

Evangelical United Church of Christ

33 South Ellis Street
Cape Girardeau, Missouri
September 2, 2007

(*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT "Behold the Lamb" —Choir

*GREETINGS

LEADER: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #730 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

*INVOCATION

LEADER: Christ is with you.

PEOPLE: Christ is in our midst.

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: Gracious God, gentle in your power and strong in your tenderness, you have brought us forth from the womb of your being and breathed into us the breath of life. We know that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from you. Feed out deep hungers with the living bread that you give us in Jesus Christ. May Jesus' promise, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Be fulfilled in us. Make us a joyful company of your people so that with the faithful in every place and time we may praise and honor you, God most High. Amen.

*ACT OF PRAISE #812 "Glory Be to the Father"

Prayer List

September 2, 2007

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.

Sahara Aldridge; 09-07	Betty Metcalfe; 07-07	Ratliff Nursing Home
Leo Amelunke; 03-07	Stephen Miller; 04-07	Polly Wilmsmeyer
Loyd Bollinger; 07-07	Esther Nussbaum; 05-07	Bonnie Wilcox
Tom Boston; 07-07	Paul Propst; 08-07	Fountainbleau Lodge
S.G. Coy	Dave Schaffner, Sr.; 08-07	Alta Proffer
Michael "Benji" Doerhoff	Kaylyn Sneathen; 08-07	Connie Gibson
[In Iraq]; 08-07	Harold Stahlman; 05-07	Lutheran Home
Bob Dolle; 08-07	Karen Stephens; 05-07	Dorothy Cole
Ruby Doughty; 05-07	Marjorie Thompson; 05-07	Lillian Kies
Darlene Dow; 04-07		Frank Maevers, Sr.
Carl Fledderman; 04-07		Leonard Moore
Joan Hope; 04-07		Andora Peetz
Ernest & Ida Mae Jordan	Please Remember	House Bound
Robert Juergens; 08-07	Our Shut-Ins	Ruby Doughty
Frank Maevers; 07-07		Esther Nussbaum
Kenny Mehrle		

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
8-5-07	\$2,016.10	\$110.00	\$205.00	\$140.00
8-12-07	\$764.55	\$15.00	\$250.00	\$87.00
8-19-07	\$780.00	\$10.00	---	\$21.00
8-26-07	\$1,060.00	---	\$25.00	\$27.00
Worship	Attendance		Total	Offering
8-5-07	64		8-5-07	\$2471.10
8-12-07	55		8-12-07	\$1,116.55
8-19-07	59		8-19-07	\$811.00
8-26-07	73		8-26-07	\$1,112.00

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.

Evangelical United Church of Christ	(573) 335-5611
Email Address	eucc-cape@sbcglobal.net
Web Site	www.evangelicalucc-cape.org
Pastor	Pastor Daniel Johnson
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Ernest Jordan
Organist	Beverly Reece
Sound System	Terry & Mindy Best
Hospitality & Diaconate Visitor	Bonnie Wilkening
Greeters	Gary & Clodine Metje
Reader	
Ushers: Carolyn Best, Rhonda Bolton, Louis Geldmacher, Maxine Hale, Kaye Lee, Gary Metje, Helen Owens, Tammy Popp, Beverly Reece, Calvin & Verla Sailer, Rebecca, Tom & Linda Schild, Brian Stahlman, J.D. & Joyce Treadwell, & Bonnie Wilkening	

Phone Number

Give Frank Maevers, Sr. phone number is 331-8282. He would appreciate a phone call now and again. The phone will ring directly to his room at the Lutheran Home.

Ophs!!

Please forgive me. I left off some of the names on the list of folks that helped with Meals On Wheels.

These folks also helped: Gary & Clodine Metje, Jamie Popp, Bob & Velma Roloff, Fern Schlimme and Lindsay Siebert.

On the Calendar

- Sept 2 Communion Sunday
- Sept 3 Labor Day
- Sept 4 CiCi's Pizza—Jamaican M. M. Fund Raiser
- Sept 5 Open Gym, 6:30 PM
Bible Study, 6:30 PM
- Sept 6 Mary Martha Circle, 1:30 PM
Choir, 7:00 PM
- Sept 8 MO Mentoring, 10 AM—1 PM
- Sept 10 Board of Christian Ed, 7:00 PM
- Sept 11 Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM
- Sept 15 "Ready, Set, Grow"
- Sept 16 Jamaican Medical Mission Meeting, 3:00 PM
- Sept 17 Council, 7:30 PM
- Sept 18 Diaconate, 7:00 PM

READING of SCRIPTURE

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 2:4-13 Page 1170

Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Page 1878

***Gospel Lesson**

Luke 14:1, 7-14 Page 1621

SERMON

"What shape is the table?" —Pastor Daniel Johnson

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mary Kernohan {Ida Mae Jordan's sister}
{Died August 26, 2007}

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the A Song of Faith, A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada.

ALL: Carrying a vision of creation healed and restored, we welcome all in the name of Christ.

Invited to the table where none shall go hungry, we gather as Christ's guests and friends.

In holy communion

we are commissioned to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved.

The open table speaks of the shining promise of barriers broken and creation healed.

In the communion meal, wine poured out and bread broken, we remember Jesus,

We remember not only the promise but also the price that he paid for who he was, for what he did and said,

***and for the world's brokenness.
We taste the mystery of God's great love for us,
and are renewed in faith and hope.***

ANTHEM —Choir
"Let Us Break Bread Together"
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
CONFESSION OF SIN

LEADER: Let us confess our sin against God and each other.

