

Evangelical United Church of Christ
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 October 5, 2008

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
 (*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT
 "Behold the Lamb" —Choir

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*GREETING (Psalm 19, verses 1-10)

LEADER: For God's law is perfect, reviving the soul; and the decrees of God are sure and trustworthy, giving wisdom to all.

PEOPLE: The principles of God are right and true, rejoicing the heart.

LEADER: God's commandments are clear, enlightening our eyes and our minds.

PEOPLE: The holiness of God fills us with awe and endures forever.

LEADER: God's laws are truly just and altogether righteous.

PEOPLE: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold.

LEADER: Sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

PEOPLE: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and our redeemer.
 Halleluiah.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #526
 "The Solid Rock"

INVOCATION

LEADER: Christ is with us.

PEOPLE: Christ is in our midst.

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: Jesus prayed that we might be one. One in spirit. One in mission. In union and communion with each other and with You. Today, God, we confess fumbings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in

Prayer List

October 5, 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.

**Joyce Abernathy; 09-08	Maevers; 09-08	Ratliff Nursing Home
Leo Amelunke; 05-08	Kenny Mehrle	Polly Wilmsmeyer
Marilyn Amelunke; 05-08	Bill McMillan; 06-08	Fountainbleau Lodge
Linda Anderson; 05-08	M.D. McMillan; 08-08	Alta Proffer
Loyd Bollinger	Ester Nussbaum	
*Ian Bolton; 06-08	Hannah Parks; 06-08	Lutheran Home
Heather Cato; 07-08	Travis Rister—Iraq; 09-08	Dorothy Cole
*Eldon Chasteen; 08-08	Bob & Nora Lee	Viola Geiser
Phyllis Chasteen; 08-08	Seabaugh; 09-08	Frank Maevers, Sr.
"Red" Clifton; 08-08	Kailey Spinks; 09-08	Leonard Moore
Bettye Crockett; 06-08	Aieral Steffens; 05-08	Andora Peetz
Lexi Edwards; 05-08	Brett/Cherie Stembel; 06-08	
Aleene Ellinger; 09-08	Karen Stephens; 06-08	Auburn Creek
Joan Hope	Bonnie Stricker; 04-08	Irene Orlando
Jane Juergens; 09-08	Evelyn Warrick; 04-08	House Bound
Jed & Jon Jones; 05-08	Marshall Whitworth; 08-08	S.G. Coy
Tyler Lalumondiere; 04-08		Mary Huckstep
Anita MacDonald; 09-08	Please Remember	Helen Owens
Frank, Jr & Ame	Our Friends at Home	

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
9-07-08	\$2,637.00	---	---	\$42.00
9-14-08	\$1,127.00	\$10.00	---	\$78.00
9-21-08	\$1,083.98	---	---	\$339.00
9-28-08	\$567.25	---	---	\$40.00
Worship	Attendance		Total	Offering
9-07-08	60		9-07-08	\$2,679.00
9-14-08	29		9-14-08	\$1,215.00
9-21-08	66		9-21-08	\$1,422.98
9-28-08	64		9-28-08	\$607.25

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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 Kaye Lee
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Hay Ride

Join us on Saturday, October 11th at 5:30 PM at the Best Farm for good food, great company, and the annual Hay Ride. Remember to bring lawn chairs, a dish to share, and drinks. **Mulligan's Stew will again be furnished as well as hot dogs.**

Marshall's Photography

Reminder post cards have been mailed out. If you still need to make an appointment, you can still do so by calling the office. Walk ins will be welcomed to. *It is very important for everyone to show up 10 minutes before their scheduled time.*

De-Bone Chicken

9:30 AM on Tuesday, October 7th.

On the Calendar

- Oct 5 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
 Communion Sunday
 *Neighbors In Need Offering
- Oct 7 De-Bone Chicken, 9:30 AM
- Oct 7-8 **Marshall's Photography, 3-9 PM**
- Oct 8 NO Bible Study
- Oct 11 MO Mentoring 10 AM—1 PM
 Hay Ride @ Best Farm, 5:30 PM
- Oct 12 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM
 Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM
 Sunday School, 9:30 AM
 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
- Oct 13 Jamaican Clothing Trailer leaves
- Oct 14 Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM
- Oct 18 Confirmation Class, 2-4 PM
- Oct 19 Chicken & Dumpling Dinner, 4 PM

Clothing Trailer

Remember the Jamaican Christian Medical **Mission's clothing trailer will be in the parking lot until October 13th.**

the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

*ACT OF PRAISE (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)
 ALL SING: *From all that dwell below the skies*

Let the Creator's praise arise;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung.

Let God the spirit free each tongue!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal is your glory, God.

