

Evangelical United Church of Christ
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
 March 1, 2009
 First Sunday in Lent
 [*Those who are able are invited to stand]

PRELUDE

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL ANTHEM #9
 "Glorify Thy Name"

*CALL TO WORSHIP [Psalm 25]

ONE: Make us to know your ways, O God:

MANY: teach us your paths.

ONE: Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation:

MANY: for you we wait all day long.

ONE: Be mindful of your mercy, O God, and of your steadfast love,

MANY: for they have been of old.

ONE: We come into your presence trusting in your tender mercy and your everlasting love.

MANY: Strengthen us now for the living of our days, and make us into your people, faithful to your Word. Amen.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #526
 "The Solid Rock"

*INVOCATION [Genesis 9: 8-17]

LEADER: O Covenant God, your promise includes all of creation in your blessing. Immerse us today in knowledge of your faithfulness, so that we may carry the refreshment of your presence even into the desert places of our lives. In Jesus' name, AMEN.

*GLORIA [Lasst Uns Erfreuen]

ALL SING: From all that dwell below the skies

Prayer List

March 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 Maevers, Sr.; 03-09	Fountainbleau Lodge
Leo Amelunke; 11-08	Dana McClard; 12-08	Alta Proffer
Marilyn Amelunke; 11-08	M.D. McMillan; 08-08	
Ruby Bock; 01-09	David Metcalfe; 02-09	Lutheran Home
*Loyd Bollinger	*Ester Nussbaum	Dorothy Cole
Ian Bolton; 10-08	Andora Peetz Family; 01-09	Viola Geiser
"Red" Clifton; 08-08	Travis Rister—Iraq; 09-08	*Frank Maevers, Sr.
Darline Dow; 01-09	Jerry Schloss; 01-09	Leonard Moore
Lexi Edwards; 11-08	Bob & Nora Lee	*Ester Nussbaum
Aleene Ellinger; 10-08	Seabaugh; 09-08	
Dean & Carolena	*Meta Siemers; 02-09	Auburn Creek
Galloway; 11-08	Bonnie Wilkening; 01-09	Irene Orlando
Joan Hope		
Ernie Jordan; 11-08	Please Remember	House Bound
Ida Mae Jordan; 11-08	Our Friends at Home	S.G. Coy
Jane Juergens; 09-08		Mary Huckstep
Anita MacDonald; 09-08	Ratliff Nursing Home	Kenny Mehrle
Frank, Jr & Ame	Polly Wilmsmeyer	Helen Owens
Maevers; 09-08		

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
2-01-09	\$690.00	---	---	\$73.00
2-08-09	\$1,908.00	---	---	\$56.00
2-15-09	\$755.00	---	---	\$32.00
2-22-09	\$257.00	---	---	\$19.00
Worship	Attendance	Scholarship Fund	Total	Offering
2-01-09	24	---	2-01-09	\$763.00
2-08-09	61	---	2-08-09	\$1,964.00
2-15-09	55	\$10.00	2-15-09	\$897.00
2-22-09	40	---	2-22-09	\$276.00

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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Web Site	www.evangelicalucc-cape.org
Pastor	Pastor Daniel Johnson
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Ernest Jordan
Organist	Beverly Reece
Sound System	Terry & Mindy Best
Diaconate	Barbara Oberbeck
Greeters	Jim & Marilyn Garner
Reader	Linda Schild
Ushers: All Members of the Diaconate	

ASAP Rummage Sale

Please bring your items for the rummage sale to the lower auditorium. Come to the church Thursday, March 5th to help price items and set up for the sale. Thanks for helping our ASAP Youth Group.



Lenten Meal Schedule

February 25	Diaconate
March 4	Friendship Circle
March 11	UCC Group
March 18	Board of Christian Ed.
March 25	Church Council
April 1	Mary-Martha Circle
April 9	Casserole Pot Luck

Please call the church office to reserve your date for Lent.

On the Calendar

Mar 1 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Communion Sunday

Mar 4 Lenten Meal, 5:30 PM
Friendship Circle
Open Gym, 7:00 PM

Mar 5 Mary-Martha, 1:30 PM
ASAP Set up for Rummage Sale

Mar 6 World Day of Prayer

Mar 7 ASAP Rummage Sale, 8 AM-1 PM

Mar 8 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM

Mar 10 Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM

Mar 14 MO-Mentoring, 10 AM—1 PM
[lower auditorium]

Mar 15 Jamaican Meeting, 3:00 PM

Mar 16 Council Meeting, 7:30 PM

Mar 22 ASAP Pancake-Sausage Lunch
UCC "Work Day Project"
Immediately after lunch.

