

Evangelical United Church of Christ

33 South Ellis Street
Cape Girardeau, Missouri
April 6, 2008

Third Sunday of Easter
(*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT *"Trust and Obey"* —Choir

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*HYMN OF ADORATION #12 *"Praise Him! Praise Him!"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Great Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, Your Holy Presence is ever around us and in us.

ALL: *On our roads of life, we pause to give our attention to you and to worship you.*

LEADER: May we worship you and recognize you, hear your voice and see you; be touched and loved by you.

ALL: *Stay with us, Holy LEADER. Break bread with us and nourish us with your Spirit. Amen. Alleluia!*

*INVOCATION

LEADER: God be with you.

ALL: *And also with you.*

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: *Holy God, the earth is full of your glory, and so we worship you. Our hearts are on fire with the awareness that Christ is with us, and so we thank you. Our fears have been calmed in the bright light of the Resurrection Day, and so we praise you. Do not leave us, we pray. Let us abide for ever in the assurance of your love; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

SENTENCES OF PRAISE

LEADER: Jesus commanded: Love one another.

PEOPLE: *We come to worship the God who is love that we may learn to love one another.*

LEADER: Jesus said: No longer, do I call you servants; now I call you my friends.

PEOPLE: *We come to worship God whose friends we are through Christ.*

LEADER: Let us sing praise to God and live in love and friendship toward the human family; through Jesus Christ.

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	Paul Propst; 03-08	
Loyd Bollinger	Sharon Reif; 03-08	Chateau Girardeau
S.G. Coy	Calvin Sailer; 01-08	Ruby Doughty
Family of Reece Dgson	Kaylyn Sneathen; 03-08	
M. Benji Doerhoff; 01-08	Susan Spinks; 01-08	Fountainbleau Lodge
Joan Hope	Wesley, Kailey &	Alta Proffer
Mary Huckstep	Kimberley Spinks; 01-08	
Carol Huebert, 02-08	Andrea Truitt; 11-07	Lutheran Home
Frankie Hutson; 11-07		Dorothy Cole
Jaden, 2 yrs old; 12-07		Frank Maevers, Sr.
Ernest & Ida Mae Jordan		Leonard Moore
Kenny Mehrle	Please Remember	Andora Peetz
Ester Nussbaum	Our Friends at Home	
Cheryl Olson; 01-08		House Bound
[Mary Huckstep's granddaughter]		Irene Orlando
*Helen Owens; 04-08	Ratliff Nursing Home	
Tonya Pobst; 09-07	Polly Wilmsmeyer	

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	\$790.00	---	---	\$89.00
3-23-08	\$414.65	---	---	\$493.10
3-30-08	\$470.00	---	\$10.00	\$11.00
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	60	\$27.00	3-16-08	\$906.00
3-23-08	96	---	3-23-08	\$907.75
3-30-08	40	\$7.07	3-30-08	\$498.07

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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Bill Bolton

Ham Supper

The Ham Supper is scheduled for Sunday, April 13th. Tickets can be picked up in the church office.

Friendship Circle

Have you ever wondered what all the big deal is about the hobby of scrap-booking? Join the Friendship Circle on Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 PM to find out. Tammy Graham a Creative Memories consultant will be the guest speaker for the evening. Tammy will talk to us about Faithbooking. Kaye Lee and Susan Spinks will bring their scrapbooks to share with you.

Mary-Martha

Please note the change of date.

Join the Mary-Martha Ladies on Thursday, April 10 at 1:30 PM for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The devotions will be by Ramona Brinkopf and Ida Mae Jordan.

On the Calendar

- Apr 8 Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM
Diaconate, 7:00 PM
- Apr 9 Bible Study: Luke, 6:30 PM
Purpose Driven Life, 7:30 PM
Open Gym, 7:00 PM
- Apr 10 Mary-Martha, 1:30 PM
Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
- Apr 11 Alternative School Breakfast
- Apr 12 MO-Mentoring, 10 AM-1 PM
- Apr 13 Ham Supper, 4-7 PM
- Apr 21 Council, 7:30 PM
- Apr 22 DEADLINE for May Chronicler

Luke/Acts Study

Starts April 9

Sessions are from 6:30 to 7:30 on Wednesdays. Ten study guides [\$20.00] are in the church office. Two books are reserved for Meta Siemers and Paul & Marilyn Probst. Please call to reserve your copy.

