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ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Liturgist: Joshua Wiese

October 11, 2009

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 A.M.

**Denotes when all who are able to please stand.*

Gathering

Meditative Music

As we gather for worship we invite you to observe silence and enter into reflection.

The theme of today's worship will focus on a family inclusion of a pet in our lives. You might want to read and reflect on pets past or present, and what they have taught you about living in God's creation.

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

Or you may wish to light a candle at the communion table to symbolize the concerns or joys you carry with you to worship, or whatever is in your heart and mind. Or you may wish to reflect where you are, or if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon the images you encounter.



The earth is the
LORD's, & everything
in it, the world, & all
who live in it.

P s a l m 2 4 : 1

Meditative Hymn

"Come Spirit"

(Please remain seated for the musical close of Meditation)

The musical score is written in treble clef with a common time signature (C). It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a C chord and a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "Sing, my soul, a Spir - it song, Dance, my heart, at your re - birth, When con - strained by thoughts or things,". The second staff has chords G7, C, G7, C, and C6. Lyrics: "call - ing all to the sing a - long. Fill the world with part - ner to the dance of earth. Thirst - ing spir - it, hear the word the Spir - it brings: life is larg - er". The third staff has chords C, G7, F, and C. Lyrics: "joy - ful sounds: God is here and grace a - bounds. drink your fill: love goes danc - ing where it will. than it seems, hope is har - bin - ger of dreams." The fourth staff is labeled "Refrain" and has chords F, G7, and C. Lyrics: "Come, Spir - it, come and be a new re - al - i - ty." The fifth staff has chords Am, Dm7, G7, F, and C. Lyrics: "Your touch is guar - an - tee of love a - live in me." The piece ends with a double bar line.

Acolyte: Sadie Harper

Welcome and Announcements

Members and guests, **please sign the friendship pad and pass it down to the end pew.** Then, pass it back toward the aisle noting the names of those seated next to you. After worship, greet those who are sitting in the pew with you.

Hymn of Celebration

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

No. 77

*Call to Celebration

Leader: We have come together to rejoice with God the Creator at the wonderful creation around us. O God, You love all things that exist, and despise none of the things which You have made, for You would have made nothing You didn't love. You will all things, for they are Yours—O God who loves the living. For Your immortal Spirit is in all things.

People: Let us sing to God a new song, a song for all the creatures of the earth.

Leader: Let us rejoice in the goodness of God shown in the beauty of little things.

People: Let us marvel at the little creatures who are innocent in God's sight.

Leader: Let us extol God's handiwork in the complexity of their lives.

Unison: Let us rejoice in the other worlds sublime and mysterious that God has made—The world of the earthworms burrowing in the ground, the world of skylarks soaring above us, and the world of foxes playing around their dens.

Leader: Let us hear the Divine rejoicing throughout the whole earth: "The earth is mine and the fullness thereof." (Psalm 24:1)

***Call to Confession**

Leader: Through Christ we are wed to God and to one another.

People: Let us confess our separation from God, from one another, and God's creation,

Leader: Confident that God holds us in an unbreakable covenant.

***Prayer of Confession**

Our loving God, we are often too haughty or proud, too full of ourselves to see You in each other, especially in those we deem beneath us. We often forget to see Your goodness in "all creatures great and small" for we deem them beneath us or only for our benefit. We have lost sight of the "integrity of creation: the value of all creatures in and for themselves, for one another, and for God, and their interconnectedness in a diverse whole that has unique value for God."* We have lost sight of Your intent for us to be stewards, caretakers of Your creation. We are sorrowful because our relationship with creation may be beyond our power to mend. We are sickened by the times we have taken out our anger on our pets. We pray Thee, let Your grace mend our hearts and the brokenness of our world.

Amen. *A statement from World Council of Churches

***Silent Meditation and Personal Confession**

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Pastor: God made us for life shared. Christ cleanses and purifies us of the things that separate us from God, each other and the universe.

People: It is in the mingling of our lives that we know the power for God to forgive and to make us forgiving.

Pastor: Hear the good news: in Christ we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri**

("Glory Be to the Father" No. 9 in *Sing to the Lord*)

Children's Time

(After, Children may exit for Children's Choir and return for the Blessing of Animals)

Anthem "The Prayer of the Cat *from Prayers from the Ark*" Ivor R. Davies

Morning Prayer, Lord's Prayer (*debts and debtors*), and **Choral Response**

Offering Statement

Offertory "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" Arrangement, Hayes

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer** ("Praise God" No. 7 in *Sing to the Lord*)

***Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 766

Reading of Holy Scripture Psalm 50:7-11
Mark 10:17-31

Sermon The Rev. Becky A. Hebert
"A Family Inclusion"

Franciscan Animal Blessing

***Hymn** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" No. 737

Apostles' Creed

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** "Ours the Journey"

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar,
we, thy peo - ple, ours the jour - ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er,
now and ev - er - more. Now and for - ev - er - more!

