

Evangelical United Church of Christ
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
 April 12, 2009
 Easter Sunday
 [*Those who are able are invited to stand]

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT — “Holy Ground”

*GREETING

LEADER: Christ has been raised from the dead. “O death, where is your victory? O grave, where is your sting?” Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*SENTENCES OF ADORATION

LEADER: Sing to God!

PEOPLE: *For God has done excellent things!*

LEADER: Sing, O heaven; and be joyful, O earth!

PEOPLE: *For God has comforted the people!*

LEADER: Thanks be to God!

PEOPLE: *For God has given us the victory!*

*HYMN OF ADORATION

“Christ Arose” #357

CALL TO CONFESSION

LEADER: Let us pray. Easter morning takes us by surprise, awakening us to the doubt and despair that have been rooted in our lives. Let us now confess to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: If, at times, we deny you:

PEOPLE: *God forgive.*

LEADER: If, at times, when the risks of discipleship are high, we are nowhere to be found:

PEOPLE: *God forgive.*

LEADER: If, at times, we wash our hands of responsibility:

PEOPLE: *God forgive.*

LEADER: If, at times, we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver:

PEOPLE: *God forgive.*

Prayer List —April 12, 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	Dana McClard; 12-08	Fountainbleau Lodge
Leo Amelunke; 11-08	David Metcalfe; 02-09	Alta Proffer
Marilyn Amelunke; 11-08	Ester Nussbaum	
Jerry Baker; 03-09	*Willa Dean Propst; 04-09	Lutheran Home
Ruby Bock; 01-09	Andora Peetz Family; 01-09	Dorothy Cole
Michael Bodine; 03-09	Travis Rister—Iraq; 09-08	Viola Geiser
Loyd Bollinger	Bob & Nora Lee	Frank Maevers, Sr.
Ian Bolton; 10-08	Seabaugh; 09-08	Leonard Moore
Rhonda Bolton; 03-09	Meta Siemers; 03-09	Ester Nussbaum
Darline Dow; 01-09	*Bonnie Strickert; 04-09	
Lexi Edwards; 11-08	Jeff Strickert; 04-09	Auburn Creek
Aleene Ellinger; 10-08	Bonnie Wilkening; 01-09	Irene Orlando
Dean & Carolena		
Galloway; 11-08	Please Remember	House Bound
Joan Hope	Our Friends at Home	S.G. Coy
Ernie Jordan; 11-08		Mary Huckstep
Ida Mae Jordan; 11-08		Kenny Mehrle
Wavis Jordan; 03-09		Helen Owens
*Vergie Kies; 04-09		
Anita MacDonald; 09-08	Ratliff Nursing Home	
Frank Maevers, Sr.; 03-09	Polly Wilmsmeyer	

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
4-05-09 4-12-09 4-19-09 4-26-09	\$2,318.00			
Worship	Attendance	Scholarship Fund	Total	Offering
4-05-09 4-12-09 4-19-09 4-26-09	75	\$15.00	4-05-09 4-12-09 4-19-09 4-26-09	\$2,510.00

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

LEADER: Loving God, we thank you for this Easter Day - with its promise of new life, and new opportunities. Use us, and our gifts, to love and to serve you, and to witness to Christ whom you have raised. *Amen.*

IVORY COMMUNION INSERT

*HYMN OF PARTING #368
"He Lives"

*SONG OF SIMEON

ALL: Holy One, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

*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: Rejoice, people of God! Christ is risen from the dead! Go in peace to love and serve God. Christ is with you always, even to the end of the age!
PEOPLE: Amen.

CHORAL EXTROIT — ***"Alleluia! Alleluia!"***

POSTLUDE

LEADER: If, at times, fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it:

PEOPLE: God forgive.

LEADER: In the bright light of Easter morning, our sin is exposed, but your grace is revealed. Tender God, we are bold to come before you and ask you to forgive us. Help us to leave behind our foolish doubt so that with joy we may witness to your awesome deeds in Jesus the Risen One.

ALL: Amen.

SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Hear the good news: In raising Jesus from the dead, God has brought **life and immortality to light. And hear the good news: By God's great mercy, we** have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In the name of Jesus, I say to you: Our sins are forgiven. All things are made new. Doubt no more; Christ is with us always.

