

Evangelical United Church of Christ  
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri  
 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 July 6, 2008  
 (\*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE  
 CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT  
*4th of July Medley* —Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

PEOPLE: *Righteousness exalts a nation,  
 But sin is a reproach to any people.*

LEADER: Bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

PEOPLE: *Proclaim liberty throughout all the land  
 Unto all the inhabitants thereof.*

\*HYMN OF ADORATION #562  
 "Be Thou My Vision"

INVOCATION

LEADER: God be with you.

ALL: *And also with you.*

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: *Almighty God, ruler of all nations: we pray for our nation and its people, and for our leaders. May we be mindful of your favor and obedient to your will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation, and purify our hearts to know the truth that alone can make us free. Save us from injustice and oppression, from pride and arrogance, and from greed and self-centeredness. Increase our concern for people beyond our own boundaries and for the poor and afflicted in our own land, that we may be a blessing and an example to all nations. Bring us at last to that day when the whole world shall know peace and blessedness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Prayer List  
 July 6, 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; 05-08	Bill McMillan; 06-08	Ratliff Nursing Home
Marilyn Amelunke; 05-08	Ester Nussbaum	Polly Wilmsmeyer
Linda Anderson; 05-08	Cheryl Olson; 01-08	Fountainbleau Lodge
Michael Bodine; 06-08	Helen Owens; 04-08	Alta Proffer
Loyd Bollinger	Hannah Parks; 06-08	Lutheran Home
Ian Bolton; 06-08	Sharon Reif; 03-08	Dorothy Cole
S.G. Coy	Kaylyn Sneathen; 03-08	Viola Geiser
Bettye Crockett; 06-08	Aieral Steffens; 05-08	Frank Maevers, Sr.
Family of Reece Dgson	Brett & Cherie Stembel; 06-08	Leonard Moore
M. Benji Doerhoff; 01-08	Karen Stephens; 06-08	Andora Peetz
Lexi Edwards; 05-08	Bonnie Stricker; 04-08	Auburn Creek
Joan Hope	Evelyn Warrick	Irene Orlando
Carol Huebert, 02-08		House Bound
Jed & Jon Jones; 05-08	Please Remember	Mary Huckstep
Ernest & Ida Mae Jordan	Our Friends at Home	Irene Orlando
Mary Ann Jordan		Helen Owens
Tyler Lalumondiere; 04-08		
Kenny Mehrle		

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	\$760.00	\$50.00	\$185.00	\$33.00
6-22-08	\$394.00	\$10.00	\$70.00	\$32.05
6-29-08	\$894.10	---	---	\$19.00
Worship	Attendance	Corner-stone Fund	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	53	---	6-15-08	\$1,028.00
6-22-08	65	---	6-22-08	\$506.05
6-29-08	57	\$644.44	6-29-08	\$1,577.54

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  
Email Address  
Web Site  
Pastor  
Pastor Emeritus  
Organist  
Sound System  
Hospitality & Diaconate Visitor  
Greeters  
Reader  
Ushers: All Members of the Diaconate

(573) 335-5611  
eucc-cape@sbcglobal.net  
www.evangelicalucc-cape.org  
Pastor Daniel Johnson  
Rev. Ernest Jordan  
Beverly Reece  
Terry & Mindy Best  
Tammy Popp  
Meta Siemers  
Grace Coy

### Church Portrait Sessions

Fri, Aug. 1st  
2:30 PM—8:40 PM

Sat, Aug. 2nd  
10:00 AM—4:40 PM

Please call the church office to schedule your appointment.

—The Diaconate

### Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle will meet on Tuesday, July 8th at 7:00 PM. Clodine Metje will have devotions, Lisa Elfrink & Kaye Lee will be our hostesses for the evening and Verla Sailer will be here to share her recent trip with us. It is sure to be an enjoyable evening. Everyone is invited to attend and share in the fun.



### On the Calendar

July 8 Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM  
July 9 Bible Study, 6:30 PM  
July 12 MO Mentoring, 10 AM—1 PM  
July 13 Special Congregational Meeting  
ASAP Farmington Water Park  
July 15 Diaconate, 7:30 PM  
Jamaican MM, 4:30 PM  
Rolling Dumplings—Join the FUN!  
July 16 August Chronicler Deadline  
July 18 Church Women United C.R.O.P.  
Sale 8 AM—2 PM  
Luncheon 11 AM—1 PM  
Aug 3 Quarterly Congregational Meeting

### Happy Birthday

**Lisa Spencer's birthday was June 28th. Her name was left off of the birthday list. So, when you see her, please wish her a belated birthday greeting. Happy Birthday Lisa!!**

Has anyone else been left off of the Birthday or Anniversary list? If so, please call the church office with the information. Thanks.

