

Evangelical United Church of Christ

33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 15, 2008

(*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT *“Let’s Just Praise the Lord”* —Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Let hearts and lives be filled with love for God - for God hears our cries and answers our prayers.

PEOPLE: *What can we possibly offer in response for all God’s goodness towards us?*

LEADER: Let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on God’s name forever.

PEOPLE: *Let us testify to the love and faithfulness of God.*

LEADER: Each person is so precious in God’s eyes that God abandons no one, not even in death.

PEOPLE: *We shall freely and faithfully serve you, O God, with thanksgiving in our hearts.*

LEADER: Here and now, in the presence of one another, we affirm the love and faithfulness of God.

ALL: *May God be praised forever!*

*HYMN OF ADORATION #513 *“Thank You, Lord”*

INVOCATION

LEADER: We approach you, awe-inspiring and holy God, with thanksgiving in our hearts; for we believe that, you hear and answer us when we call upon you for help. You hear because you are not a distant God but someone who journeys with us in the person of Jesus Christ. Through his sacrificial love, your love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. So we have every reason to offer our praise and thanksgiving for all your goodness towards us - blessings undeserved by us but graciously given by you. Here, in this time of worship, in the promised presence of Jesus, and in the graced presence of one another, we wholeheartedly offer our **gratitude and praise for these glorious signs of your great love for the world. In Jesus’ name, we pray.**

PEOPLE: *Amen.*

Prayer List

June 15, 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	Tyler Lalumondiere; 04-08	Please Remember
Marilyn Amelunke; 05-08	[Iraq—22 years old]	Our Friends at Home
Linda Anderson; 05-08	Kenny Mehrle	
*Michael Bodine; 06-08	Bill McMillian; 06-08	Ratliff Nursing Home
Loyd Bollinger	Ester Nussbaum	Polly Wilmsmeyer
Ian Bolton; 06-08	Cheryl Olson; 01-08	
S.G. Coy	[Mary Huckstep’s granddaughter]	Fountainbleau Lodge
Family of Reece Dgson	Helen Owens; 04-08	Alta Proffer
M. Benji Doerhoff; 01-08	Sharon Reif; 03-08	
Lexi Edwards; 05-08	Kaylyn Sneathen; 03-08	Lutheran Home
Joan Hope	Wesley, Kailey &	Dorothy Cole
Mary Huckstep	Kimberley Spinks; 01-08	Frank Maevers, Sr.
Carol Huebert, 02-08	Aieral Steffens; 05-08	Leonard Moore
Frankie Hutson; 11-07	*Karen Steffens; 06-08	Andora Peetz
Jaden, 2 yrs old; 12-07	Bonnie Stricker; 04-08	
Jed & Jon Jones; 05-08	Andrea Truitt; 11-07	House Bound
Ernest & Ida Mae Jordan	Evelyn Warrick	Irene Orlando
		Helen Owens

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
6-01-08	\$2,149.00	—	\$45.00	\$49.00
6-08-08	\$1,265.00	\$70.00	\$235.00	\$218.50
6-15-08				
6-22-08				
6-29-08				
Worship	Attendance		Total	Offering
6-01-08	52		6-01-08	\$2,243.00
6-08-08	45		6-08-08	\$1,788.50
6-15-08			6-15-08	
6-22-08			6-22-08	
6-29-08			6-29-08	

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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“Save The Date”

We will be doing a new Pictorial Church Directory thru Lifetouch Studios. Picture Days are on Friday evening of Aug 1st and during the day on Saturday Aug 2nd. We will announce all information in approx 1 week.

Pictorial Church Directory



On the Calendar

June 15 Happy Father's Day
June 16 Council, 7:30 PM
June 17 Diaconate, 7:30 PM
June 18 Bible Study: Luke, 6:30 PM
Open Gym, 7:00 PM
June 22 Jamaican MM meeting, 3:00 PM
UCC Group Sponsored Ice Cream Social open to everyone, 5:00 PM
at Pastor Dan's house in Jackson
July 4 Happy 4th of July

Union of Concerned Christians

Plan on coming to our “Homemade Ice Cream Social” on Sunday evening, June 22nd at Pastor Dan's home at 2246 Hwy PP in Jackson, MO. We will also have brats and hot dogs. We need freezers of ice cream and side dishes to finish out the meal. Please bring your lawn chairs and card tables. We will probably eat around 5:30 PM. Everyone is invited to come and socialize.



LOVE, INC.

Grace's Kids Closet is in need of packages of new underwear and socks for both boys and girls, ranging from youth size 4T through adult sizes for teens. Donations can be dropped off at Grace United Methodist Church at the corner of Sheridan and Broadway and left inside the door closest to the parking lot. Thanks for your support of this Love INC partner ministry!

PRAYER of our SAVIOR

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.”

*GLORIA #813

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. Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

PSALM 116:1, 10-17

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his servants.

O LORD, I am your servant;

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the LORD'S house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

READING of SCRIPTURE

Genesis 18:1-15 Page 24
Romans 5:1-8 Page 1753
*Matthew 9:35-10:23 Page 1510

SERMON

“Shaking off the dust” — Pastor Dan Johnson

ANTHEM “Happy Our Home When God Is There” —Choir

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kansas City Statement of Faith

ALL: We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all mankind, exalting the worship of the one true God, and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human brotherhood. Depending, as did our fathers, upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the Kingdom of God, and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FATHERS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Praise and thanksgiving formed the heartbeat of the Psalmist’s response to God-answered prayer.

PEOPLE: Sarah laughed at God promising to bring what seemed to be an impossible future to birth. Eventually, Sarah laughed again - this time with joy.

LEADER: Paul rejoices over the hope that uplifts, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

PEOPLE: Jesus had compassion on the crowds who were harassed and helpless and so he commissioned the disciples to carry out the same ministry that he did. Merciful God, we confess that we often feel so harassed and helpless that we fail to see ourselves as people capable of carrying out your ministry in this day and age.

LEADER: But wonderful things can be achieved through us and there are so many people, young and old, who are desperately seeking healing and wholeness.

PEOPLE: Forgive me when I laugh at the thought of Jesus depending on me to be a bearer of hope and proclaimer of the gospel.

ALL: Gracious and merciful God, forgive our weakness and remind us over and over again, that your love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Saturate our lives with that love so that we see people through the compassionate eyes of Christ and minister to them in his name and for his sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: The proof of God’s love is this - “that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*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.

*SONG OF PRAISE #572 “Blessed Assurance”

CALL TO OFFERING

LEADER: When the water skin is dry, God provides a wellspring of life-giving water. So don’t be afraid to give. Be that wellspring to someone!

*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: We are not afraid to give everything we have. Everything we give—our money, our hopes, our churches, our very selves—finds life in You. Take these offerings, Holy God. Bring them to life. Amen.

*HYMN OF PARTING #410 “Standing on the Promises”

*BENEDICTION

LEADER: May the peace of God surround you, the compassion of Jesus Christ enfold you, and possibilities created by the Holy Spirit grow within you. *Amen.*

CHORAL EXTROIT “Bond of Love”

POSTLUDE