Organ Postlude "Vivace", *from Variations on "Last Uns Erfreuen"* Bédard

Our Stewardship for Sunday, October 4, 2009

Sunday School 25

Offering \$18.50

Worship 71

Offering \$2,056.50



Keep the following people in your thought and prayers:

Members:

Bob and Sue Davis: will spend the winter in Galveston, TX. with their daughter.

Perdy Scafe: now has a very low white cell count and is awaiting the next battery of medical tests.

Susan Grammer: is recovering from knee surgery and is "on the mend".

Family and Friends:

Peggy Gilbert: (Friend of Tona Griggs) is battling aggressive breast cancer.

Josephine Walker: (Jeanne Kruger's mother) is at Magnolia Square, Room 228, 502 W. Edgewood (65807).

Joyce Johnson: (Friend of Glenda Weise) was in remission from breast cancer, but it has now returned and is in her bones.

Todd McClain: (Cousin of Melissa Burnett) is undergoing extensive medical tests.

Señor Artola: (Friend of Thelma Hurshman) is the father of a Nicaraguan high school student.

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Judith Bartell and Tona Griggs will open the church in October.

Today:	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am
	St. Francis Blessing of Animals	10:30 am & 4 pm
Wednesday:	Grace & Weight	5:30 pm
	Chapel Bells.....	6:30 pm
	Chancel Choir	7:40 pm
Next Sun.:	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am
	Bread For The World Sunday	

Independent Women's Group Today, 1 pm at Fire & Ice, 2550 N. Glenstone.

Senior & Retired will meet Oct. 21 at 12 noon (not the 14th).

BOSM's new date for the carry-in dinner is Oct. 25 after church.

On Sunday, November 29 there is an opportunity to serve as liturgist.

Mowers are needed for prior to October 18, November 1, and November 15.

The sign up sheets for liturgists and mowers is in the Narthex. Thank you.

Discernment Prayers for Our Church. Prayer time is on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at noon. The next prayer dates are Oct 13th and Oct 27th.



A church member needs our help with transportation from the St. John's Hospital area to Sunday service. Anyone who can assist please contact church secretary, Deb Hall. Thank you!

Today, turn in your Friendship Circle Festival of Sharing Paper Kits in the Narthex. Thank you for sharing and caring.



Join us on a hayride!

The Board of Christian Education will host a Hayride & Bonfire at the Datema "Ranch", Saturday, October 17 at 5 pm. Hotdogs, buns, S'mores fixings and paper products will be provided. Everyone is invited and asked to bring chips or a dessert, and a bottle of pop to share. We would also like to

have chili so if anyone is interested in making a pot, please let Joyce or a member of the Board know. Come and join us for what is always a fun evening of food and fellowship.

You are invited to a community-wide 40th Anniversary Celebration for the Council of Churches of the Ozarks: Sunday, October 18, Noon to 3 pm at Drury University Campus (at the top of Drury Lane Circle). Tickets are not necessary (entrance, no charge) to this fun afternoon featuring complimentary pizza followed by live music, including a 200-voice children's choir. In addition to free lunch and entertainment, a limited number of t-shirts and children's books will also be given away.

The Friendship Circle Annual Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 7th and will feature both crafts and antiques for sale this year. Anyone interested in a vendor table please call Beverly Graham, 881-3034 to apply.



Fall Bazaar



Blessings to all of you for making our 17th Annual Crop Hunger Walk a resounding success. Though our numbers were slightly lower than last year (175 versus 220 last year), your enthusiasm was evident. (Did anyone notice that the sun came beaming through the clouds at the very moment of "step off"? Now THERE is a sign of God smiling upon our efforts to stomp out hunger in our world! Submitted by Beth DeHaven.

Help major disaster victims of Typhoon Ketsana, the South Pacific tsunamis and the Sumatra earthquake now. The UCC has set a goal of \$250,000 to send in aid to disaster victims dealt a deadly and triple blow of natural disasters in Southeast Asia and the Pacific. Learn more about UCC's efforts and donate at:

www.ucc.org



Sunday School — 9 AM

Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

Secretary's Office Hours: 8:30 AM — 1:00 PM Monday-Friday

You, whether a member or guest, are an important and valuable part of this St. John's Chapel Community. Your participation in this worship service is a blessing. May you always know God's gift of unending love.

A nursery is available during worship for children up through three years of age. If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an usher.

Hearing-assistance devices are available for use during worship. If you would like to use one, please ask an usher to get one for you.

Flu Season is here! Last week we announced that hand sanitizer is available in the Narthex beside the bulletins, but we are now taking precautions a step further based upon recommendations from the **H1N1 FLU: A Guide for Community and Faith Based Organizations**.

Refrain from shaking hands and hugging. When welcoming visitors and guests, a friendly smile and nod of the chin is suggested during this flu season.

We will adjust Communion practices in order to reduce the spread of flu this winter. This means avoidance of eating and drinking from communal dishes and taking special sanitary precautions.

With education, preventive measures, and the practice of common sense and good habits, let's keep the flu at bay and enjoy a glorious winter season of worship at St. John's Chapel.

Our Mission Statement

St. John's Chapel UCC is called to love unconditionally, seek justice, foster spiritual growth, and embrace diversity of thought and body as taught by Jesus Christ.