### \*ACT OF PRAISE #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. O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

### PSALM 45:11-18

"Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely;  
*forget your people and your father's house.*

The king will have pleasure in your beauty;  
*he is your master; therefore do him honor.*

The people of Tyre are here with a gift;  
*the rich among the people seek your favor."*

All glorious is the princess as she enters;  
*her gown is cloth-of-gold.*

In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king;  
*after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.*

With joy and gladness they are brought,  
*and enter into the palace of the king.*

"In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons;  
*you shall make them princes over all the earth.*

I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another;  
*therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."*

### READING of SCRIPTURE

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Page 35  
Romans 7:15-25a Page 1756  
\*Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Page 1513

### SERMON

**"Who will rescue me?"** — Pastor Dan Johnson

ANTHEM  
“*Let Us Break Bread Together*” —Choir

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH —**The Apostles’ Creed**

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.

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

LEADER: As a community of believers, Holy One, we open ourselves to your restorative presence.

PEOPLE: *We are surrounded by beauty, yet we often fail to wonder.*

LEADER: We are symbols of hope, yet we often succumb to despair.

PEOPLE: *We are blessed beyond measure, yet we often allow greed to shape our generosity.*

LEADER: We are uncommonly free,

**yet we often bind ourselves to yesterday’s failures.**

PEOPLE: *We are gifted and graced as a people of faith, yet we often fail to let our light shine.*

LEADER: We are loved beyond measure,

yet we often fail to pass on your love unconditionally.

ALL: *In these moments of shared silence, encourage us to lay down our burdens, release our fears, forgive our failures, reclaim our hopes, and align ourselves with your deep wisdom.*

Sustained Silence for Personal Reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: **We are the light of the world, by the power of God’s grace.**

Our freedom is a gift: receive it fully;

Our purpose is justice: do it rightly;

Our hope is peace: pursue it faithfully;

Our calling is life: live it well.

God is faithful in all things and so it is.

ALL: *Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia!*

\*PASSING THE PEACE

LEADER: So, if you are about to offer your gift to God at the altar and there remember that your sister or brother has something against you, leave your gift in front of the altar, go at once to make peace with your brother or sister, and then come back, and offer your gift.

**ALL: In response to Christ’s command, we reach out to each other in love!**

\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #630

“*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*”

OFFERING INVITATION — Pastor Dan

LEADER: We are one with God and one another. Blessed with abundance and without want, **let us give from the fullness of our hearts and the strength of our hope. In Jesus’ name may our generosity overflow through this offering.**

\*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: *May these gifts and the service of our lives be used to lift burdens from weary shoulders and to proclaim the love of Christ with gentleness and humility, even as he did. Amen.*

\*CLOSING HYMN #193

“*God Is So Good*”

\*BENEDICTION

LEADER: **Go into this week rejoicing in the knowledge that God’s love permeates every fiber of your being, that Jesus’ love is deeply inscribed on your heart, that the Holy Spirit’s love is the inspiration of your life.**

ALL: *Amen. Alleluia!*

CHORAL EXTROIT

“*Blessed Be the Name of the Lord*”

POSTLUDE

### RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

PASTOR: Christ our Passover is offered for us.

ALL: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

### SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

PASTOR: Eat this, for it is the body of Christ, broken for you.

PEOPLE: *Amen!*

PASTOR: Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

PEOPLE: *Amen!*

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: *Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank **you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood.** By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice and pray. Amen.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical United Church of Christ

July 6, 2008

TAKE,  
EAT, IN  
REMEMBRANCE  
OF ME.

HOLY COMMUNION  
Evangelical United Church of Christ  
July 6, 2008

\*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 is with you.

PEOPLE: *And also with you.*

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

LEADER: Father (Almighty God), on this day when we celebrate our nation's heritage it is fitting that we give you thanks and praise. You created a land rich in resources and set before the founders and pioneers of our nation an opportunity beyond measure to build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom that might be a blessing to all the world. We cannot congratulate ourselves on what we have done with your creation and with these opportunities, but when we consider your bounty and your mercy and see afresh the dream you set before us we join with your people in every land on earth and with all the company of heaven in your unceasing praise.

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.*

[Please be seated.]

LEADER: Most of all, gracious God, we thank you that you gave your Son Jesus Christ, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. He proclaimed justice to all

peoples, good news to the poor, release for prisoners, sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. On the night he was arrested and sentenced to death he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you." When supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood, which seals God's promise, poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins." We remember and proclaim the mystery of faith. He suffered for the sin of the world. He died to free us from the power of death. He rose from the dead, so that we might also rise to new life. At his ascension, he promised to be with us always. When we eat this bread and drink from this cup we experience anew the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and look forward to his coming in final victory.

ALL: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

LEADER: Send your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that in this holy sharing we may recognize the Christ, who gave his body and blood for us all. May this offering of praise and thanksgiving, in union with your Son's offering of himself for us, be a holy and acceptable offering of ourselves to you. Hasten the day when the prophets' dream shall come to pass, when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. 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."**

BREAKING of the BREAD and POURING of the WINE

PASTOR: Through the broken bread, we participate in the body of Christ.

PASTOR: Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.