

Evangelical United Church of Christ

33 South Ellis Street
Cape Girardeau, Missouri
March 16, 2008

Palm / Passion Sunday

(*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL

CHORAL INTROIT
"Hosanna" —Choir

GREETINGS
LEADER: Hosanna!
PEOPLE: *Hosanna in the highest!*
ALL: *Praise be to God!*

PRAYER

LEADER: Christ is with us.

PEOPLE: *Christ is in our midst.*

LEADER: Let us pray.

PEOPLE: *Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory for ever. Amen.*

*READING OF THE PALM SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-11 Page 1531

After the Gospel: READER: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

LEADER: God be with you.

PEOPLE: *And also with you.*

LEADER: Let us give thanks to God most High.

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

Prayer List

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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	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
	Please Remember Our Friends at Home	

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
3-2-08	\$2,207.14	---	---	\$120.00
3-9-08	\$1,953.00	---	---	\$130.00
3-16-08				
3-23-08				
3-30-08				
Worship	Attendance	OGHS	Total	Offering
3-2-08	59	\$210.91	3-2-08	\$2,538.05
3-9-08	56	\$97.05	3-9-08	\$1,953.00
3-16-08			3-16-08	
3-23-08			3-23-08	
3-30-08			3-30-08	

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
Organist	Beverly Reece
Sound System	Terry & Mindy Best
Hospitality & Diaconate Visitor	Bill Bolton
Greeters	Bill, Rhonda & Cayleigh Bolton
Reader	Bill Bolton
Ushers: Paul Propst, Bill Bolton, Jeff Sneathen and Alvin Spencer	

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 can be picked up in the church office. Watch for the work schedule to be in the April Chronicler.

100th Birthday

Alta Proffer will be celebrating her **100th Birthday on March 26th**. Let's all send her a Birthday card. Her address is Fountainbleu Lodge, 2001 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701-2193

On the Calendar

Mar 16 Palm/Passion Sunday
Mar 17 Council, 7:30 PM
Mar 18 Diaconate, 7:00 PM
DEADLINE for April Chronicler
Mar 19 Open Gym, 7:00 PM
Mar 20 Maundy Thursday, 5:30 PM
Lenten Meal—Bring a casserole
Tenebrae Service, 6:30 PM
Choir Practice, 7:00 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 in case of rain
Christ Episcopal Church
March 24-28



LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: O God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered Jerusalem, heralding a week of pain and sorrow, be with us now as we follow the way of the cross. In these events of defeat and victory, you have sealed the closeness of death and resurrection, of humiliation and exaltation. We thank you for these branches that promise to become for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. Bless them and us that their use this day may announce in our time that Christ has come and that Christ will come again. Amen! Come, Christ Jesus!

*HYMN OF ADORATION #300
“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

COLLECT FOR ILLUMINATION

LEADER: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

PEOPLE: Hosanna in the highest!

LEADER: Let us pray.

*PEOPLE: Eternal God, whose whisper silences the shouts of the mighty, quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us now through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of **your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show forth Christ's love in lives committed to service.***

ALL: Amen.

READING of SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 50:4-9a Page 1141
Philippians 2:5-11 Page 1827

READING of the PASSION GOSPEL

Matthew 26:14-27:66 [DRAMA]

SERMON — Pastor Daniel Johnson

“Let the Same Mind Be In You That Was In Christ Jesus”

ANTHEM

“At 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.*

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

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

OFFERING INVITATION

LEADER: Who is this? Who is this who comes and creates such noise and chaos in our small, calm lives? Open your hearts, your eyes, and your ears to know the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Be faithful, be prepared, and give today so that the entire world will rejoice in the amazing news of God's great love.

*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.*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

ALL: Blessed Lord, we surrender our lives to your prophetic message of salvation. You have given us the gift of enduring steadfast love. Multiply these gifts so that we may share the magnitude of your joy-filled message throughout our community and world. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! Amen.
 (Based on Matthew 21:1-11.)

*HYMN OF PARTING #563
“Open My Eyes That I May See”

*COMMISSIONING


LEADER: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*BENEDICTION

LEADER: The blessing of God Almighty; the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier, be with you all.
 ALL: Amen

CHORAL EXTROIT
“Oh How He Loves You and Me”

POSTLUDE

Easter Flowers	Vacations
<p>Please call the church office by 3-19 to have your Easter Lilies listed in next Sunday's bulletin.</p>  <p>Remember to bring your flowers for the Easter Cross to church next Sunday.</p>	<p>Pastor Dan will be on vacation 3-29 thru 4-5 to visit his parents in Florida. His Dad turns 83 this month.</p> <p>Susan Spinks will be on vacation 3-24 thru 3-28. Her children are on Spring Break this week.</p> <p>Emergency Phone Numbers Susan Spinks cell #837-0109 Pastor Dan cell #803-9470</p>