

Evangelical United Church of Christ

33 South Ellis Street  
Cape Girardeau, Missouri  
April 13, 2008

Fourth Sunday of Easter

(\*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE  
CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT  
"I Live to Praise Him" —Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing.

PEOPLE: *You have bedded me down in lush meadows; you find me quiet pools to drink from.*

LEADER: True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

PEOPLE: *Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.*

LEADER: You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies.

PEOPLE: *You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing.*

LEADER: Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life.

ALL: *I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life. Amen.*

\*HYMN OF ADORATION #626  
"The Lily of the Valley"

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

LEADER: We praise you, O God, for giving shape and meaning to the ancient image of yourself as shepherd through the person of Jesus Christ. In him, your compassion has been eternally revealed, giving your rod and staff the human face of love. Through **Jesus' persistence even to death** - in seeking and saving the lost - your goodness and mercy has been abundantly experienced. His ongoing life continues to guide and lead us in paths of righteousness. How can we do other than praise and adore you, O God, **and listen to Jesus' voice as he calls us to follow him. And yet, we confess that there**

Prayer List

April 13, 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 Joan Hope Mary Huckstep Carol Huebert, 02-08 Frankie Hutson; 11-07 Jaden, 2 yrs old; 12-07 Ernest & Ida Mae Jordan *Tyler Lalumondiere; 04-08 [Iraq—22 years old] Kenny Mehrle Ester Nussbaum Cheryl Olson; 01-08 [Mary Huckstep's granddaughter]	Helen Owens; 04-08 Tonya Pobst; 09-07 Paul Propst; 03-08 *Wanda Pruitt; 04-08 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  Please Remember Our Friends at Home	Ratliff Nursing Home Polly Wilmsmeyer  Chateau Girardeau Ruby Doughty  Fountainbleau Lodge Alta Proffer  Lutheran Home Dorothy Cole Frank Maevers, Sr. Leonard Moore Andora Peetz  House Bound Irene Orlando
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Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
4-6-08 4-13-08 4-20-08 4-27-08	\$2,816.00	—	—	\$200.98
Worship	Attendance	Corner-stone Fund	Total	Offering
4-6-08 4-13-08 4-20-08 4-27-08		\$867.10	4-6-08 4-13-08 4-20-08 4-27-08	\$3,884.08

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 Emeritus	Rev. Ernest Jordan
Organist	Beverly Reece
Sound System	Terry & Mindy Best
Hospitality & Diaconate Visitor	Michael Bodine
Greeters	Bob & Velma Roloff
Reader	Linda Schild
Ushers: Gordon Walton, Rhonda Bolton, Barbara Oberbeck & Van Sander	

### Camp MO-Val

The registration for this Summer's church camp has snuck up on us. Roxie Lindsay needs your registration forms turned into the office or herself today, April 13, if at all possible. The early bird registration needs to be turned in by this Wednesday, April 16. If you have any questions contact Roxie Lindsay at 334-1516.

### Ham Supper

**Don't forget, today is our Ham Supper.** Rhonda Bolton has given out assignments and the time for you to arrive. See you this afternoon. Bring your desserts!

### Luke/Acts Study

Our new Bible Study met for the first time on Wednesday at 6:30 PM with a great group of people in attendance. There is still time to join the Bible Study without missing out on too much information.

### On the Calendar

Apr 13 Ham Supper, 4-7 PM  
Apr 16 Bible Study: Luke, 6:30 PM  
Purpose Driven Life, 7:30 PM  
Open Gym, 7:00 PM  
Apr 17 Choir Practice, 7:00 PM  
Apr 21 Council, 7:30 PM  
Apr 22 DEADLINE for May Chronicler  
Earth Day  
Apr 23 **Secretary's Day**  
May 6 Dumpling Rolling, 5:30 PM  
May 11 **Mother's Day**  
May 18 Central H. S. Graduation, 3:00 PM

### Graduation

Lindsay Seibert and Wesley Spinks will be graduating from Central H. S. on Sunday, May 18th at 3:00 PM at the Show Me Center.

Do we have anyone else graduating this year? Please call the church office with their names and school location. THANKS!

are times when we fail to hear and obey his call because our lives are so filled with activities and noise. Forgive us, O God, for the times when we fail to reach out and accompany those who are going through difficult times; those who feel imprisoned in a valley of shadows and find themselves overwhelmed by life.

*PEOPLE: Jesus, good shepherd, help us to take the time and make the space to hear your call to us.*

LEADER: The call to reveal your love, compassion and comfort wherever you **need us to bind up the wounds of the victims of today's society.**

*PEOPLE: Jesus, good shepherd, help us to take the time and make the space to hear your call to us.*

LEADER: The call to reveal in tangible and authentic ways, your passion for those who feel powerless to make any changes for good in their lives.

*PEOPLE: Jesus, good shepherd, help us to take the time and make the space to hear your call to us.*

LEADER: The call to empty ourselves of all that is contrary to your life within us so that your goodness and mercies are enjoyed not as rewards to be hoarded but as gifts to be shared. In your name, we pray. *Amen.*

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

LEADER: Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were going astray like sheep, but now have been returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. So, hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we are sought, we are found, we are forgiven.

*ALL: Thanks be to God!*

### 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."**

### 23rd PSALMS

*ALL: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He*

*restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. Amen.*

**\*GLORIA**

LEADER: Let us sing praise to God.

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

*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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**READING of SCRIPTURE**

Acts 2:42-47	Page 1694
I Peter 2:19-25	Page 1889
*John 10:1-10	Page 1666

SERMON — Pastor Dan Johnson  
**“Shepherd of Thief?”**

**ANTHEM**

**“In the Bulb”** —Choir

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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.

*PEOPLE: And also with you.*

**\*SONG OF PRAISE #184**

**“Thy Word”**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

LEADER: God has come to us with the kind of abundance we hardly recognize. God comes to us in love to heal and encourage, to encourage joy, and provoke us into new life —abundant and gracious living, singing the song of faith with all creation. I invite you now to praise God with prayer, gifts of money, and moments of mercy.

**\*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: Heavenly Father, we seek to be the sheep of your holy pasture. As we dedicate these offerings, help us to examine carefully the deepest recesses of our own hearts. Guide our ways so that we may share abundantly your love and your compassion with those seeking your pasture. We pray in the name of the Risen One. Amen.* (Based on John 10:1-10.)

**\*HYMN OF PARTING #598**

**“Wherever He Leads I'll Go”**

**\*COMMISSIONING & BLESSING**

**LEADER:** You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people. Go into the world in peace, declaring the praises of God who had called you out of darkness into wonderful light. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**CHORAL EXTROIT**

**“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”**

**POSTLUDE**