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!
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COLLECT OF THE DAY

ONE: Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan; Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9:8-17	Page 13
I Peter 3:18-22	Page 1890
*Mark 1:9-15	Page 1552

SERMON —Pastor Daniel Johnson
"With Wild Beast and Angels"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: PRINCIPLES OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ALL: We believe
Christ is the only head of the church.
Christian is a sufficient name for the church.
The Holy Bible is a sufficient rule of faith and practice.
Christian character is the only requirement for membership.
The right of private judgment and the liberty of conscience are rights and privileges for all.
Union of all Christ's followers is sought.

ANTHEM
"In Remembrance of Me" —Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: We find ourselves in many a desert place these days, confronted by fear and anxiety. Economic and employment uncertainties may erode our trust in the Holy One, and lead us into temptation. Let us take a moment and ponder our own desert places: *[silence]*

LITANY OF CONFESSION

ONE: When anxiety blocks us from seeking your presence:

MANY: God have mercy.

ONE: When fear causes us to seek security outside of community and the common good of all:

MANY: Christ have mercy.

ONE: When fear of not having enough keeps us from sharing your abundance:

MANY: God have mercy.

[Silence]

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

ONE: Christ in his desert was not alone in facing temptation in his life, but found the presence of God always there to strengthen, encourage, and guide. In Christ, God with us, we are forgiven, and called back into a community of trust, abundance and hope. Let us give thanks for the mercy of God, and pass the peace of Christ in community among us.

PASSING THE PEACE

LEADER: So if you are about to offer your gift to God at the altar and there remember that your sister or brother has something against you, leave your gift in front of the altar, go at once and make peace with your brother or sister, and then come back and offer your gift.

PEOPLE: In response to Christ's command, we reach out to each other in love.

*SONG OF PRAISE #306
"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?"

OFFERING INVITATION

ONE: The good news of God's tender mercy and steadfast love changes our lives. God leads us away from selfishness and fear, and teaches us to live in generosity and trust. Our Lenten journey begins with gratitude and gifts for God's mission unfolding

in the world around us. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude, heartfelt commitment, and praise.

*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.

OFFERING PRAYER

ONE: Let us pray. Look with kindness on these gifts, tender God, and bless them. By the power of your love, make them gifts that bless the world. Use them to build up your church into a sturdy witness for justice and peace, especially for the little ones, the ones on the margins, the ones without voice. Thank you for your love that sustains us, and your grace that makes us new again. *Amen.*

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.

COMMUNION — Please See Insert

*HYMN OF PARTING #676

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*BENEDICTION

ONE: Jesus began his ministry proclaiming, "The reign of God has come near, repent and believe in the good news." The reign of God, near to us! Let your life be changed by this good news, and go now into the world to share it with others. And may the grace and peace of God the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer come upon you this day and remain with you always. Amen.

CHORAL EXTROIT

"For God So Loved the World"

POSTLUDE

HOLY COMMUNION
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INVITATION

LEADER: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst

PEOPLE: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

*COMMUNION PRAYER

[All who are able may stand.]

PASTOR: God be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them to God.

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

PEOPLE: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PASTOR: Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you **have sent from your own being as our Savior. We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world.** Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

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!

[The people may be seated.]

PASTOR: 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 a cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to the disciples and said: "Drink

of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many **for the forgiveness of sins."**

We remember Christ's promise not to drink of the fruit of the vine again until the heavenly banquet at the close of history, and we say boldly what we believe:

ALL: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PASTOR: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

PEOPLE: Amen.

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

PASTOR: [while taking the bread and breaking it] Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.

PASTOR: [while pouring the wine and raising the cup] Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

PASTOR: Christ our Passover is offered for us.

PEOPLE: Therefore let us keep the feast.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready. [while giving the bread]

PASTOR: The body of Christ, the living bread.

PEOPLE: Amen!

[while giving the cup]

PASTOR: The blood of Christ, the saving cup.

PEOPLE: Amen!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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