



PENTECOST

Evangelical United Church of Christ

33 South Ellis Street
Cape Girardeau, Missouri
May 11, 2008

(*Those who are able are invited to stand)



SUNDAY

PRELUDE GREETING

LEADER: In the last days, says God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy. Your young people will see visions, and your old people shall dream dreams. People of God, we have been baptized into one Spirit and one body through Jesus Christ. Let us worship God with joy.

CHORAL INTROIT **"No Other Name"** —Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

PEOPLE: *The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.*

LEADER: The Spirit spreads like fires, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

ALL: *Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.*

SENTENCES

LEADER: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #648 **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

INVOCATION

ALL: *We thank you compassionate God, that you sent your Spirit to encourage those whom Jesus left behind that they might not be alone. Through the comfort of your presence, you empowered them to witness to your love. Today we also seek the encouragement of your presence. Do not leave us alone, O God, but send your Spirit to us that we may worship and serve you with joy; through Jesus our crucified and risen Savior. Amen.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

LEADER: Jesus said: you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, but we fear the Spirit's power. **Let us confess our slowness to embrace the new life of the Spirit. Let us pray.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: We admit to you, God of our life, that our celebration of the coming of your Spirit is often

Prayer List

May 11, 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	Helen Owens; 04-08	
*Linda Anderson; 05-08	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	
Kenny Mehrle	Our Friends at Home	House Bound
Ester Nussbaum		Irene Orlando
Cheryl Olson; 01-08	Ratliff Nursing Home	Helen Owens
[Mary Huckstep's granddaughter]	Polly Wilmsmeyer	

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
5-04-08	\$2,917.00	\$15.00	---	\$77.00
5-11-08				
5-18-08				
5-25-08				
Worship	Attendance	Strengthen the Church	Total	Offering
5-04-08	53	\$105.00	5-04-08	\$3,114.00
5-11-08			5-11-08	
5-18-08			5-18-08	
5-25-08			5-25-08	

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	Tammy Popp
Greeters	Kaye Lee & Susan Spinks
Reader	Ashley Stahlman
Ushers:	Gordon Walton, Rhonda Bolton, Barbara Oberbeck & Van Sanders

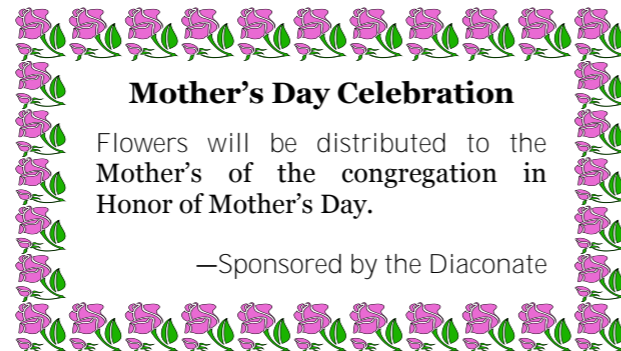
Blue Sky Church
Come to the Capaha Park Bandshell today at 5:00 PM and join the **Downtown Council of Churches for "All Creatures Great and Small"** with a blessing of the animals to follow. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and feel free to bring a picnic supper if you would like.

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. The Officers will be the hostesses. The Friendship Circle will furnish the meat. Members are requested to bring 2 dishes—salad, vegetable or dessert.

Union of Concerned Christians
The UCC have scheduled a "work day" at the church for Sunday, May 18th starting at 1:00 PM. How much can be accomplished depends on how many people show up to work.

On the Calendar

- May 11 **Mother's Day Celebration**
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
- May 14 Bible Study: Luke, 6:30 PM
Open Gym, 7:00 PM
- May 15 Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
- May 18 UCC Group Work Day
- May 19 Council, 7:30 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

an empty ritual.

PEOPLE: Through the Spirit, you offer us life, but we cling to the ways of death.

LEADER: Through the Spirit, you offer us freedom, but we cling to our chains.

PEOPLE: Through the Spirit, you offer us unity, but we continue building walls between others and ourselves.

LEADER: Through the Spirit, you offer us power, but we shrink away in fear and doubt.

ALL: Forgive us O God that we refuse the gifts you offer. Allow us to touch the risen Christ that our doubt may be overcome. Let us sing and dance with Joy, truly celebrating your presence. Let us move with courage into the world with the word of your love. We pray in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: People of God, leap up, dance! The Spirit is here in healing power. Your sins are forgiven. Rise up in the new life of the Spirit.

*PASSING THE PEACE

LEADER: Let us celebrate this great grace of forgiveness by offering to one another a sign of Christ's peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

*SONG OF PRAISE #429 "They'll Know We Are Christians"

PSALM 104:25-35, 37b

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified;

you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever;

may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles;

he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him;

I will rejoice in the LORD. Hallelujah!

***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. Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Spread abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

READING of SCRIPTURE

Numbers 11:24-30	Page 225
Acts 2:1-21	Page 1692
*John 20:19-23	Page 1686

SERMON “Just Breathe” — Pastor Dan Johnson

ANTHEM “Redeeming Love” —Choir

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the form of a doxology

ALL: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself. You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory. You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL: Eternal Spirit of the universe, we thank you that you do not leave us alone but place your word within us and in the midst of our life together. You are no statue made of silver or gold, but a living reality on the face of the earth. Give us

courage and commitment to let your winds blow through us and to let your life be revealed among us. Empowered by your Spirit, may we care for the needs of all people, break bread together with joy, and praise you day by day. Grant us your peace; through Jesus who lives among us. 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, forever. Amen.”

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CELEBRATION of MOTHER’S DAY

CALL TO OFFERING

LEADER: This is the birth of the church; the spirit is burning and alive in each of us. “Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.” We share our faith with each other, so that we may be encouraged to grow and nurture the faith of one another. We share the blessings of wealth with the community and the world as a sign of our commitment to the journey. We are Pentecost people—let us fuel the flame with our gifts!

***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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ALL: Loving Father, you quench our spiritual and emotional thirst through the life-giving love of your son, Jesus Christ. This Pentecost, we immerse ourselves in the river of living water, your Holy Spirit. Receive and multiply our gifts so that all people may experience the security of your ever-lasting love. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen. (John 7:37-39.)

***HYMN OF PARTING #391 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”**

***BENEDICTION**

LEADER: And now to the one who by the power at work within us is able to do far more than we ask or imagine: be glory in the church and in Jesus Christ to all generation. Go in the Spirit of the living God! Amen.

CHORAL EXTROIT “Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

POSTLUDE