ALL: Alleluia! Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

LEADER: Let us share the peace of God's forgiveness with our neighbors. The peace of God be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

*ACT OF PRAISE

LEADER: Let us sing praise to God.

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

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

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.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

LEADER: Let us pray. O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

READER: [*before the lesson*] Listen for the word of God in Isaiah 25:6-9

RESPONSIVE PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

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

Let Israel now proclaim,

"His mercy endures for ever."

The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!

the right hand of the LORD is exalted!

the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely,

but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD;

he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me

and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD'S doing,

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted;

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

READER: Here ends the Old Testament lesson.

EPISTLE LESSON

READER: [*before the lesson*] Listen for the word of God in Corinthians 15:1-11.

[*following the lesson*] Here ends the Epistle lesson.

*GOSPEL LESSON

READER: [*before the lesson*] Listen to the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John 20:1-18.

PEOPLE: *Glory to you, O Christ.*

READER: [*following the lesson*] This is the good news,

PEOPLE: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON — Pastor Daniel Johnson

"Then He Appeared to the Brothers and Sisters"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

ALL:

I believe in God,

the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM "Come to the Table"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEADER: Christ, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: *Hear our prayer.*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

LEADER: Through Christ let us continually praise God and share what we have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

PEOPLE: *Let us prepare Christ's table with the offerings of our life and labor.*

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #815

ALL SING: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

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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Reader	Bill Bolton
Ushers: Gordon Walton, Rhonda Bolton, Barbara Oberbeck, & Van Sander	



UCC Road Trip

Remember the Union of Concerned Christians road trip on Sunday, April 19th. We will be leaving the church at **1:30 PM and carpooling to Charleston's Dogwood-Azalea Festival**. It is sure to be a lot of fun.

We are planning to stop and share **a meal together at Lambert's Restaurant** in Sikeston, MO.

On the Calendar

Apr 12 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Easter Communion

Apr 13 JCMM Departs for Jamaica

Apr 14 Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM

Apr 16 Susan Spinks out of office.
Barbara Oberbeck to fill in.

Apr 19 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM

Apr 19 **UCC "Dogwood-Azalea Festival"**
@ Charleston, 1:30 PM

Apr 20 Council, 7:30 PM

Apr 21 Diaconate, 7:00 PM

Apr 22 JCMM Home from Jamaica

Apr 26 Diaconate Ham Supper, 4-7 PM

Apr 29 Dan leaves for Cincinnati

May 1 Dan home from Cincinnati

Corrections

Please make these corrections to the April Chronicler.

April Calendar: Friendship Circle will meet on Tuesday April 14th at 7:00 PM.

Green Insert: Women's Retreat at St. John's UCC located in Fruitland, MO.

Alleluia!

Christ is Risen!

Easter Lilies

In Memory of
Friends & Loved Ones
From Ernie & Ida Mae Jordan

In Memory of
Albert & Minnie Schloss,
Henry Allen Lee,
& Bill Seabaugh
From Kaye Lee,
Susan Spinks & Family,
Terry & Sherry Brough & Family

From
Dave & Maxine Hale
Calvin & Verla Sailer

HOLY COMMUNION
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*INVITATION

LEADER: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

ALL: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, young and old, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

LEADER: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

*COMMUNION PRAYER

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: We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being. We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none.

We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless. We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory.

Because you have done the completely unexpected deed, because you have raised Jesus to eternal life, because you grant us the presence of the risen Christ among us,

because you offer eternal life to those who trust in you, we praise and magnify your name. We bless you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

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: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

ALL: Christ's death, O God, we proclaim. Christ's resurrection we declare. Christ's coming we await. Glory be to you, O God.

PASTOR: Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory. We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, on our gifts, and on us. Strengthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

ALL: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.

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, for ever. Amen

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

PASTOR: *[While taking the bread and breaking it]* The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

PASTOR: *[While pouring the wine and raising the cup]* The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

LAMB OF GOD

ALL: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

CALL TO THE SUPPER

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PASTOR: *[while giving the bread]* Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.

PEOPLE: Amen!

PASTOR: *[while giving the cup]* Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

PEOPLE: Amen!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

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