

Evangelical United Church of Christ

33 South Ellis Street
 Cape Girardeau, Missouri
 May 4, 2008
 Seventh Sunday of Easter
 (*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE
 CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT
 "Majesty" —Choir

*GREETING

LEADER: Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me, and I n that person, will bear much fruit; for apart from me you can do nothing. This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you."

*HYMN OF ADORATION #107
 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

*CALL TO WORSHIP
 (Based on Psalm 68: 1-5)

LEADER: In your powerful presence, O God, evil is defeated.
PEOPLE: *Those who oppose you are swept away like windblown smoke;*
LEADER: melting away like the wax of a burning candle.
PEOPLE: *But those who obey your word rejoice and praise your name.*
LEADER: For you protect all those who are helpless and most vulnerable.
PEOPLE: *Holy God you give power and strength to your people.*
LEADER: Blessed be God forever and ever.
ALL: Amen.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION & PRAISE

LEADER: God be with you.
ALL: *And also with you.*
LEADER: Let us pray.
ALL: *Accept our prayers and praises, God of power and might, in whom all creation has its source. The magnitude of such power is difficult for us to grasp, yet it extends in care for the weak and powerless in our societies. To increase our understanding of such power, you linked our lives with yours in the most wonderful way when you took on our flesh as a helpless and powerless baby in Jesus Christ. Your desire to make us truly one with you came at the cost of his beautiful life. Nevertheless, the transforming words you spoke through him give us life now and for all time. In him, you are glorified and we pray that you will continue to be glorified through the wor-*

Prayer List

May 4, 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	Tonya Pobst; 09-07	
Loyd Bollinger	Paul Propst; 03-08	Chateau Girardeau
S.G. Coy	Wanda Pruitt; 04-08	Ruby Doughty
Family of Reece Dgson	Sharon Reif; 03-08	
M. Benji Doerhoff; 01-08	Kaylyn Sneathen; 03-08	Fountainbleau Lodge
Joan Hope	Susan Spinks; 01-08	Alta Proffer
Mary Huckstep	Wesley, Kailey &	
Carol Huebert, 02-08	Kimberley Spinks; 01-08	Lutheran Home
Frankie Hutson; 11-07	Bonnie Stricker; 04-08	Dorothy Cole
Jaden, 2 yrs old; 12-07	Andrea Truitt; 11-07	Frank Maevers, Sr.
Ernest & Ida Mae Jordan	*Evelyn Warrick	Leonard Moore
Tyler Lalumondiere; 04-08		Andora Peetz
[Iraq—22 years old]	Please Remember	Helen Owens
Kenny Mehrle	Our Friends at Home	
Ester Nussbaum		House Bound
Cheryl Olson; 01-08	Ratliff Nursing Home	Irene Orlando
[Mary Huckstep's granddaughter]	Polly Wilmsmeyer	
Helen Owens; 04-08		

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
4-6-08	\$2,816.00	---	---	\$200.98
4-13-08	\$921.00	---	---	\$55.33
4-20-08	\$566.00	---	---	\$76.00
4-27-08	\$1,017.00			\$28.00
Worship	Attendance	Corner-stone Fund	Total	Offering
4-6-08	63	\$867.10	4-6-08	\$3,884.08
4-13-08	64		4-13-08	\$976.33
4-20-08	55		4-20-08	\$642.00
4-27-08	70		4-27-08	\$1,045.00

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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Michael Bodine
Jim & Marilyn Garner
Bill Bolton

Piano Recital

There will be a piano recital today at 4:30 PM. Sarah Elfrink will be just one on many students performing this afternoon. Everyone is invited to attend **today's recital**. A reception in the lower auditorium will follow the recital. Please stay and fellowship with the young performers.

Blue Sky Church

Come to the Capaha Park Bandshell today at 5:00 PM and join the Downtown **Council of Churches for "The Earth Is the Lord's"**. **Bring a lawn chair or blanket** and feel free to bring a picnic supper if you would like.

Dumpling Rolling

The Jamaican Christian M. M. will roll dumplings here on Tuesday, May 6, 5:30 PM. Come join the fun.

Mother—Daughter Banquet

Our theme for the evening is "Life Is A Rainbow". **So, dress in rainbow colors**. Join the Friendship Circle on Tuesday, May 13, at 6:30 PM.

On the Calendar

- May 4 Communion Sunday
Piano Recital, 4:30 PM
Lisa & Sarah Elfrink
- May 6 Jamaican Medical Mission
Dumpling Rolling, 5:30 PM
- May 7 Bible Study: Luke, 6:30 PM
Open Gym, 7:00 PM
- May 8 Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
- May 10 MO Mentoring 10 AM-1 PM
- May 11 **Mother's Day Suprise**
Strengthen the Church Special
Mission Offering
Blue Sky Church, 5:00 PM
- May 12 Board of Christian Ed, 7:00 PM
- May 13 Friendship Circle, 6:30 PM

Mother's Day Celebration

Flowers will be distributed to the Mother's of the congregation in Honor of Mother's Day.

