

Evangelical United Church of Christ
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 May 25, 2008
 (*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE

GREETING

LEADER: This is the day which God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before God, our maker.

CHORAL INTROIT

“Praise the Name of Jesus” —Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Blessed be the name of our God from this time forth and for evermore!

PEOPLE: *From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of God is to be praised.*

LEADER: It is good to give thanks to God, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

ALL: *To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night.*

*HYMN OF ADORATION #617

“Near to the Heart of God”

INVOCATION

LEADER: O almighty God, from whom every good prayer come, and who pours out on all who desire it the Spirit of grace and supplication, deliver us, when we draw nigh to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer List
 May 25, 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 Linda Anderson; 05-08 Loyd Bollinger S.G. Coy Family of Reece Dgson M. Benji Doerhoff; 01-08 *Lexi Edwards; 05-08 Joan Hope Mary Huckstep Carol Huebert, 02-08 Frankie Hutson; 11-07 Jaden, 2 yrs old; 12-07 *Jed & Jon Jones; 05-08 Ernest & Ida Mae Jordan Tyler Lalumondiere;04-08 [Iraq—22 years old] Kenny Mehrle Betty Metcalfe	Ester Nussbaum Cheryl Olson; 01-08 [Mary Huckstep's granddaughter] Helen Owens; 04-08 Paul Propst; 03-08 Wanda Pruitt; 04-08 Sharon Reif; 03-08 Kaylyn Sneathen; 03-08 Susan Spinks; 01-08 Wesley, Kailey & Kimberley Spinks; 01-08 *Aieral Steffens; 05-08 Bonnie Stricker; 04-08 Andrea Truitt; 11-07 Evelyn Warrick 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 Helen Owens
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Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
5-04-08	\$2,917.00	\$15.00	—	\$77.00
5-11-08	\$1,076.00	—	\$10.00	\$787.00
5-18-08	\$599.00	—	\$10.00	\$45.00
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	73	\$80.00	5-11-08	\$1,953.00
5-18-08	44	\$15.00	5-18-08	\$669.00
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.

Evangelical United Church of Christ	(573) 335-5611
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Pastor	Pastor Daniel Johnson
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Ernest Jordan
Organist	Beverly Reece
Sound System	Terry & Mindy Best
Hospitality & Diaconate Visitor	Gary Metje
Greeters	Leonard & Lillian Graden
Reader	Maxine Hale
Ushers: Randy Coy, Michael Bodine, Bob Roloff & Lori Siebert	

Area UCC Women's Retreat

The Women's Retreat will be at Emanuel United Church of Christ in Jackson, MO on June 5, 2008 at 10:00 AM. This will be a covered dish luncheon following the program. Hope to see you there.

Dumplings

There are only 14 bags of dumplings left. If you would like a bag or two, call the church office to place your order.

Pastoral Care Reminder

If you hear about someone having major surgery or a hospitalization please call Pastor Dan immediately and leave a message on his cell phone #803-9470. He also needs to know when people make moves between hospitals, nursing homes and when they are released to go back to their homes. Please do not leave messages on his home phone because he only checks the messages once a week. Thanks for your help.

On the Calendar

May 25 Baptism of Stone Moses
Bill & Rhonda Bolton's Grandson
Memorial Service-Ruby Doughty
Recognition of Christian Education
Scholarship Recipients
May 26 Memorial Day—Office Closed
May 28 Bible Study: Luke, 6:30 PM
Open Gym, 7:00 PM
June 5 **Area UCC Women's Luncheon @**
Emmanuel UCC—Jackson, MO
Mary Martha, 1:30 PM
June 6-8 Shannondale Float—Retreat
Weekend—Are you going?
June 9 Board of Christian Ed., 7:30 PM
June 10 Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM
June 14 MO-Mentoring 10 AM-1 PM
[in lower auditorium]

FLOWERS

Happy 65th Anniversary
S.G. & Grace Coy

CALL TO CONFESSION

LEADER: Let us confess our sin, trusting in God's grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, you have promised to receive us when we come to you. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have disobeyed your law. We have not loved you or our neighbors as we should. Forgive us, O God, and grant that we may live and serve you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Hear the good news; in life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we learn that God's love has no bounds. In Christ, we are forgiven and are empowered to begin anew. Thanks be to God!

