

Evangelical United Church of Christ
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
 May 24, 2009
 Ascension Day & Memorial Day Sunday
 [*Those who are able are invited to stand]

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT #304
"Behold the Lamb"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Come gather 'round; Jesus is here.

PEOPLE: We wait for the coming Spirit.

LEADER: Come gather 'round; see the power of Christ before you.

PEOPLE: With joy, we praise God.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #118
"His Name Is Wonderful"

OPENING PRAYER

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: Almighty God, through Jesus Christ, you revealed to us a power that has no parallel. May the eyes of our heart be enlightened to this power and all it has done in our lives. Pour out your Spirit of power upon us, that we may proclaim your glory and your grace. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Lord Jesus Christ, in you we see awesome power. You triumph over death and bring forth new life. You stand over all earthly powers. You are the head of the church. Yet, we often fail to acknowledge this power in our lives.

PEOPLE: We see violence in the world. We see injustice in our communities. We see hunger and need among our neighbors. We see longing for something more. We see failures and faults in our lives. In all these things, we feel powerless.

LEADER: Forgive our hesitance to call upon you. Forgive our propensity to rely upon ourselves. Forgive our reluctance to acknowledge your power. Speak your words of power again. May your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

PEOPLE: Amen.

[SILENCE]

Prayer List —May 24, 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.*

Leo Amelunke; 11-08	David Metcalfe; 02-09	Fountainbleau Lodge
Marilyn Amelunke; 11-08	Ester Nussbaum	Alta Proffer
Jerry Baker; 03-09	Willia Dean Propst; 04-09	Lutheran Home
Ruby Bock; 01-09	Andora Peetz Family; 01-09	Dorothy Cole
Michael Bodine; 03-09	Vernon Robert; 04-09	Viola Geiser
Loyd Bollinger	Irene Sievers; 04-09	Leonard Moore
Darline Dow; 01-09	*Meta Siemers; 05-09	Ester Nussbaum
Lexi Edwards; 11-08	Chris Spivey; 05-09	
Dean & Carolena Galloway; 11-08	[Michelle's Nephew]	Auburn Creek
Joan Hope	Jeff Stricker; 04-09	Irene Orlando
Dr. Bill Johnson [JCMM]; 04-09	*Norma Trickey; 05-09	House Bound
Ernie Jordan; 04-09	Bonnie Wilkening; 01-09	S.G. Coy
Ida Mae Jordan; 04-09		Mary Huckstep
Wavis Jordan; 03-09	Please Remember Our Friends at Home	Helen Owens
Vergie Kies; 04-09		
Dana McClard; 12-08	Ratliff Nursing Home	Veteran's Home
*Bettie Mehrle; 05-09	Polly Wilmsmeyer	Frank Maevers, Sr.
		Kenny Mehrle

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
5-03-09	\$2,088.00	---	---	\$66.00
5-10-09	\$1,188.00	---	---	\$50.00
5-17-09	\$1,050.00	---	\$100.00	\$48.00
5-24-09				
5-31-09				
Worship	Attendance	Strengthen the Church	Total	Offering
5-03-09	59	---	5-03-09	\$2,170.00
5-10-09	73	---	5-10-09	\$1,244.00
5-17-09	47	\$75.00	5-17-09	\$1,273.00
5-24-09			5-24-09	
5-31-09			5-31-09	

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 Pastor Daniel Johnson
Pastor Emeritus Rev. Ernest Jordan
Organist Beverly Reece
Sound System Terry & Mindy Best
Diaconate Louis Geldmacher
Greeters Bill, Rhonda, & Cayleigh Bolton
Reader Rhonda Bolton
Ushers: Randy Coy, Michael Bodine, Bob Roloff, and Lori Siebert

Meramec Caverns
The ASAP group will meet at Meramec Caverns at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 30th, take the 80 minute tour of the caverns, have a picnic lunch, take a boat ride on Maramac Springs, and then go home.

Memorial Day
Have a wonderful Memorial Day on Monday, May 25th. The office will be closed. In case of an emergency, call **Dan's cell 803-9470.**

McAllister's Deli
The Jamaican Christian Medical Mission will be serving you on Monday, June 1st from 4:00—8:00 PM at **McAllister's Deli on Mt. Auburn Road.** The JCMM will earn a share of the sales to be used toward the 2011 trip.

On the Calendar
May 24 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Graduation Party, 4:00 PM
For Brittney Spencer and Ashley Hedrick — You are Invited to attend!
May 25 Memorial Day, Office Closed
May 30 ASAP Trip to Meramec Caverns
May 31 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Strengthen the Church
Special Mission Offering
June 1 **McAllister's Deli—JCMM**
4:00—8:00 PM
June 5-7 Dan visiting parents in Florida
June 7 Graduation Sunday & Reception:
June 9 Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM
June 10 Women's Retreat, 1:30 PM
June 13 Mission Group-Eau-Clair,
Wisconsin-overnight guests

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

LEADER: May God give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, that the power of Jesus Christ may be visible in our lives.
PEOPLE: *By the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and empowered to serve.*

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LEADER: God's power is a glorious inheritance among the saints.
It is a power manifested in love, forgiveness, and peace.
May the power of peace be with you today.
PEOPLE: *And also with you.*
LEADER: Let us pass the peace of Christ.

*SONG OF PRAISE #526
"The Solid Rock"

*PSALM 93
The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel;
the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
He has made the whole world so sure
that it cannot be moved;
Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.
The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

***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

Acts 1:1-11 Page 1690
Ephesians 1:15-23 Page 1818
*Luke 24:44-53 Page 1644

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

LEADER: Let us pray. In these words, we hear of the power of Christ and the promise of a Spirit of power. We hear the ancient story come alive in our lives. We seek a spirit of wisdom and revelation in Christ. We await a spirit of power from God. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Holy Spirit. Come into our lives.

PEOPLE: *Amen.*

SERMON *“Where’s Jesus?”* — Pastor Daniel Johnson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: **The Apostles’ Creed**

ALL: *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.

ANTHEM #799 *“America the Beautiful”* —Choir & Congregation

*PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

LEADER: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country’s story:

PEOPLE: *WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.*

LEADER: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

PEOPLE: *WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.*

LEADER: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the **world’s common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:**

PEOPLE: *WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.*

LEADER: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

PEOPLE: *WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.*

LEADER: O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

PEOPLE: *AMEN.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO OFFERING

LEADER: Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; and as he has gone before us to prepare a place for us, let us use our offerings to prepare the world for his return.

*OFFERING RESPONSE #815

ALL SING: *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

LEADER: Let us pray. Holy Father, we desire to be sanctified in your grace like the disciples whom Jesus commissioned with your word. We do not want to squander our lives and resources on meaningless consumption. Open our hearts and our hands to respond to giving appeals in a generous manner. Give us the courage to embrace a lifestyle centered in your teaching, rather than one dictated by marketing trends or unhealthy spending habits. We offer you these gifts as an act of responding to you in faith. Amen. [John 17:6-19]

*HYMN OF PARTING #779

“I’ll Fly Away”

*BENEDICTION

LEADER: In the presence of Christ, we have gathered. In the grace of Christ, we depart. May God clothe you with power on high. May God put this power to work in each of us.

PEOPLE: *Amen.*

*CHORAL EXTROIT #583

“You Are My All in All”

*POSTLUDE