

Evangelical United Church of Christ
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
 February 1, 2009
 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
 [*Those who are able are invited to stand]

PRELUDE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CHORAL INTROIT #217
 "Holy Ground"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Great are the works of the Lord!

PEOPLE: *We will praise them with our whole hearts!*

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord for all that God has done.

PEOPLE: Our spirits rejoice and celebrate God's awesome love!

LEADER: Remember always the bounty God has placed before you.

PEOPLE: God's generous love and mercy has been showered upon us!

LEADER: Amen!

PEOPLE: AMEN!

*SENTENCES OF ADORATION

LEADER: Jesus came to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the year of God's favor.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #221
 "All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord"

CONFESSION OF SIN

LEADER: We are called to examine our faithfulness to God's covenant with us. God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sin to almighty God.

ALL: *Patient God, you know it is not easy for us to let go of all the worries that we have. We chew on them and wail over them; yet these activities do not produce the peace for which we long. We look for quick*

Prayer List

February 1, 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	Andora Peetz Family; 01-09	Dorothy Cole
Eldon Chasteen; 12-08	Travis Rister—Iraq; 09-08	Viola Geiser
Phyllis Chasteen; 12-08	Bob & Nora Lee	Frank Maevers, Sr.
"Red" Clifton; 08-08	Seabaugh; 09-08	Leonard Moore
Darline Dow; 01-09	*Meta Siemers; 12-08	Auburn Creek
Lexi Edwards; 11-08	Marshall Whitworth; 08-08	Irene Orlando
Aleene Ellinger; 10-08	Bonnie Wilkening; 01-09	House Bound
Dean & Carolena		S.G. Coy
Galloway; 11-08		Mary Huckstep
Joan Hope	Please Remember	Kenny Mehrle
Ernie Jordan; 11-08	Our Friends at Home	Helen Owens
Ida Mae Jordan; 11-08		
Jane Juergens; 09-08		
Anita MacDonald; 09-08		

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
1-04-09	\$1,800.00	---	\$10.00	\$78.00
1-11-09	\$929.80	---	---	\$63.00
1-18-09	\$891.00	\$20.00	\$345.00	\$67.00
1-25-09	\$834.00	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$77.00
Worship	Attendance	Scholarship Fund	Total	Offering
1-04-09	66	[Cornerstone]	1-04-09	\$1,888.00
1-11-09	62	[\$830.14]	1-11-09	\$1,822.94
1-18-09	62	\$25.00	1-18-09	\$1,348.00
1-25-09			1-25-09	\$981.00

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.

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Souper Bowl for Caring Sunday

Today the ASAP Youth Group will be collecting food and money for our local FISH food pantry. Please help us with this worthy cause.

“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

Safe House for Women

The Safe House for Women will be having an appreciation Valentine Dinner for the women in the shelter, the volunteers, and sponsors on Friday, February 13th. More information to come.

2008 Giving Statements

2008 Giving Statements are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please pick yours up today.

On the Calendar

- Feb 1 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
 Communion Sunday
Souper Bowl for Caring
- Feb 2 **McAllister's Deli, 4:00-8:00 PM**
 Fundraiser for Jamaican Mission
- Feb 4 *Elfrink—gym, 5-6:30 PM*
 Open Gym, 7:30 PM
- Feb 8 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM
 Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM
 Sunday School, 9:30 AM
 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
- Feb 10 Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM
- Feb 13 **Safe House for Women's**
 Valentine Dinner, 6:00 PM
- Feb 14 **Valentine's Day**
 MO-Mentoring, 10 AM-1 PM
- Feb 15 ASAP BINGO-Spaghetti
 Supper @ 5:00 PM
 Jamaican Meeting, 3:00 PM
- Feb 16 Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
- Feb 17 Jamaican Mission - Rolling
 Dumplings, 4:30 PM
 Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 PM

and easy answers to our problems, or we turn our backs on the issues as if ignoring them will eventually make them go away. Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to place our trust in your healing mercy. Remind us again of the authority and power of your Son **Jesus to cast out our “demons.” Heal and restore us, we pray. AMEN.**

SILENCE

PRAYER FOR MERCY

LEADER: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One,
 ALL: *Have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: **Place your trust in God, for God's healing love and forgiveness are lavished upon you, now and forever. AMEN.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

LEADER: We come to this place as strangers and leave as friends. Let us share the Peace of Christ with our neighbors. The peace of God be with you
 PEOPLE: *And also with you.*

*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!