*GLORIA #813

ALL SING: Glory 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

LEADER: Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;

I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the Name of the LORD:

"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

How shall I repay the LORD

for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD

in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD

is the death of his servants.

O LORD, I am your servant;

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;

you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD

in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the LORD'S house,

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

READING of SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Page 1692

I Peter 1:17-23 Page 1887

*Luke 24:13-35 Page 1642

SERMON

"Were not our hearts burning within us?" —Pastor Dan Johnson

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: Thanks be to you, O God, for from the beginning you have entrusted us with

your word and have called us to give heart, mind, voice, and love to serving its truth, even as Jesus Christ brought it to life among us. *Amen.*

ANTHEM
“*All Glory, Laud & Honor*” —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
CALL TO CONFESSION

LEADER: Remember? Do you remember? Oh, how our hearts burned within us. He taught us. He showed us sacred and holy things. He blessed us and filled the empty places in our lives.

Left side: Yes, we remember the presence of the living Lord. We saw him.

Right side: Yes. We remembered him for awhile, and then he disappeared from our view.

LEADER: Jesus is here. If only we could see him again. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: *Abiding God, present to us in the Risen Christ, we confess that we don’t always recognize you on our path. Eager and preoccupied with other things, we pass through your sustaining presence into a world of our own making. Filled with longing and emptiness, we do not see, hear, feel, or know you as you disappear from our view. Forgive us. Restore us. Fill us again with burning hearts made free to be connected, loving, and peacemaking. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Sisters and Brothers, the ever-present sustaining God is made visible in the Risen Christ and we are made new. Our doubts are erased and our longings filled. Our sins are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

LEADER: Let us show the peace of forgiveness by passing the “Peace of Christ” to each other. The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

OFFERING INVITATION

LEADER: Decisions, decisions. What shall I return to the Lord for all God’s bounty to me? What shall it be this week? The glory of the morning sky? The wonder of the greening earth? The magic of that perfect note? We can only respond to God with the work of our hearts, our hands, and our prayers. With gratitude and awe, we present our gifts to God.

*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: God of Truth and Light, we offer you these gifts with humble hearts. We yearn to share your unmistakable presence with all people. While we often find temporary security in our possessions, remind us that true security comes from our relationship with you through your son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen and entrust us to be your faithful disciples. In the name of the Exalted Leader, we pray. Amen. (Based on Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19.)

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.”

HOLY COMMUNION

Please see ivory insert.

*HYMN OF PARTING #90

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*COMMISSIONING

LEADER: In times seen and unseen, may God’s gracious Spirit stay with you now and forevermore.

BENEDICTION

LEADER: The blessings of God our Creator, the presence of the Risen Christ and the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: Amen. Alleluia!

CHORAL EXTROIT “*I’ll Live for Him*”

POSTLUDE

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*INVITATION

LEADER: The Risen Christ joined some of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, but they did not recognize him. We too journey with Jesus, not clearly understanding **his presence in our ordinary lives. Today, we are invited to his table to seek Christ's presence and be filled with Christ's Spirit. Come. Eat. Drink. Recognize the Risen Christ.**

*COMMUNION PRAYER

PASTOR: When Jesus was at the table with them, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Let us pray: O God our Creator, send forth your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, so that we receive them and recognize the Risen Christ in our midst. May we be united with Christ and with one another as we participate in this joyful feast. May our journey together find us faithful in all things. *Amen.*

BREAKING of BREAD and POURING WINE

PASTOR: Through the broken bread, we recognize the Risen Christ. Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives. Come, for all things are ready.

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

PASTOR: Alleluia! Fear not. I am the first and the last, and the living one.
PEOPLE: I died, and behold I am alive for evermore. Alleluia!

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all things are ready.
PASTOR: Eat this, for it is the body of Christ, broken for you.
PEOPLE: Amen!
PASTOR: Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for you.
PEOPLE: Amen!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: Let us pray:
ALL: Our hearts burn within us when we hear your Word and sit at your table. Thank you for coming to us and sharing our common lot. Nourish our faith. Open our yes, ears, hearts, and minds that we may continually recognize you. Amen. Alleluia!

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**TAKE,
EAT, IN
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