

# Evangelical United Church of Christ

33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 1, 2008

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

## PRELUDE

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT *“His Name is Wonderful”* —Choir

## GREETING

**LEADER:** Serve God with gladness! Come before God’s presence with singing! Enter God’s gates with praise! Give thanks to God, and bless God’s name! For the Holy One is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever, and God’s faithfulness for all generations.

\*HYMN OF ADORATION #343 *“Amazing Grace”*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Based on Psalm 46*

LEADER: God is our refuge and our strength, especially present with us in troubling times.

PEOPLE: *Be not afraid, for God is in our midst.*

LEADER: When things happen, over which we have no control,

PEOPLE: *Be not afraid, for God is in our midst*

**LEADER:** God’s way is the way of peace; therefore, God is glorified when peace reigns. We are not afraid, for the God of peace is in our midst.

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION & PRAISE

LEADER: God be with you.

ALL: *And also with you.*

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: *God, source of our refuge and strength, we praise and adore you. Your care for us is evident through your love made so visible in Jesus Christ. His way of peace penetrates the violent and fearful places of the world in ways that echo the words of the psalms. For in Jesus, fears are diminished through the power of the Holy Spirit - that inner source of strength gifted to us through his sacrificial love. We pray that this time of worship and the service of our lives may be a worthy expression of our praise and thanksgiving. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.*

## \*ACTS OF PRAISE

LEADER: Blessed be the name of 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!*

## Prayer List

June 1, 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	Betty Metcalfe	
Marilyn Amelunke; 05-08	Ester Nussbaum	
Linda Anderson; 05-08	Cheryl Olson; 01-08	Ratliff Nursing Home
Loyd Bollinger	[Mary Huckstep’s granddaughter]	Polly Wilmsmeyer
S.G. Coy	Helen Owens; 04-08	
Family of Reece Dgson	Sharon Reif; 03-08	Fountainbleau Lodge
M. Benji Doerhoff; 01-08	Kaylyn Sneathen; 03-08	Alta Proffer
Lexi Edwards; 05-08	Susan Spinks; 01-08	
Joan Hope	Wesley, Kailey &	Lutheran Home
Mary Huckstep	Kimberley Spinks; 01-08	Dorothy Cole
Carol Huebert, 02-08	Aieral Steffens; 05-08	Frank Maevers, Sr.
Frankie Hutson; 11-07	Bonnie Stricker; 04-08	Leonard Moore
Jaden, 2 yrs old; 12-07	Andrea Truitt; 11-07	Andora Peetz
Jed & Jon Jones; 05-08	Evelyn Warrick	House Bound
Ernest & Ida Mae Jordan		Irene Orlando
Tyler Lalumondiere;04-08	Please Remember	Helen Owens
[Iraq—22 years old]	Our Friends at Home	
Kenny Mehrle		

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	\$1,618.00	\$20.00	\$260.00	\$43.00
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	100		5-25-08	\$1,941.00

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

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

LEADER: Let us pray. O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength,  
*a very present help in trouble.*  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
*and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;*  
Though its waters rage and foam,  
*and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.*  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
*the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
*the holy habitation of the Most High.*  
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;  
*God shall help her at the break of day.*  
The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;  
*God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.*  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
*the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*  
Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,  
*what awesome things he has done on earth.*  
It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;  
*he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,*  
*and burns the shields with fire.*  
"Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
*I will be exalted among the nations;*  
*I will be exalted in the earth."*  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
*the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

#### READING of SCRIPTURE

Genesis 6:9-22 pg 9; 7:24 pg 11; 8:14-19 pg 12  
Romans 1:16-17 pg 1747; 3:22b-28 [29-31] pg 1750  
\*Matthew 7:21-29 Page 1506

SERMON — Pastor Dan Johnson "I Never Knew You"

#### Jamaican MM Textile Recycling

When: May 29 - June 9

Trailer open during the day.

Where: Evangelical UCC — parking lot

What: Donate your used clothing, household linens (bedding, curtains, drapes, towels), paired shoes (soles intact with no holes), belts, purses, backpacks, & toys (less than 12", single type toys, soft or hard; *no books, puzzles, board games*).

\*\*Items cannot be wet or mildewed.

How: Place items in garbage/trash bags & take to the trailer (yellow & white stripe) on the front parking lot of the church or give to any JCMM member.

Textiles make up 4% of the contents in landfills. Recycling these items will benefit people in need and raise money for the organization.

Reusing or recycling your textiles will save landfill space as well as energy used in the manufacture of new products. Provide good, affordable clothes for people around the world; Cut torn items into usable cleaning rags; Grind unwearable cotton clothing into fiber for use in papermaking; Shred torn sweaters to make stuffing (automotive upholstery); Shred other textiles into fibers for various uses.

