

**Evangelical United Church of Christ**  
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri  
 February 28, 2010  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
 [\*Those who are able are invited to stand]



**PRELUDE**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** —Genesis 15, Psalm 27, Luke 13

LEADER: Wait for the Lord; be strong!

**PEOPLE: The promises of God will never be broken.**

LEADER: With God as our light, what is there to fear?

**PEOPLE: The promises of God will never be broken.**

LEADER: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**ALL: The promises of God will never be broken.**

**\*HYMN OF ADORATION**  
 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness ” —139

**INTROIT** —Genesis 15, Psalm 27, Philippians 3

LEADER: Let us pray. Let God of promises fulfilled, we gather as descendants of Abraham; we stand before you as faithful testimony to your covenant; we assemble as living proof that your love for humanity knows no limits. When we feel overwhelmed by the stresses of daily life, we need only look at the stars in the sky to remember your abiding faithfulness. When we are overcome with despair by the pain of war and poverty in our world, we need only see the light of a single candle to remember the one you sent as our light, our strength, and our salvation. We pray now in the name of that light, Jesus Christ.

**PEOPLE: AMEN.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** —Genesis 15, Psalm 27

LEADER: Let us pray. Eternal God, we are quick to join Abram’s doubt and impatience, but we find it difficult to copy Abraham’s faith and trust. We want to believe your promises, but the here-and-now problems of daily life consume our focus and erode our faith. Open our eyes to your light. Open our hearts to your love. Open our minds to your possibilities. Speak to us today, O God, and strengthen our faith, that we, too, may know the everlasting power of your love.

**SILENCE**

**Prayer List —February 28, 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 Josh Amelunke; 12-09 Irene Amos; 01-10 *Marvin Best, Jr; 02-10 *Verna Best; 02-10 Connie Blattner; 11-09 Jim Caughlin; 01-10 *Darline Dow; 02-10 Aleene Ellinger; 08-09 [Jane McMillan’s Mother] Lillian Graden; 09-09 Virginia Heise; 08-09 Joan Hope Ernie Jordan; 10-09 Ida Mae Jordan; 01-10 Carolyn Keese; 12-09 [Bolton Family Friend] David Kies; 01-10 Sally McMillan; 01-10 [Bill & Jane’s sister-in-law]	*Ester Nussbaum *Justin Pashia; 02-10 Marilyn Propst; 11-09 Jean Ratliff; 08-09 [Jamaican CMM] Bob Roloff; 09-09 Jacob Sandvos; 02-10 [Barbara Lynch’s Grandson] Tanner Stallins; 10-09 *J.D. Treadwell & the Treadwell Family; 02-10 Norma Trickey; 02-10 Burnell Turner; 11-09 Larry Winfield; 02-10 [Mary Slaughter’s Brother]	<b>Fountainbleau Lodge</b> Alta Proffer  <b>Veteran’s Home</b> Frank Maevers, Sr. Kenny Mehrle  <b>Lutheran Home</b> Dorothy Cole Leonard Moore *Ester Nussbaum  <b>House Bound</b> Loyd Bollinger S.G. Coy Mary Huckstep David Kies Helen Owens
	<b>Ratliff Nursing Home</b> Polly Wilmsmeyer	

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial Gen. Fund	Memorial Fund	Building Fund	Sunday School	Misc.
<b>02-07-10</b>	\$2,003.00	---	---	\$25.00	\$88.00	---
<b>02-14-10</b>	\$964.25	---	---	---	\$10.00	---
<b>02-21-10</b>	\$754.00	---	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$28.00	---
<b>02-28-10</b>						
Worship Dates	# of People	Scholarship Fund	OCWM	Blanket —CWS	Ash Wed.	Total Offering
<b>02-07-10</b>	55	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$20.00	---	\$2,196.00
<b>02-14-10</b>	?	---	---	\$75.00	---	\$1,049.25
<b>02-21-10</b>	44	\$70.00	\$500.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$1,492.00
<b>02-28-10</b>						

**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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**Diaconate**

Michael Bodine

**Greeters**

Ramona Brinkopf

**Reader**

Rhonda Bolton

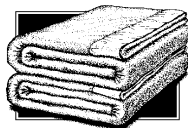
**Ushers:** Randy Coy, Michael Bodine, Cayleigh Bolton, Bob Roloff, and Lori Siebert

