

Evangelical United Church of Christ

33 South Ellis Street
Cape Girardeau, Missouri
March 9, 2008

Fifth Sunday in Lent

(*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT *“Behold the Lamb”* —Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Out of the depths of despair, I cry to you, O God;

PEOPLE: *praying that you would hear my anguished calls for help.*

LEADER: I could not stand if you counted my sins against me;

PEOPLE: *for I would be utterly helpless and my hope would be gone.*

LEADER: But out of your mercy and grace, you restore my hope.

PEOPLE: *We worship and adore you, O God, we stand in awe of your great mercy.*

LEADER: O how I yearned to hear the promise of your forgiveness

PEOPLE: *with a longing as great as a watcher in the night waits for the dawn.*

LEADER: O that all people would put their trust in you, O God,

PEOPLE: *and experience your steadfast love and forgiveness.*

ALL: *We worship and adore you, O God, we stand in awe of your great mercy.*

*HYMN OF ADORATION #107 *“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”*

INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

LEADER: Almighty and most merciful God, kindle within us the fire of love, that by its cleansing flame we may be purged of all our sins and made worthy to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: **“To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.” We confess, O God, that when we, as your people in this place, set our minds on the things of the flesh as opposed to the Spirit, our lives become all too easily influenced by and attracted to the powers of the world.**

PEOPLE: *Forgive us when our vision is limited by the power of the*

Prayer List

March 9, 2008

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; 09-07 Loyd Bollinger S.G. Coy Family of Reece Dgson M. Benji Doerhoff; 01-08 Ruby Doughty; 10-07 Joan Hope; 10-07 Mary Huckstep Carol Huebert, 03-07 Frankie Hutson; 11-07 Jaden, 2 yrs old; 12-07 Ernest & Ida Mae Jordan Robert Juergens; 08-07 Kenny Mehrle Cheryl Olson; 01-08 [Mary Huckstep's granddaughter] Helen Owens; 01-08	Tonya Pobst; 09-07 Paul Propst; 08-07 Sharon Reif; 03-08 Calvin Sailer; 01-08 Kaylyn Sneathen; 03-08 Susan Spinks; 01-08 Wesley, Kailey & Kimberley Spinks; 01-08 Andrea Truitt; 11-07 LaDonna Wills; 09-07 Please Remember Our Friends at Home	Ratliff Nursing Home Polly Wilmsmeyer Fountainbleau Lodge Alta Proffer Lutheran Home Dorothy Cole Frank Maevers, Sr. Leonard Moore Andora Peetz House Bound Ruby Doughty Esther Nussbaum Irene Orlando Helen Owens
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Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
3-2-08 3-9-08 3-16-08 3-23-08 3-30-08	\$2,207.14	---	---	\$120.00
Worship	Attendance	OGHS	Total	Offering
3-2-08 3-9-08 3-16-08 3-23-08 3-30-08		\$210.91	3-2-08 3-9-08 3-16-08 3-23-08 3-30-08	\$2,538.05

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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Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle will meet March 11th at 7:00 PM. Grace Coy will lead the devotions. Pastor Dan Johnson will present a program about Easter. Dorothy Klein & Grace Coy will provide our refreshments.

Maundy Thursday

Our Maundy Thursday meal will be on March 20th and start at 5:30 PM with the Tenebrae Service to begin at 6:30 PM. Please bring your favorite casserole to share as this will be our meal for the evening.

Ham Supper

The Ham Supper is scheduled for Sunday, April 13th. Tickets go on sale today. Rhonda Bolton is the person to contact to purchase your Ham Supper tickets.

On the Calendar

Mar 9 Ham Supper tickets go on sale.
Mar 11 Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM
Mar 12 Lenten Meal—Council, 5:30 PM
Open Gym, 7:00 PM
Mar 13 Choir, 7:00 PM
Mar 16 Palm/Passion Sunday
Mar 17 Council, 7:30 PM
Mar 18 Diaconate, 7:00 PM
Mar 20 Maundy Thursday, 5:30 PM
Lenten Meal—Bring a casserole
Tenebrae Service, 6:30 PM
Mar 21 Good Friday Cross Walk, 12:15 PM
Prayer Service, 6:45 PM
Mar 22 Easter Vigil, 6:45 PM
Mar 23 EASTER
Sunrise Service, 6:30 AM @
the Riverfront or 1st Presbyterian
Church in case of rain

'bottom line' - whether we can afford to make plans for the future or not.
LEADER: Remind us that all things are possible when our minds are set on the Spirit.

PEOPLE: *Forgive us if we remain captive to patterns and programs of the past.*

LEADER: Remind us that newness and future possibilities can become reality when our minds are set on the Spirit.

PEOPLE: *Forgive us when daily news reports and personal experiences fill us with fear and depression, hopelessness and despair.*

LEADER: Remind us that when minds are set on the Spirit, you give us the ability to cope because your Spirit, O God, brings life into the most deadening situations.

PEOPLE: *Forgive us when our words and actions conceal the truth of the gospel.*

LEADER: Remind us that our integrity is alive and well when our minds are set on the Spirit.

A TIME OF SILENCE

LEADER: Gracious life-giving God, set our minds, our hearts, and our lives anew on the Holy Spirit so that we are filled with your life and love, mercy and peace.

ALL: *May all our relationships be so bound together with these qualities, so that we are visible reminders that your Spirit, O God dwells in us all. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

LEADER: Let us celebrate this great grace of forgiveness by offering to one another a **sign of Christ's peace. The peace of Christ be with you.**

ALL: *And also with you.*

*SONG OF PRAISE #527 ***"I Know Whom I Have Believed"***

PSALMS 130

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *

O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; *

therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *

in his word is my hope.
My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;
With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. Amen.

*GLORIA #813

LEADER: Let us sing praise to God.

ALL: We will continually praise God's holy name.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

READING of SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37:1-14	Page 1345
Romans 8:6-11	Page 1756
John 11:1-45	[DRAMA]

SERMON “**Am I Alive?**” — Pastor Daniel Johnson

ANTHEM “**I Believe In a Hill Called Mt Calvary**” —Choir

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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, forever.
Amen.”

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO OFFERING

LEADER: God's spirit moves and breathes in mysterious ways. Have you ever hesitated or held on to something that you should have let go? A hurt, a loss, a possession? God breathes life into everything despite our doubt or disbelief. Let God breathe life into your giving, so that you may truly live again.

*PRAISE 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.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: Living God, we thank you for the privilege of giving in your exalted name. We value our ability to give in a way that honors your spirit. As we present our offerings, we remain secure in our knowledge that you will sustain us by your redeeming grace and your infinite love. May your righteous spirit always dwell in our hearts. Amen. (Based on Romans 8: 6-11.)

*HYMN OF PARTING #21 “**O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**”

*BENEDICTION

LEADER: Seeing that we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, the faithful of all times who have given themselves to God's loving will, let us run with patience the path God sets before us, encouraged by the love of God, renewed by the grace of Christ, and empowered by the presence of the Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

CHORAL EXTROIT “**There's Something About That Name**”

POSTLUDE