*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 #526 "The Solid Rock"

PSALM 131

O LORD, I am not proud;
I have no haughty looks.
I do not occupy myself with great matters,
or with things that are too hard for me.
But I still my soul and make it quiet,
like a child upon its mother's breast;
my soul is quieted within me.
O Israel, wait upon the LORD,
from this time forth for evermore.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

LEADER: Let us pray. Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be

peaceably governed by your providence; and that your Church may joyfully serve you in confidence and serenity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

READING of SCRIPTURE
Isaiah 49:8-16a Page 1138
I Corinthians 4:1-5 Page 1775
*Matthew 6:24-34 Page 1505

SERMON
“What, Me Worry?” — Pastor Dan Johnson

ANTHEM
“*King of the Nations*” —Choir

ORDER OF BAPTISM — SEE INSERT
Baptism of Stone William David Moses

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
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.**”

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Ruby Anita Doughty
Born October 30, 1919 — Died May 18, 2008

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

RECOGNITION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
Lindsay Nicole Siebert
Tommi Lynne Lantz

CALL TO OFFERING

LEADER: God is love! God provides us with many ways to reach out, both in our need and in our plenty. We have covenanted with our God to offer all we can to care for others. Let us now offer our own gifts of time, talents, and financial resources for the good of all.

*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: Holy One, the Apostle Paul has reminded us that we are to be servants of Jesus Christ and stewards of your mysteries. We realize that being servants and stewards for the Kingdom is a challenging responsibility. We are unable to carry out this responsibility without your ever-present strength. We offer these tithes and offerings as we seek to be trustworthy stewards. Amen.

(I Corinthians 4:1-5)

*HYMN OF PARTING #624
“*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*”

*BENEDICTION

LEADER: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of Jesus Christ and the blessing of God Almighty be with you always. *Amen.*

CHORAL EXTROIT
“*Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know*”

POSTLUDE

Baptism of Stone William David Moses

Welcome

PASTOR: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

PEOPLE: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.

PASTOR: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.

Address

PASTOR: Jesus came to John to be baptized by him. But John tried to make him change his mind. "I ought to be baptized by you," John said, "yet you have come to me!"

PEOPLE: Jesus said, "Let it be so for now. For in this way, we shall do all that God requires." So John agreed.

PASTOR: As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he was the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him.

PEOPLE: Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am well pleased."

PASTOR: At another time Jesus said: Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

PEOPLE: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water, we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.

Questions of the Candidates

PASTOR: *Addressing the parents*

Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

PARENTS: We do.

PASTOR: *Addressing the parents and sponsors*

Will you encourage this child to renounce the powers of evil and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

PARENTS and SPONSORS: We will, with the help of God.

PASTOR: Will you teach this child that he may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

PARENTS and SPONSORS: We will, with the help of God.

PASTOR: Do you promise by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciples, to follow the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

PARENTS and SPONSORS: We do, with the help of God.

PASTOR: Do you promise, according to the grace given to you, to grow with this child in the Christian faith, to help this child be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that he may affirm his baptism?

PARENTS and SPONSORS: We do, with the help of God.

*Congregational Assent

PASTOR: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

PEOPLE: We promise love, support, and care.

*Affirmation of Faith

PASTOR: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

PASTOR: Do you believe in God?

PEOPLE: I believe in God.

PASTOR: Do you believe Jesus Christ?

PEOPLE: I believe in Jesus Christ.

PASTOR: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

PEOPLE: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Baptism

PASTOR: Christ be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

PASTOR: Let us pray.

We thank you God, for the gift of creation called forth by your saving Word. Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life. In the time of Noah, you washed the earth with the waters of the flood, and your ark of salvation bore a new beginning. In the time of Moses, your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the Promised Land. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb. Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well, washed the feet of the disciples, and sent them forth to baptize all the nations by water and the Holy Spirit.

[The water may be visibly poured.]

Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. By your Holy Spirit save those who

confess the name of Jesus Christ that sin may have no power over them. Create new life in the one baptized this day that he may rise in Christ. Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was, and is, and shall always be, world without end. Amen.

Act of Baptism

PASTOR: By what name will your child be called?

PARENTS: Stone William David Moses

PASTOR: *Administering the water*

Stone William David Moses, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: Amen

PASTOR: *Laying hands on the head of the baptized*

The Holy Spirit be upon you Stone William David Moses, child of God, disciple of Christ, member of the church.

Act of Praise

PASTOR: Let us sing praise to God.

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

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.

Prayer for the Baptized

PASTOR: Let us pray for the one baptized today. Gracious God, you have filled the world with joy by giving us the gift of Jesus. Bless this newly baptized child. May he be filled with joy; may he never be ashamed to confess a personal faith in you. Bless the parents of this child. May he always show his gratitude for the life you have given by loving and caring for Stone William David Moses. Bless these faithful people. Unite them in the peace of Christ and the company of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: Amen.

PASTOR: Go in the peace of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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***Baptized
in the name
of the Lord***



Baptism of
Stone William David Moses
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Pastor Daniel Johnson, Officiating