

Evangelical United Church of Christ
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 August 3, 2008

(*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT
"You Are My All in All" —Choir

*GREETING
 LEADER: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
 PEOPLE: *Christ has risen indeed. Alleluia!*

*SENTENCES OF ADORATION
 LEADER: Christ, our paschal lamb, has been offered for us. Let us, therefore, celebrate the festival.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #304
"Behold the Lamb"

CONFESSION OF SIN
 LEADER: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
 PEOPLE: *But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
 LEADER: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.
 ALL: *Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.*

Silence

Prayer List
 August 3, 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	Kenny Mehrle	Ratliff Nursing Home
Marilyn Amelunke; 05-08	Bill McMillan; 06-08	Polly Wilmsmeyer
Linda Anderson; 05-08	Ester Nussbaum	Fountainbleau Lodge
Loyd Bollinger	Hannah Parks; 06-08	Alta Proffer
Ian Bolton; 06-08	Sharon Reif; 03-08	
Heather Cato; 07-08	Kaylyn Sneathen; 03-08	Lutheran Home
*Eldon Chasteen; 08-08	Doug Stacy; 07-08	Dorothy Cole
*Phyllis Chasteen; 08-08	Aieral Steffens; 05-08	Viola Geiser
S.G. Coy	Brett/Cherie Stembel; 06-08	Frank Maevers, Sr.
Bettye Crockett; 06-08	Karen Stephens; 06-08	Leonard Moore
M. Benji Doerhoff; 06-08	Bonnie Stricker; 04-08	Andora Peetz
Lexi Edwards; 05-08	Evelyn Warrick; 04-08	
Joan Hope		Auburn Creek
Carol Huebert, 02-08		Irene Orlando
Jed & Jon Jones; 05-08	Please Remember	House Bound
Ernest & Ida Mae Jordan	Our Friends at Home	Mary Huckstep
Mary Ann Jordan		Helen Owens
Tyler Lalumondiere; 04-08		

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
7-06-08	\$2,471.00	---	\$25.00	\$100.00
7-13-08	\$990.00	---	---	\$27.61
7-20-08	\$591.00	---	---	\$24.00
7-27-08	\$592.00	---	---	\$63.11
Worship	Attendance		Total	Offering
7-06-08	51		7-06-08	\$2,596.00
7-13-08	59		7-13-08	\$1,017.61
7-20-08	48		7-20-08	\$615.00
7-27-08	57		7-27-08	\$655.11

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
Hospitality & Diaconate Visitor	Barbara Oberbeck
Greeters	J.D. & Joyce Treadwell
Reader	Tammy Popp
Ushers:	Carolyn Best, Michael Bodine, Bill & Rhonda Bolton, Louis Geldmacher, Maxine Hale, Kaye Lee, Gary Metje, Barbara Oberbeck, Helen Owens, Tammy Popp, Beverly Reece, Calvin & Verla Sailer, Rebecca & Tom Schild, Brian Stahlman & Bonnie Wilkening

Mary Martha News

Please join the Mary-Martha Ladies on Thursday, August 7th at 1:30 PM for fun and fellowship. Roxie Lindsay will have the devotions. Helen Owens and Roxie Lindsay will be the hostesses.

Meals On Wheels

Meals-On-Wheels is the week of August 25-29th can you furnish and **drive a car or be the "runner"**? Please contact Bob & Velma Roloff at 335-3867.

On the Calendar

- Aug 3 Quarterly Congregational Meeting Following church.
Communion Sunday
- Aug 7 Mary-Martha meeting, 1:30 PM
- Aug 9 MO-Mentoring, 10 AM—1 PM
- Aug 11 Board of Christian Ed, 7:00 PM
- Aug 12 Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM
- Aug 15 September Chronicler Deadline
- Aug 17 Jamaican MM meeting, 3:00 PM
- Aug 18 Council, 7:30 PM
- Aug 19 Jamaican MM Dumpling Rolling
4:30 PM — please come help
Diaconate, 7:00 PM
- Aug 24 Rally Day
- Aug 25-29 Meals On Wheels delivery

PRAYER FOR MERCY
LEADER: Lord, have mercy.
PEOPLE: Christ, have mercy.
LEADER: Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*PASSING THE PEACE

LEADER: Let us celebrate God's grace of forgiveness by offering to one another a sign of Christ's peace. The peace of God be with you.
PEOPLE: And also with you.

*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. Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
PEOPLE: Amen.

READING of SCRIPTURE

Genesis 32:22-31	Page 53
Romans 9:1-5	Page 1758
*Matthew 14:13-21	Page 1520

SERMON — Pastor Dan Johnson
**"He Struggled With the Angel and Overcame Him;
He Wept and Begged For His Favor"**

***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.

ANTHEM
"In Remembrance" —Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO OFFERING

LEADER: Through Christ, let us continually praise God and share what we have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**PEOPLE: Let us prepare Christ's table with the offerings of our life
and labor.**

*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: Loving Father, you powerfully fill the void in our lives. You reveal your compassionate grace by the simple act of always being present. You unselfishly feed us when we are hungry and quietly walk with us when we feel alone. Combine this offering with others so that all of your children can be filled with the power of your redeeming spirit. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (Based on Matthew 14:13-21.)

SONG OF PRAISE #460
"Let Us Break Bread Together"

HOLY COMMUNION — Ivory Insert

*HYMN OF PARTING #589
"Here I Am, Lord"

***COMMISSIONING**

LEADER: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

***BENEDICTION**

LEADER: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Savior Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip **you with everything good that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.**
PEOPLE: Amen.

CHORAL EXTROIT
"Yesterday, Today, Forever"

POSTLUDE

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.”*

BREAKING of the BREAD and POURING of the WINE

PASTOR: The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

PASTOR: The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

LAMB OF GOD

*ALL: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

CALL TO THE SUPPER

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and was raised for you.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PASTOR: Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.

PEOPLE: Amen!

PASTOR: The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

PEOPLE: Amen!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: *Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior’s presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ’s body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.*

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*INVITATION

LEADER: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*ALL: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, **from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.***

LEADER: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of **Christ and to share in the community of God's people.**

*COMMUNION PRAYER

PASTOR: God be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them to God.

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

PEOPLE: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PASTOR: We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being. We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none. We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless. We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on

the third day, and then to live in glory.

You have called us into your church, O God, to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to serve you in serving the entire human family, to proclaim the **gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at Christ's table, to join in Christ's passion and victory.** In gratitude we accept your call, praise your holy name, and testify to your loving deeds. We bless you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

ALL: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

[The people may be seated.]

PASTOR: For in the night of betrayal Jesus took bread, and after giving **thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also after supper, Jesus took the cup, and after giving you thanks, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

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

PASTOR: Holy One, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your entire church through these holy mysteries. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of our risen Savior may be one in Jesus Christ. May we remain faithful in love and hope, until the perfect feast with our exalted Savior in the eternal joy of your heavenly realm.

ALL: Gracious God, accept with favor this our sacrifice of praise, which we now present with these holy gifts. We offer to you ourselves, giving you thanks for the perfect offering of the only one begotten by you, Jesus Christ our Savior: By whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, eternal God, now and for ever. Amen.