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

LEADER: 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. *Amen.*

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Page 302
I Corinthians 8:1-13 Page 1780
*Mark 1:21-28 Page 1552

SERMON —Pastor Daniel Johnson
“He Taught Them as One Having Authority”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — The Apostles' Creed

*ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

ANTHEM

“The Savior Is Waiting” —Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO OFFERING

LEADER: Heavenly Sovereign, every good and perfect gift comes from your **gracious hand. Inspire us to share your blessings with others in Jesus' name.**

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #815

ALL SING: 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: Awesome God, you sent Jesus to teach people firsthand the power of your love, grace, and authority. Jesus washed away unclean spirits and performed countless other miracles so that even the faithless would experience your love. You call us to be mindful and vigilant of the extraordinary miracles that you continue to work in our lives today. May this offering support ministries that show others your miraculous love, grace, and authority. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. [Mark 1:21-28]

COMMUNION

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*HYMN OF PARTING #672

“What a Mighty God We Serve”

*COMMISSIONING

LEADER: Even in the darkest of times, God has been with God's people. God's light is now shining through you, brought to you in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ. Go into the world in peace and hope. Bring the light of God's love to all whom you meet. Go in peace.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

CHORAL EXTROIT

“Where the Spirit of the Lord Is”

POSTLUDE

HOLY COMMUNION
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Just as the United Church of Christ moves into its 22nd annual Women's Week, a week set aside to celebrate the gifts of women in the church, the calendar coincides with other important celebrations from across the globe. This service of communion brings them together with respect for the differences between these celebrations — and a spirit of respect for the common hopes to which they point as well. More information about UCC Women's week is found in the Common Lot Women's Week edition. The Communion Prayer is adapted from Word and Sacrament II A in Book of Worship.



*INVITATION

LEADER: Luke, the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of the disciples took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. In community with all believers in every time, on every continent, across history and time, and in celebration of the beauty of the differences that link us in a common hope that all might be well, let us pray: In every season, may we be held together in Christ, through the blessing of this table where we celebrate the risen Christ in the sharing of this bread.

*COMMUNION PRAYER

LEADER: The God of new beginnings and each new year be with you.

PEOPLE: *And also with you.*

LEADER: Lift up your hearts with gladness people of God!

PEOPLE: *We lift them up to God, with our empowered creativity, celebrations, and dreams!*

LEADER: Let us give thanks to God and for our families and friends, and those around the world.

PEOPLE: *It is right to give God thanks and praise!*

LEADER: Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the furthest shore and star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for the moon in all its passages from waxing to waning, and the sun, the air and water. We thank you for this earth, for each cell that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation, and especially for Jesus Christ whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior to call forth the mission of your church in the world. We thank you for your wisdom that empowers your people. We take courage from the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst; and the faithful men and women in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, **with Brigid of Ireland in her passion for women's leadership and community service**, with all the women in our lives who nurture faith and leadership today, and with the company of heaven, we give glory to you:

ALL: *Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!*

[Please be seated.]

LEADER: Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ. Now, as they were eating, Jesus took bread, **and blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat: This is my body."** Jesus took the cup, after supper, saying: **"This cup is the new covenant, do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."** **By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again."**

PEOPLE: *Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

LEADER: Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine.

PEOPLE: *Bless all of us at this table that our eyes may be opened, that we may recognize the risen Christ in one another.*

LEADER: Through this bread and this cup we participate in the body of Christ, and in new life in each new year, every one, sister, brother, across the globe:

PEOPLE: *That we might share your light, together.*

LEADER: Christ our Light in every season.

PEOPLE: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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.

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

PASTOR: [while taking the bread and breaking it] The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

PASTOR: [while pouring the wine and raising the cup] The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Lamb of God

ALL: Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

CALL TO THE SUPPER

LEADER: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

[while giving the bread]

PASTOR: Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.

PEOPLE: Amen!

[while giving the cup]

PASTOR: The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

PEOPLE: Amen!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Holy One of all our days and years, bless our sisters, mothers, daughters, and partners in the celebration of Women's Week. Bless our friends around the world who celebrate the Lunar New Year! And bless those in the church remembering the gifts of Brigid of Ireland to Christianity. May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Spirit inspire us to share stories and histories – and ever our common dreams. AMEN

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