ALL: Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fullness of life, but around us and within us we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways. Our successes leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy. Our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing. Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the needs of others, and our failure to feed the spirit that is within us; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

SILENCE
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: Through Jesus Christ, we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

***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 and make peace with your brother or sister, and them come back and offer your gift. The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

***SONG OF PRAISE #575**
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

OFFERTORY
OFFERING INVITATION —Pastor Dan Johnson

God's hospitality invites the poor, the lame, and the blind. Our gifts offered this morning help make room for all at God's table. We shall bring to Christ's table

with our offerings the bread and wine for the supper. Christ invites us to this table all who profess the Christian faith, who endeavor to be at peace with their neighbors, and who seek the mercy of God.

***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: Eternal God, you welcome us as people beloved by you and you shower us with blessings—the greatest of these being Jesus, your Son, our Lord. We share what we have with you, by offering these gifts and the service of our lives as signs of our thanksgiving and our desire to follow Jesus—and to share his love with all whom we meet. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

PRAYERS 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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

COMMUNION

Please see insert.

***HYMN OF PARTING #702**

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

BENEDICTION

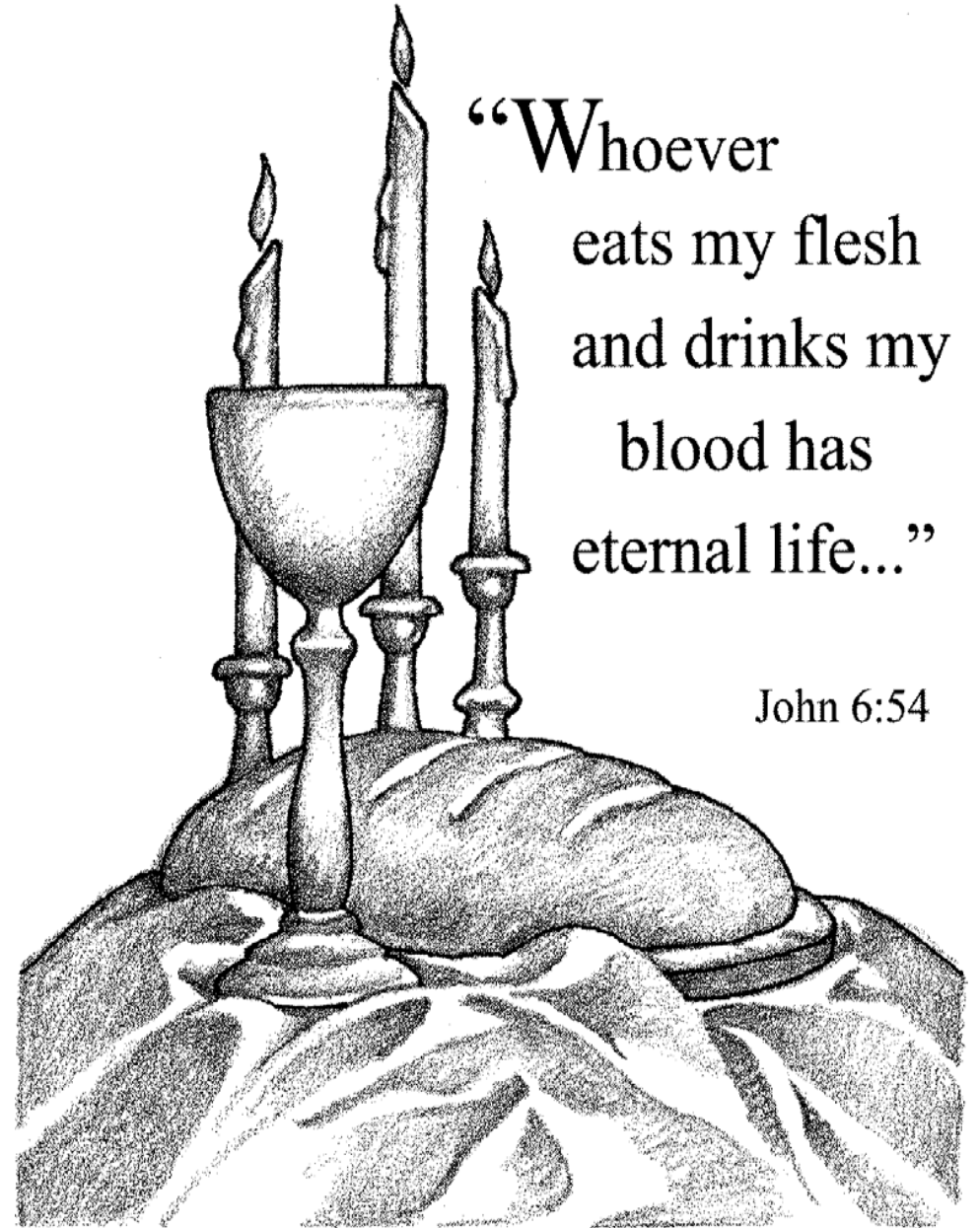
LEADER: May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

PEOPLE: Amen.

CHORAL EXTROIT

"I Will Serve Thee"

POSTLUDE



“Whoever
eats my flesh
and drinks my
blood has
eternal life...”

John 6:54

HOLY COMMUNION
for
Evangelical United Church of Christ
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***INVITATION**

LEADER: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

PEOPLE: *In the company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.*

***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: Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us. And for keeping us in your steadfast care. We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved company of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history. We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you.

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!*

PASTOR: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus

took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and give it to the disciples, saying: "this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant of my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!*

PASTOR: Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be the salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.*

BREAKING of BREAD and POURING WINE

PASTOR: Through the broken bread, we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life that Christ gives.

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

PASTOR: Alleluia! Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.

PEOPLE: *I died, and behold I am alive for evermore.*

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready. 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 you 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 to pray. Amen.*