Eternal Word we give you laud;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal Spirit we adore,

Your praise shall sound from shore to shore!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Page 118
Philippians 3:4b-14	Page 1828
*Matthew 21:33-46	Page 1533

SERMON — Pastor Dan Johnson
 "Whom Should We Welcome?"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

*ALL: God spoke these words, saying,
 I am the Holy One your God.*

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.

You shall not take the name of God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day; keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

*You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor's. Amen.*

ANTHEM
"In Remembrance" —Choir

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 then come back and offer your gift.

PEOPLE: In response to Christ's command, we reach out to each other in love.

SONG OF PRAISE #607
"Close to Thee"

OFFERTORY

LEADER: As we prepare the table for Christ's supper, let us recall the words of the apostle Paul: **So then, my sisters and brothers, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to God's service and pleasing to God.**

PEOPLE: This is the true worship that we should offer.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #816
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

ALL: Almighty God, you gave us your commandments and asked us to live according to your holy will. As part of your design for honorable living, we participate in this simple act of giving. We dedicate ourselves to living lives of honesty and peace. Amen.

(Based on Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20.)

*LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION — Ivory Insert

*HYMN OF PARTING #772
"When We All Get to Heaven"

*BENEDICTION

LEADER: Holy One, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled:

PEOPLE: My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

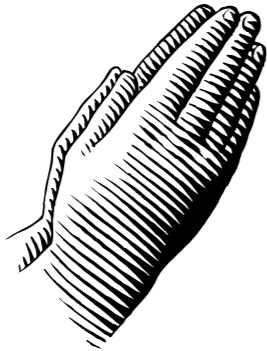
LEADER: A light to reveal you to the nations;

PEOPLE: And the glory of your people Israel.

CHORAL EXTROIT
"Yes, Lord, Yes"

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
FOR
MENTAL ILLNESS RECOVERY
AND UNDERSTANDING

Tuesday, October 7th 2008



Please remember to pray for the acceptance and understanding for those who suffer from mental illness and their families.

For more information please call
Bootheel Counseling Services
573-471-0800
573-568-2260

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The
Lord's Supper

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Come, for the Meal is Ready!
World Communion Liturgy

*INVITATION

ONE: Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast. As we gather this morning, we remember our sisters and brothers from above and below the equator, from the North and from Down Under, from every time zone around the globe. As today's sunlight inches across land and sea Christians gather to celebrate their place in God's family. All are invited and all are welcome. Come, for the meal is ready!

*COMMUNION PRAYER

ONE: To God be the glory: great things God has done! To prepare ourselves to partake of this Holy Meal, let us pray: Healing God, we come before you broken, yet seeking wholeness, isolated, yet seeking community, overwhelmed, yet seeking simplicity, shamed, yet seeking grace:

ALL: God, we yearn for the healing you promise.

ONE: God of Justice, we come before you selfish, yet seeking a generous heart, arrogant, yet seeking humility, responsible for injustices, yet seeking forgiveness:

ALL: God, we yearn for the justice you promise.

ONE: God of Peace, we come before you afraid, yet seeking assurance, agitated, yet seeking serenity, angry, yet seeking a forgiving heart:

ALL: God, we yearn for the peace you promise.

ONE: Knowing that through Christ all things are made new, we come to this communion table to be recreated through the bread and cup, and to be renewed in our faith and commitment.

ALL: God, we submit ourselves to renewal through you. This we pray through Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ONE: Loving and gracious God who summons galaxies into being, we give thanks and blessings to you. We bless you for our world. The diversity of our planet amazes us from the prairies and pampas of the Americas to the dusty deserts of Africa and Asia, from the majestic mountains of Europe to the vast outback of Australia. We give you thanks for the multiplicity of humanity with our complexity of

color and culture yet called into oneness-of-being through Christ. With many tongues, yet with one voice, we honor you saying:

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!

[People may be seated.]

ONE: Loving and gracious God who surrounds creation with abundant love, we give thanks and blessings to you. We bless you for your love, made known to us through Jesus, which reassures and reconciles us to you, to ourselves and to one another. As Christ is our light to you, may we be lights to others illuminating the path toward communion with you, the Holy Spirit and Jesus, our friend and brother.

ALL: Amen.

ONE: God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbors near and far.

ALL: Bless this bread, we pray.

ONE: May this fruit of the vine remind us of the inter-connectedness of people around the world.

ALL: Bless this cup, we pray.

ONE: May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people and your world united in the One Body of Christ.

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

ONE: [While taking the bread and breaking it.] Through the broken bread, we participate in the body of Christ.

ONE: [While pouring the wine and raising the cup.] Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

BREAD: The bread of life, shared with you.

CUP: The cup of the New Covenant, shared with you.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (AFTER COMMUNION)

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow! With thanksgiving, let us celebrate our new life in Christ giving thanks to God our creator and sustainer: Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal. Thank you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity. Thank you for this day on which we worship and serve you. Amen.