

Evangelical United Church of Christ  
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri  
 March 22, 2009  
 Fourth Sunday in Lent  
 [\*Those who are able are invited to stand]

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT —“Glorify Thy Name”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Give thanks to God, for God is good;

**MANY: God’s steadfast love endures forever!**

ONE: God has gathered us in from many places,

*WOMEN: from the east and the west,*

*MEN: from the north and the south.*

ONE: In times of sickness and health, wandering and sin, hunger and thirst,

**MANY: God has sent out God’s word to deliver us.**

ONE: Let us thank God for God’s steadfast love, for God’s wonderful works to humankind.

**MANY: We will tell of God’s deeds with songs of joy!**

\*HYMN OF ADORATION #343 —“Amazing Grace”

INTROIT

LEADER: Let us pray.

*ALL: O God of mercy and abiding love Your desire is for all your people To know fullness of life, abundant life, and eternal life. Meet us here today with grace That forgives and heals, So that we may lift up our hearts to you, and live. In the name of Jesus, sent from your own heart. Amen.*

CALL TO CONFESSION —Pastor Daniel Johnson

*[followed by a moment of silence]*

LITANY OF CONFESSION

LEADER: When we hide the light of our talents, and do not use them for the common good:

*PEOPLE: God have mercy*

LEADER: When we fear to take a stand in the light of justice, and hide in the shadow of fear:

Prayer List

March 22, 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	David Metcalfe; 02-09	
Ruby Bock; 01-09	Ester Nussbaum	Lutheran Home
Michael Bodine; 03-09	Andora Peetz Family; 01-09	Dorothy Cole
Loyd Bollinger	Travis Rister—Iraq; 09-08	Viola Geiser
Ian Bolton; 10-08	Jerry Schloss; 01-09	Frank Maevers, Sr.
Darline Dow; 01-09	Bob & Nora Lee	Leonard Moore
Lexi Edwards; 11-08	Seabaugh; 09-08	Ester Nussbaum
Aleene Ellinger; 10-08	Meta Siemers; 03-09	
Dean & Carolena Galloway; 11-08	Bonnie Wilkening; 01-09	Auburn Creek
Joan Hope		Irene Orlando
Ernie Jordan; 11-08	Please Remember	
Ida Mae Jordan; 11-08	Our Friends at Home	House Bound
Wavis Jordan; 03-09		S.G. Coy
Anita MacDonald; 09-08	Ratliff Nursing Home	Mary Huckstep
Frank, Jr & Ame Maevers; 09-08	Polly Wilmsmeyer	Kenny Mehrle
		Helen Owens

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
3-01-09	\$2,060.00	---	---	\$160.25
3-08-09	\$1,159.00	---	---	\$38.00
3-15-09	\$1,101.83	---	\$100.00	\$221.50
3-22-09				
3-29-09				
Worship	Attendance	Scholarship Fund	Total	Offering
3-01-09	53	---	3-01-09	\$2,220.25
3-08-09	58	---	3-08-09	\$1,222.00
3-15-09	61	\$20.00	3-15-09	\$1,443.33
3-22-09			3-22-09	
3-29-09			3-29-09	

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
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Diaconate	Gary Metje
Greeters	Paul & Marilyn Propst
Reader	Kaylyn Sneathen
Ushers: Randy Coy, Michael Bodine, Bob Roloff, and Lori Siebert	

#### Lenten Meal Schedule

March 25 Church Council  
April 1 Mary-Martha Circle  
April 9 Casserole Pot Luck  
*Lenten meal @ 5:30 PM*

*Pancake-Sausage Lunch*  
*By the ASAP Youth Group*

**UCC "Work Day Project"**  
*Immediately after lunch.*

#### JCMM Textile Recycling

The recycling trailer will be in the parking lot until this Monday, March 23rd. I do not know what time it will be picked up. If you have items to be donated, please bring them asap. The Jamaican Christian M. M. would like to thank you for your help with this on going mission of love.

#### On the Calendar

Mar 22 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM  
*Pancake-Sausage Lunch*  
*By the ASAP Youth Group*  
**UCC "Work Day Project"**  
*Immediately after lunch.*  
*One Great Hour of Sharing*  
*Special Mission Offering*  
Mar 23 Jamaican textile trailer leaves  
Mar 24 Diaconate, 7:00 PM  
Mar 25 Lenten Meal, 5:30 PM  
Church Council  
Open Gym, 7:00 PM  
Mar 28 Confirmation Class  
Mar 29 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM  
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Sunday School, 9:30 AM  
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM  
April 1 Mary Martha, 1:30 PM  
April 5 Palm Sunday  
April 9 Maundy Thursday  
April 10 Good Friday

PEOPLE: *Christ have mercy*

LEADER: When we are less than truthful, and cast shadows of doubt across relationships:

PEOPLE: *God have mercy [Followed with a moment of silence]*

#### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

LEADER: Christ, lifted up to draw all people to God, offers forgiving grace and welcome 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: The peace of God be with you.

PEOPLE: *Also with you.*

#### \*GLORIA —"Glory Be to the Father"

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

LEADER: Let us pray. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PEOPLE *Amen.*

#### PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
*and his mercy endures for ever.*

Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim  
*that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.*

He gathered them out of the lands;

*from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.*

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways;  
*they were afflicted because of their sins.*

They abhorred all manner of food

*and drew near to death's door.*

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
*and he delivered them from their distress.*

He sent forth his word and healed them

*and saved them from the grave.*

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy  
*and the wonders he does for his children.*

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
*and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.*

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Numbers 21:4-9                      Page 242  
Ephesians 2:1-10                    Page 1818  
\*John 3:14-21                        Page 1650

SERMON —Pastor Daniel Johnson  
**“Raised Up for All to See”**

ANTHEM *“Nothing but the Blood”* —Choir

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — The Decalogue: Contemporary

LEADER: Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

LEADER: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

LEADER: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

LEADER: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

LEADER: Honor your father and your mother.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

LEADER: You shall not commit murder.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

LEADER: You shall not commit adultery.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

LEADER: You shall not steal.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

LEADER: You shall not be a false witness.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

LEADER: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

\*SONG OF PRAISE #358 —**“Because He Lives”**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**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

OFFERING INVITATION —Pastor Daniel Johnson

\*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.*

\*BLESSING OVER THE GIFTS

LEADER: God of ancient love and future promise, let your blessing come upon these gifts. Change them into light and love and hope for the world, so that this church, Evangelical United Church of Christ, will be an even greater blessing to those touched by its ministry in your name. Make us into a more generous and more faithful people, walking in the light of your love.

PEOPLE: *Amen.*

\*HYMN OF PARTING #488 —**“Just as I Am”**

\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

LEADER: **Just as God’s Word was sent into the world to heal and redeem, so** God sends you into the world this day to be light and love, healing and hope. Go now to be light for the world! 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”**

*For God so loved the world He gave His only Son*

*To die on Cal-v’ry’s tree, From sin to set me free;*

***Some day He’s coming back—What glory that will be!***

*Wonderful His love to me.*

\*POSTLUDE