#### On the Calendar

June 1 Communion Sunday  
**CiCi's Pizza Jamaican Christian**  
Medical Mission Fund Raiser  
June 4 Bible Study: Luke, 6:30 PM  
Open Gym, 7:00 PM  
June 5 **Area UCC Women's Luncheon @**  
Emmanuel UCC—Jackson, MO  
10:00 AM w/ luncheon to follow  
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]  
Hosting Overnight Mission Group  
from Dubuque, Iowa

#### 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 pro-

ANTHEM “Sweet Beulah Land” —Choir

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — From the Evangelical Catechism

LEADER: What are the visible signs and means of the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper? *ALL: The visible signs and means of the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper are bread and wine, partaken of by the communicant.*

LEADER: What is the Lord’s Supper?

*ALL: The Lord’s Supper is the sacrament by which we receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ as the nourishment of our new life, strengthen the fellowship with Christ and all believers, and confess that he has died for us.*

LEADER: What blessings do we receive as we eat and drink in the Lord’s Supper?

*ALL: As we eat and drink in the Lord’s Supper, we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. For so it is written: Broken and shed for you for the remission of sins.*

LEADER: On what condition do we receive the blessings of the Lord’s Supper?

*ALL: We receive the blessings of the Lord’s Supper only as we eat and drink with heartfelt repentance and true faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

LEADER: What does our communion daily require of us?

*ALL: Our communion requires that we daily keep in remembrance the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus, and that we consider well how hard it was for our Savior to bear our sins and the sins of the whole world, and to gain eternal salvation for us by offering up his life and shedding his blood. And since our sins caused the Lord Jesus the greatest sufferings, yea bitter death, we should have no pleasure in sin, but earnestly flee and avoid it; and being reclaimed by our Savior and Redeemer we should live, suffer and die to his honor, so that at all times and especially in the hour of death we may cheerfully and confidently say:*

*Lord Jesus, for thee I live, for thee I suffer, for thee I die!*

*Lord Jesus, thine will I be in life and death!*

*Grant me, O Lord, eternal salvation! 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, you speak the language of love to us in Jesus Christ and he tells us that the one who listens to him and acts on his words is wise, like the person who builds their house on a firm foundation.*

LEADER: We confess that we find it difficult to pay attention to your language or to listen deeply for Jesus’ voice because we live in such a sound-saturated culture—we are constantly bombarded with the noise of phones, radio, music, television, traffic. True silence is alien and we often avoid it, for silence can lead to our minds wandering among the fears that lie just beneath the surface; fears that the foundations we thought to be secure are built on the shifting sands of economic pri-

orities, escalating violence, increasing prejudice.

*ALL: Forgive us for failing to build our lives and hopes on your language of love, and for failing to measure our lives against the Gospel. Help us to transform our lives so that we make time to be still, to distinguish the voice of Christ amongst the clamor that surrounds us. Bless and empower us to live lives founded on the faithful hearing and doing of his word. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: “...the gospel ...is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith...since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Jesus Christ...” Thanks be to God! (Romans 1b; 3:23-24)

*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 #56 “To God Be the Glory”

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: Great God in Heaven, in a hushed whisper, you quietly summon us to do your will. Awaken our minds, enabling us to hear and to act courageously on your desire for our lives. Our knowledge of your truth inspires us to follow your teachings and to give freely. Accept these offerings. We pray in your exalted name. Amen. (Matthew 7:21-29.)*

HOLY COMMUNION — Ivory Insert

\*HYMN OF PARTING #771 “We’ll Understand It Better By and By”

\*BENEDICTION

LEADER: And unto the one who is able to keep us from falling and lift us from the dark valley of despair to the bright mountain of hope, from the midnight of desperation to the daybreak of joy: to God be power and authority for ever and ever.

*ALL: Amen. Alleluia!*

CHORAL EXTROIT “There’s Something About That Name”

POSTLUDE

# HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical United Church of Christ

Ninth Sunday of Easter  
June 1, 2008



HOLY COMMUNION  
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\*INVITATION

LEADER: This is the joyful feast of the Lord. People come from east and west, from north and south, and eat at the table of the Lord.

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: It is right that we should always give thanks to you, O God for making your love evident since the very beginning of time when you spoke the Word that brought the world into being. We give thanks that you are not a distant God, but one who responds to the cries of those seeking refuge and strength in times of trouble. You eased their fears by speaking words of hope and justice to them through the prophets. You communicated your love anew by entering our history in the person of Jesus Christ, who speaks words of healing and wholeness and his love, like yours, is unending and unconditional. Therefore, with all the company of heaven and earth we rejoice before you and praise your holy name saying:

*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: At this table, we bear witness to that love which has been poured into our hearts and lives. We remember when Jesus washed his disciples' feet and

sat down at a table to share the meal with them. At that meal, he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup also, after supper, saying,

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. We remember and we give thanks for such outpouring of love. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ—his life in us. Renewed by his life and recreated in his image, we set our minds on making his life the foundation of our lives. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we are bold to pray:

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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."**

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.*

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: *Holy God, we give you thanks that we have been fed and renewed by Christ's life in us and we go now to share that life with others. Send us forth equipped with the power of your Spirit to spread the message of your love and mercy to all whom we meet. Amen.*