

Evangelical United Church of Christ
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 7, 2008
 (*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT
"We Will Glorify" —Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP [Psalm 149, The Message]

LEADER: Hallelujah! Sing to God a brand-new song,
PEOPLE: praise him in the company of all who love him.
 LEADER: Let all Israel celebrate their Sovereign Creator,
PEOPLE: Zion's children exult in their King.
 LEADER: Let them praise his name in dance;
PEOPLE: strike up the band and make great music!
 LEADER: And why? Because God delights in his people,
PEOPLE: festoons plain folk with salvation garlands!
 LEADER: Let true lovers break out in praise,
PEOPLE: sing out from wherever they're sitting,
 LEADER: Shout the high praises of God,
PEOPLE: brandish their swords in the wild sword-dance—
 LEADER: A portent of vengeance on the God-defying nations,
PEOPLE: a signal that punishment's coming,
 LEADER: Their kings chained and hauled off to jail,
PEOPLE: their leaders behind bars for good,
 LEADER: The judgment on them carried out to the letter
PEOPLE: —and all who love God in the seat of honor!
 ALL: *Hallelujah!*

*HYMN OF ADORATION #179
"Awesome God"

CONFESSION OF SIN

LEADER: **We are called to examine our faithfulness to God's covenant with us.**
 God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sin to almighty God.

Prayer List
 September 7, 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	Mary Ann Jordan	Ratliff Nursing Home
Marilyn Amelunke; 05-08	Tyler Lalumondiere; 04-08	Polly Wilmsmeyer
Linda Anderson; 05-08	Kenny Mehrle	Fountainbleau Lodge
Loyd Bollinger	Bill McMillan; 06-08	Alta Proffer
Ian Bolton; 06-08	M.D. McMillan; 08-08	Lutheran Home
Heather Cato; 07-08	Ester Nussbaum	Dorothy Cole
Eldon Chasteen; 08-08	Hannah Parks; 06-08	Viola Geiser
[Bone cancer]	Aieral Steffens; 05-08	Frank Maevers, Sr.
Phyllis Chasteen; 08-08	Brett/Cherie Stembel; 06-08	Leonard Moore
"Red" Clifton; 08-08	Karen Stephens; 06-08	Andora Peetz
Trent Conrad; 08-08	Bonnie Stricker; 04-08	Auburn Creek
S.G. Coy	Evelyn Warrick; 04-08	Irene Orlando
Bettye Crockett; 06-08	Marshall Whitworth; 08-08	House Bound
M. Benji Doerhoff; 06-08		Mary Huckstep
Lexi Edwards; 05-08	Please Remember	Helen Owens
Joan Hope	Our Friends at Home	
Jed & Jon Jones; 05-08		
Ernest & Ida Mae Jordan		

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
8-03-08	\$1,917.75	---	---	\$129.00
8-10-08	\$1,119.00	\$10.00	---	\$96.00
8-17-08	\$607.00	---	---	\$100.00
8-24-08	\$495.00	---	---	\$73.00
8-31-08	\$535.00	---	---	\$52.00
Worship	Attendance	Tornadoes & Floods	Total	Offering
8-03-08	64	\$70.00	8-03-08	\$2,046.75
8-10-08	60	\$30.00	8-10-08	\$1,225.00
8-17-08	61	\$105.00	8-17-08	\$812.00
8-24-08	68	\$5.00	8-24-08	\$573.00
8-31-08			8-31-08	\$587.00

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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Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00 PM our own Linda Schild will present the program on the Safe House for Women. Ida Mae Jordan will have the devotions and Linda Schild & Virginia Dolle will be our hostesses for the evening.

Union of Concerned Christians

The apple butter committee met and decided to keep the price of apple butter the same as in the past. *\$3.00 a pint and \$5.00 a quart.* You may call the church office at 335-5611 to place your order. The dates for this event will be September 25, 26, & 27. **We need everyone's help that weekend.**

On the Calendar

Sept 7 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Sept 9 Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM
Sept 10 Acts Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 PM
Open Gym, 7:30 PM
Sept 11 Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
Sept 13 MO Mentoring 10 AM—1 PM
Sept 14 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Sept 14 Union of Concerned Christians
Meeting right after church

Meals On Wheels

Our volunteers were Rhonda Bolton, Ramona Brinkopf, Grace Coy, Jim & Marilyn Garner, Jo Daume, Ernest Jordan, Maxine Hale, Roxie Lindsay, Gary & Clodine Metje, Marilyn Propst, Bob & Velma Roloff, Verla Sailer and Lori Seibert.

ALL: Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SILENCE

PRAYER FOR MERCY

LEADER: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One,
ALL: Have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life.

ALL: We believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*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 be 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. Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12:1-14 Page 104
Romans 13:8-14 Page 1765
*Matthew 18:15-20 Page 1527

SERMON — Pastor Dan Johnson
“Do I Have to Forgive You?”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the form of a doxology.

ALL: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself. You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory. You promise to all who trust your forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

ANTHEM

“I Cannot Tell” —Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO OFFERING

LEADER: Let us present with joy our offerings of commitment and support for **the work of Christ's church.**

*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 God, we are gathered together to listen to your Word and to witness to its truths. We give joyously today and dedicate this offering to your work. We are inspired to share your glorious love with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Increase our talents and offerings so that your name is exalted with unending praise. Blessed is your name! Amen. [Based on Matthew 18:15-20.]

SONG OF PRAISE #460

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

HOLY COMMUNION — Ivory Insert

*HYMN OF PARTING #429

“They'll Know We Are Christians”

*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: The blessing of God Almighty: the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier, be with you all.

PEOPLE: Amen.

CHORAL EXTROIT

“Thank You, Lord”

POSTLUDE

*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. Come, for all things are ready.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PASTOR: The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

PEOPLE: Amen!

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

PEOPLE: Amen!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: Let us pray.

*ALL: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at
your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our
faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the
world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

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The Lord's Supper

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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, Holy One, almighty and eternal God, always and everywhere, through Jesus Christ, the only one begotten by you before all time, by whom you made the world and all things. We bless you for your continual love and care for every creature. We praise you for forming us in your image and for calling us to be your people.

Although we rebelled against your love, you did not abandon us in our sin, but sent to us prophets and teachers to lead us into the way of salvation. Above all, we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus, our only Savior, who is the way, the truth, and the life. In the fullness of time you came to us and received our nature in the person of Jesus, who, in obedience to you, by suffering on the cross, and being raised from the dead, delivered us from the way of sin and death.

We praise you that Jesus now reigns with you in glory and ever lives to pray for us. We thank you for the Holy Spirit who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity, and gathers us from every people to unite us in one holy church. Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God Most Holy.

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: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

ALL: Christ's death, O God, we proclaim. Christ's resurrection we declare. Christ's coming we await. Glory be to you, O God.

PASTOR: Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory. We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, on our gifts, and on us. Strengthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

ALL: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.

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 BREAD AND POURING WINE

PASTOR: [*while taking the bread and breaking it*] The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

PASTOR: [*while pouring the wine and raising the cup*] The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ. Lamb of God