**On the Calendar**

- Feb 28 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM  
*Baptism of Jeremiah Xavier Sloan*  
*Popp, Lower Auditorium usage*
- Mar 3 Lenten Meal, 5:30 PM  
**Board of Christian Ed. will host.**  
Confirmation, 6:00-6:45 PM
- Mar 4 Deadline to drop off items for the Rummage Sale.  
*GYM usage BB Elfrink, 4:30-6:30 PM*
- Mar 5 World Day of Prayer
- Mar 6 ASAP Rummage Sale, 8 AM—12 Noon
- Mar 7 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM  
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Sunday School, 9:30 AM  
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM  
**Communion Sunday**
- Mar 9 Diaconate, 7:00 PM  
Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM
- Mar 11 Lower Auditorium—Set up for World Day of Prayer Luncheon, 9:00 AM
- Mar 12 World Day of Prayer Lunch, 11:30 AM
- Mar 13 Confirmation Field Trip—Tilsit UCC
- Mar 18 Love, INC Annual Dinner, 6:30 PM

**February is Blanket Month**

The blanket drive for Church World Services will be held during the month of February. A \$5.00 donation will purchase one wool blanket.



**Church World Service**  
www.churchworldservices.org

**Lenten Meals**

The Lenten meal will be 5:30—6:30 PM in lower auditorium and the Lent Program will be from 6:30—7:30 PM.

**Here are the dates:**

- 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

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE —Psalm 27**

LEADER: When God is with us, whom shall we fear? The God of salvation will never forsake you. God's patience knows no limits. Wait for the Lord. Be strong and take heart.

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST —2 Corinthians 5—6**

LEADER: Say to yourself, "Now is the time of my salvation." Say to your friend, "Now is the time of your salvation." Say to all those around you, "Now is the time of our salvation." Let us pass the peace of Christ to our neighbors. The peace of Christ be with you.

**PEOPLE: And also with you.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

"God Will Take Care of You" —692

**RESPONSIVE READING —Psalm 27**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

**the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
**it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

Though an army should encamp against me,  
**yet my heart shall not be afraid;**

And though war should rise up against me,  
**yet will I put my trust in him.**

One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;**

To behold the fair beauty of the LORD  
**and to seek him in his temple.**

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.**

Even now he lifts up my head  
**above my enemies round about me.**

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;  
**I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call;

**have mercy on me and answer me.**

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."

**Your face, LORD, will I seek.**

Hide not your face from me,

***nor turn away your servant in displeasure.***

You have been my helper; cast me not away;  
***do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.***

Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
***the LORD will sustain me.***

Show me your way, O LORD;

***lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.***

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,  
***for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.***

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD  
***in the land of the living!***

O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;  
***wait patiently for the LORD.***

#### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

***PEOPLE: And also with you.***

LEADER: Let us pray: God of promise and fulfillment, grant us the light of your presence that we might believe your Word, trust your promises, and live in hope. May the faithfulness of your people bear witness to the steadfastness of your will and work.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting, O Blessed and Holy Trinity,

***PEOPLE: AMEN.***

#### READING OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18      Page 20

Philippians 3:17-4:1      Page 1829

\*Luke 13:31-35      Page 1621

**SERMON —Pastor Daniel Johnson**

*“But Our Citizenship is in Heaven”*

***ORDER FOR BAPTISM:*** Please see insert.

#### CHORAL ANTHEM

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE 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

##### CALL TO OFFERING —Psalm 96:8

LEADER: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

##### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*“Doxology” —815*

##### OFFERING PRAYER —Genesis 15, Luke 13

LEADER: Let us pray. Faithful God, you have kept your promises to us. Our lives give witness to your abundant blessings. May we faithfully keep our promises to you.

Strengthen our commitment to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Your love sustains us, guides us, and empowers us. Take these gifts as signs of our promise to give ourselves completely into your care—to live without fear; to trust your love without reservation.

***PEOPLE: AMEN.***

##### \*HYMN OF PARTING

*“I will Praise Him” —497*

##### \*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

LEADER: Go in the love of God, whose promises are never broken.

***PEOPLE: We go in the light of Christ, whose love transforms us.***

LEADER: Go in the power of the Holy Spirit, whose fire sustains and encourages us.

***PEOPLE: We go now into the world as witnesses of God's love, light, and power.***

LEADER: Brothers and sisters, join in imitating those who live according to the promises of the Gospel. Follow the examples we have in Abram, in Paul, in Jesus. And may the Lord be your shield, your hope, your beloved. Go in peace.

***PEOPLE: AMEN.***

##### \*CHORAL EXTROIT

##### \*POSTLUDE