

Evangelical United Church of Christ
 33 South Ellis Street
 Cape Girardeau, Missouri
 November 25, 2007
 (*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE
 CHORAL INTROIT
 "Thy Word" —Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed be the Triune God who gathers us as the church of Jesus Christ our Sovereign.

People: And blessed be God's holy reign now and forever.

One: Rejoice, people of God, in the one who came that all may have life and have it more abundantly, who places the needy, "the least of these," at the heart of God's love.

People: Praise and honor to Jesus Christ, God with us, who calls us friends and reigns in our midst by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #655
 "Sanctuary"

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

One: Confident in the mercy of God, let us ask for the forgiveness we need.

People: Loving God, shepherd of our souls, hear the longing of our hearts for fullness of life. Too often, we exchange the gift of your grace for things that do not endure. We speak of Jesus Christ with reverence but spend our days in service to selfish ends. We sing of our Savior's reign but occupy trivial thrones of self-importance. Deliver us from all that confounds our relationship with you and one another. We ask this in the name of the one who taught us to pray, "Your reign come on earth as it is in heaven." Amen.

(A time of silent confession and intercession.)

One: Beloved, God forgives those who face their own failures and ask for mercy. In receiving this gift, let us forgive ourselves and those who have wronged us in any way. Where Jesus Christ reigns there is no room for thrones that enshrine human sin. Rejoice in the reign of redeeming love!

People: Amen! Thanks and praise to God.

Prayer List
 November 25, 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.

Leo Amelunke; 09-07 Loyd Bollinger Tom Boston; 07-07 S.G. Coy James Dickison; 10-07 Michael "Benji" Doerhoff [In Iraq]; 08-07 Ruby Doughty; 10-07 Joan Hope; 10-07 Frankie Hutson; 11-07 Ernest & Ida Mae Jordan Robert Juergens; 08-07 Frank Maevers; 07-07 Kenny Mehrle Betty Metcalfe; 07-07 Esther Nussbaum; 10-07 Helen Owens; 11-07	Tonya Pobst; 09-07 Paul Propst; 08-07 Kaylyn Sneathen; 08-07 Mark Spinks; 11-07 Susan Spinks; 11-07 *Wesley, Kailey & Kimberley Spinks; 11-07 Harold Stahlman Karen Stephens; 05-07 Marjorie Thompson; 05-07 Andrea Truitt; 11-07 LaDonna Wells; 09-07	Ratliff Nursing Home Polly Wilmsmeyer Fountainbleau Lodge Alta Proffer Lutheran Home Dorothy Cole Frank Maevers, Sr. Leonard Moore Andora Peetz House Bound Ruby Doughty Esther Nussbaum Helen Owens
Please Remember Our Shut-Ins		

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
11-4-07	\$1,642.00	\$20.00	---	\$77.00
11-11-07	\$1,796.00	---	---	\$39.00
11-18-07	\$2116.16	\$80.00	\$135.00	\$80.00
11-25-07				
Worship	Attendance		Total	Offering
11-4-07	56		11-4-07	\$1,739.00
11-11-07	45		11-11-07	\$1,835.00
11-18-07	68		11-18-07	\$2,411.16
11-25-07			11-25-07	

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	Gary Metje
Greeters	J.D. & Joyce Treadwell
Reader	Gary Metje
Ushers: Randy Coy, Michael Bodine, Bob Roloff & Lori Siebert	

Mary Martha

All the ladies of the church are invited to the Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 6th at 12:00, noon. The Mary Martha Circle will be the hostesses with Maxine Hale presenting the program.

Cookie Walk

Join us downstairs after church, Sunday, December 2nd for our annual Cookie Walk. Bring your cookie donations to the lower auditorium before Sunday School or Church. It is sure to be a lot of fun.

On the Calendar

- Nov 28 Open Gym, 6:30 PM
Bible Study, 6:30 PM
- Nov 29 Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
- Dec 2 Hanging of the Greens
Cookie Walk—right after church
Communion
- Dec 6 Mary-Martha Christmas Luncheon
- Dec 8 MO-Mentoring, 10 AM—1 PM
- Dec 9 Caroling, 2:30 PM
Pop's Pizza, 5:00 PM
L. Elfrink—3:00 PM Sanctuary
- Dec 11 Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM
- Dec 16 Sunday School Christmas Program
& Visit from Santa, 6:30 PM
Jamaican MM, 3:00 PM
- Dec 21 Cape Central Alternative School
Christmas Breakfast
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelit
Communion Service, 5:00 PM

*THE SIGN OF PEACE

(Greet each other with a sign of reconciliation and peace.)

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

*SONG OF PRAISE #370

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

RESPONSIVE READING—The Song of Zechariah

Read responsively by half verse. Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE

One: Let us sing praise to God.

ALL: ***We will continually praise God's holy name.***

ALL SING: *Glory to God the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

One: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READING of SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Page 1210

Epistle Lesson

Colossians 1:11-20 Page 1832

*Gospel Lesson—Please Stand

Luke 23:33-43 Page 1641

SERMON

“Who Needs A King?” —Pastor Dan Johnson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

ALL: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in Christ all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities— all things were created through Christ and for Christ. Christ is before all things, and in Christ all things hold together. Christ is the head of the body, the church; Christ is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything Christ might be preeminent. For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Christ all things are reconciled to God, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of Christ's cross.

ANTHEM —Choir

“Count Your Blessings”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Merciful God, your goodness outdistances our imagination. When we ponder your ways and your gifts, our words cannot contain the riches of your regard for us. We believe that you made us in your image and likeness and breathed into us the breath of your Holy Spirit.

People: Make us more like you in sharing your goodness with the world. May Christ Jesus, your beloved, reign in our midst.

One: Show us the privilege of feeding the hungry, satisfying the thirsty, welcoming

strangers, clothing the naked, and visiting the sick and those in prison.

People: When we ourselves are in need and others reach out to us, grant us grace to receive thankfully what is offered in love. Come, Christ Jesus, reign in our lives.

One: Fill your church with passion for your mission entrusted to its care. Reform and transform its life and make it a worthy vessel of the good news of your love.

People: Reshape our wills to your own that we may be one people in your one church. Forgive the racism and every sin that excludes those you have welcomed in the body of Christ. Come, Christ Jesus, reign in your church.

One: Holy and Triune God, Sovereign of all creation, call forth from your people voices of hope in a world wounded by warfare and disfigured by violence of every kind.

People: Open our lives to worthy possibilities for justice and peace. Forbid that the voices of violence shall prevail in the midst of persons of goodwill. Come, Christ Jesus, reign in all the world.

(Silence for prayers of intercession.)

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR
CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

OFFERING INVITATION —Pastor Dan Johnson

*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

*HYMN OF PARTING #487

“Room At the Cross for You” vs. 1 & 3

*BENEDICTION

One: Now to the one who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of God's glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Sovereign, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

People: Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth among all with whom God is well pleased. Amen.

CHORAL EXTROIT

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

POSTLUDE