	
David Kies; 01-10		

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial Gen. Fund	Memorial Fund	Building Fund	Sunday School	Misc.
01-03-10	\$1,461.00	---	---	---	\$22.43	---
01-10-10	\$833.00	---	---	\$6.00	\$7.00	---
01-17-10	\$1,295.00	---	---	---	\$26.00	\$20.00
01-24-10	\$629.00	---	---	\$10.00	\$47.00	\$70.00
01-31-10						
Worship Dates	# of People	Scholarship Fund	OCWM	JCMM	Cornerstone	Total Offering
01-03-10	48	---	\$20.00	---	---	\$1,503.43
01-10-10	54	---	---	\$100.00	\$670.88	\$1,616.88
01-17-10	51	---	---	---	---	\$1,341.00
01-24-10	59	---	---	---	---	\$756.00
01-31-10						

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.

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Pastor: Pastor Daniel Johnson

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Ernest Jordan

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Sound System: Terry & Mindy Best

Diaconate

Michael Bodine

Greeters

Margie Eakins

Reader

Frank Maevers, Jr.

Ushers: Our Youth and members of the Diaconate.

On the Calendar

- Jan 31 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Feb 1 Lower Auditorium rented, 3 PM-10 PM
Jacque Maxton-Lia Sophia Mega Show
Feb 2 Jamaican Christian Medical Mission
Dumpling Rolling, 4:00 PM
Feb 4 GYM usage BB Elfrink, 4:30-6:30 PM
Feb 7 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
**ASAP Souper Bowl of Caring
Special Mission Offering**
Feb 9 Diaconate meeting, 7:00 PM
Feb 12 **Safe House for Women, 5:00 PM**
**"Love Yourself Valentine
Banquet" – Diaconate**
Feb 13 MO Mentoring, 10 AM-1 PM
Lower Auditorium
Feb 14 **Happy Valentine's Day**
Feb 15 Presidents' Day
Council, 7:30 PM
Feb 17 Ash Wednesday Lenten Meal, 5:30 PM
Communion & Program, 6:30 PM

Dumpling Rolling

The Jamaican Christian Medical Mission will be rolling dumplings on Tuesday, February 2nd starting around 4:00 PM. Please come and help with this worthwhile project.

Lenten Meals

The Lenten meal will be 5:30–6:30 PM and the Lent Program will be from 6:30–7:30 PM.

Here are the dates:

- February 17 – Diaconate
February 24 – Council
March 3 – Board of Christian Ed.
March 10 – Friendship Circle
March 17 – Union of Concerned Christians
March 24 – Mary-Martha Circle
April 1 – Diaconate –All Church Casserole Supper

someone older, someone younger, someone more articulate, someone with more courage, someone with more faith. But still we hear our call and your promise. Forgive our feet of clay—when we try and evade your call, when we make excuses, when we doubt your presence, when we reject your prophets, when we reject ourselves. In the opportunities and challenges in our lives, help us see that you are there, and help us respond in faith, hope, and love.

SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON –Psalm 71

LEADER: God is our rock and our fortress. In God we find our hope and our strength. We are always surrounded by God's forgiving love, a love that has known us from birth and will never leave us.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

LEADER: The love of God surrounds us. We rejoice in that love. Let us greet one another in that love, in that hope, in that abiding faith. The Peace of Christ be with you always.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

***SONG OF PRAISE**

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" –575

PSALM 71:1-6

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;

let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;

incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;

you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,

my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;

from my mother's womb you have been my strength;

my praise shall be always of you.

GLORIA –Act of Praise

ALL SING: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

LEADER: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 1:4-10	Page 1169
1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Page 1786
*Luke 4:21-30	Page 1596

RESPONSE TO THE WORD —*Jeremiah 1, 1 Corinthians 13*

LEADER: Hear God's word—the words of call, the words of promise, the words of faith, the words of hope, the words of love. Live God's word—the words of life.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

SERMON —Pastor Daniel Johnson

“Jesus Provokes a Riot”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A New Creed

[United Church of Canada]

ALL: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

***We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.***

***We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.***

CHORAL ANTHEM

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, for ever. Amen.***

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INVITATION TO OFFERING —*Jeremiah 1, Luke 4*

LEADER: We have been called to speak and to live out the radical, abiding love of God in the world. We do so by offering all that we are, all that we do, and all that we have, knowing that God will use us and our gifts to bring the beloved community ever closer to being realized in this world.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** —816

We give Thee but Thine own, What-e're the gift may be.

All that we have is Thine a-lone— A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive,

And gladly as Thou bless-est us, To Thee our first-fruits give. A-men.

***OFFERING PRAYER** —*Jeremiah 1, 1 Corinthians 13*

LEADER: Gracious and loving God, receive our gifts of self and substance. They have belonged to you since our very beginning. We give them freely, joyfully, prayerfully. With them we praise you. With them we celebrate the great power that is love—a love that abides always, a love that radically transforms, a love that makes us whole.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

***HYMN OF PARTING**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” —426

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

LEADER: And now may the always bearing, always believing, always hoping, always enduring love of Jesus Christ, in the power of God's gracious Spirit, sustain and keep you now and forevermore.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

***CHORAL EXTROIT**

***POSTLUDE**