—Sponsored by the Diaconate

ship, witness, and service we offer in his name. 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.

*GLORIA

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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens;
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

Father of orphans, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

Your people found their home in it;

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;

sing praises to the Lord.
He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
Ascribe power to God;
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
How wonderful is God in his holy places!
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

READING of SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:6-14	Page 1691
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	Page 902
I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	Page 1891
*John 17:1-11	Page 1679

SERMON — Pastor Dan Johnson
“**After You Have Suffered For a Little While**”

ANTHEM
“*Until Then*” —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: With all the signs of new life in Christ around us, we still cling to our old ways. Let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Merciful God, we look around us at the world, at our nation, our local communities, our families, and we acknowledge the presence of conflict, pain, and suffering. These all affect our lives at one time or another. We know that we can lessen the pain when we reach out to those who are hurting, and when we look for ways to bring restoration and healing where there is brokenness. We confess that there are times when we fail to recognize the suffering and needs of others and so forget to share your love revealed so clearly in Jesus. Forgive us when we happily accept the blessings of life while neglecting to serve as he served - with unconditional love, humility, and compassion. Forgive us where we are weak and when

we fail, and empower us with your Spirit to be strong, yet gentle, bearers of your love and compassion through our words, our actions, and our lives. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: We can cast all our anxiety on God who cares for us deeply. So, be assured that the Spirit of God is resting upon us, restoring, supporting, and strengthening us all with power. (1 Peter 5: 7, 10b) The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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.

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #676

“*O Jesus, I Have Promised*”

OFFERING INVITATION — Pastor Dan

*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: Majestic Lord, you unselfishly provide us with the sanctuary of your love. You wisely calm our imagined fears while nurturing our dream-filled hopes. Grant us the ability to serve you faithfully. Joyfully, we honor you with these tithes and offerings. Blessed be your name! Amen. (Based on Psalm 68)

HOLY COMMUNION — Ivory Insert

*HYMN OF PARTING #9

“*Glorify Thy Name*”

*COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

LEADER: In times seen and unseen, may God’s gracious Spirit stay with you now and forevermore. Go from here today, blessed by the God of all grace, strengthened by the presence of Jesus Christ, and held together by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen. Alleluia!

CHORAL EXTROIT

“*Bless God*”

POSTLUDE

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical United Church of Christ

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2008

BREAKING of the BREAD and POURING of the WINE

LEADER: The bread we break

ALL: is a sharing in the body of Christ.

LEADER: The cup we take

ALL: is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

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

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: Let us pray:

*ALL: Gracious God, we praise, worship, and adore you for the food received at your table. We go from here, strengthened, refreshed, and empowered by your Spirit to be true and joyful witnesses to Jesus Christ. We look to that day when, with the great company of witnesses that surround us, we may eat and drink and be glad with him in the glory of your kingdom. This we pray **in Jesus' name. Amen.***

**TAKE,
EAT, IN
REMEMBRANCE
OF ME.**

HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical United Church of Christ
May 4, 2008

*INVITATION

LEADER: Luke, the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of the disciples took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

PEOPLE: *In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.*

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: *And also with you.*

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: *We lift them to the Lord.*

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

LEADER: Thanks and praise, glory, and honor are rightly yours, O God. In the beginning, your Spirit moved across the face of the waters, and in love, you formed man and woman in your image, and filled them with the breath of life. When they resisted your way, your Spirit came upon diverse people, empowering them to speak of One to come who would embody your justice and your truth. And so we praise you with the faithful of every time and place, gathered with choirs of angels and the whole creation in the eternal hymn:

ALL: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

[The people may be seated]

LEADER: In the fullness of time, you gave us your Son Jesus Christ, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. He proclaimed justice to all peoples, good news

to the poor, release to the captives, sight for the blind, and liberty for those who are oppressed. He emptied himself of self-serving power, and filled with your Spirit, he loved people to the uttermost limits of love. On that never-to-be-forgotten night, the night of his betrayal, Jesus knew that his hour had come, and having loved his own who were in the world he loved them to the end; at supper with them, he washed the disciples' feet and gave them the new commandment: "... love one another as I have loved you."

As he sat at the table with his friends, he took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you." When supper was over, he took the cup, gave you thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this all of you; this is my blood, poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

On that never-to-be-forgotten day when you raised him from the dead, he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your people have continued in the breaking of the bread and in prayer.

When we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we experience anew the presence of the risen Christ and look forward to his coming in final victory. Remembering his death and resurrection and his promise to be with us always, we pray that you will send the power of your Holy Spirit upon us and upon **these gifts, blessing this sharing of bread and wine, Christ's life in us.** Send us as your witnesses into all the world, empowered by your Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord in whose name we are bold to pray:

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."**