



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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Liturgist: CloElla Levernz

August 30, 2009

Thirteenth Sunday in After Pentecost

10:30 A.M.

(All who are able, 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 the inward work we need to do to internalize God's love. You might want to reflect on what come from within that defiles.

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

Or you may wish to come forward and write your thoughts in the "Book of Common Prayers" located in front of the choir loft to the left. Or light a candle at the communion table to symbolize the concerns or joys you carry with you to worship, or whatever is on your heart and mind. You may spend time in reflection where you are, or if you reflect better walking, walk around the sanctuary and reflect on images you encounter.

Meditation Hymns
Acolyte

"Fairest Lord Jesus"
Sadie Harper

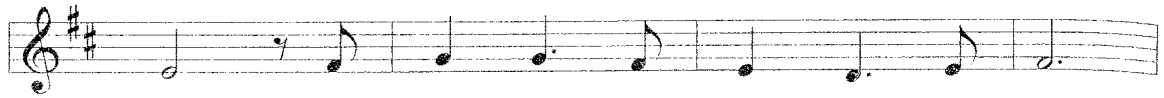
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Meditation Hymn

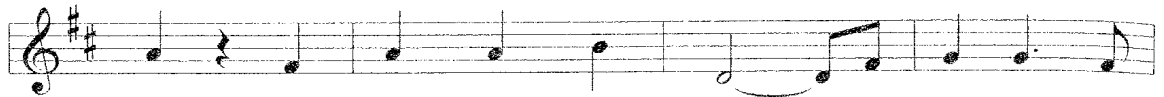
"In Moments Like These"



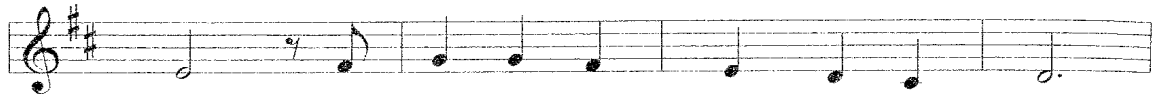
In mo - ments like these, I sing out a



song, I sing out a love song to Je -



sus. In mo - ments like these, I lift up my



hands, I lift up my hands to the Lord.

Musical notation for the fifth line of the hymn, featuring a treble clef and a bass line. The treble clef part contains the melody for the words "Sing - ing I love You, Lord, sing - ing". The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and a melodic line.

Sing - ing I love You, Lord, sing - ing

Musical notation for the sixth line of the hymn, featuring a treble clef and a bass line. The treble clef part contains the melody for the words "I love You, Lord; Sing - ing". The bass line provides harmonic support.

I love You, Lord; Sing - ing

Connecting as Community

Welcome

Hymns of Praise “O for a Heart to Praise My God” No. 464
Please remain seated for this hymn.

* “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” No. 59
*Please stand for this hymn and all marked with an asterisk *.*

***Invocation**

Silent Meditation and Personal Confession

(During this time of inward reflection and repentance, you may want to use the “Examen,” which simply means an examining of our lives in a prayerful way. It is different from a prayer of confession in that it reviews both the good and the bad of our lives. You pause to look back over your week, or as many days as you wish to examine, and notice where you have partnered with God. In other words, when were you trying to do it alone and when did you ask God to assist you. You can also remember the events, encounters or insights that felt like gifts from God and those that did not. Or remember the times in the day when you gave and received love, and when you did not give or receive love. Once your days are reviewed and examined, you may journal what you uncovered, or simply imagine offering your insight up to God to let God love you just as you are.)

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Gloria Patri** (“Glory Be to the Father” No. 9 in *Sing to the Lord*)

Children’s Time

(Children may exit for Children’s Church)

Bringing the Word of God to the People

Reading of Holy Scripture Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 p. 917

Sermon “Be Love” The Rev. Becky Hebert

Responding to God

Hymn

"Lord, I Want To Be a Christian"

Deut. 6:5-6; 10:12-1

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart,
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Refrain

In my heart, In my heart, in my heart,
in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Many of the enclosed...

Prayers of the People, the Lord's Prayer and Solo Response

(During this time of prayer there will be times of silence for you to reflect, to talk with God and to listen for the still small God in your mind's eye.)

Pastor: God of mercy and might, You wish to give us an inner strength and love that is beyond our knowing. Open our minds and hearts to be filled with Your might and compassion--so that our hearts will be healed and that which comes from us will be genuine.

Silence

Prevent us from faltering in weariness or discouragement to take up a banner of self-hatred. Deliver us from publicly pretending to stand for what is right while inwardly letting the power of our lies and half-truths grow into evil. By Your grace, help us to withstand all pressures that would deter us from being who You created us to be.

Silence

In the silence of this Holy space let us hear our inner dialogue about who we are.

Silence

Great Spirit in whom we pray, keep us alert in attending to the care of our souls and steadfast in our care of each other. With Your truth and wisdom in our hearts and minds, may Your grace, Your hope, Your love stir within and overflow across this land.

Silence

Lift up this day, people who because of illness, oppression, or conditioning by culture, are struggling to see the good in anything. Guide us in all our prayers for one another, that none may lose their way when they stare into the dark abyss of illness, great loss, unbearable loneliness, or even death.

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

***Hymn**

"Take My Life, and Let It Be

No. 455

***Blessing and Sending**

Benediction

Going Forth Singing

"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!

Our Stewardship for Sunday, August 23, 2009

Worship 82 Offering \$2357.00

Keep the following people in your thought and prayers:

Members:

Karl Kruger: is in complete remission!!

Lois Rahmoeller's: address is 2900 S Jefferson, Apt. 304, 65807.

Bob and Sue Davis: Bob reports that Sue, who is suffering from Alzheimer's, is doing better and her memory has improved.

Butch Stillman: has some numbness in his legs and could still use lots of prayers.

Perdy Scafe: has now also been diagnosed with diabetes as well as non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.

Family and Friends:

Thelma Hurshman: underwent hip replacement and is now at The Maples, 1115 E Primrose St. 65807.

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

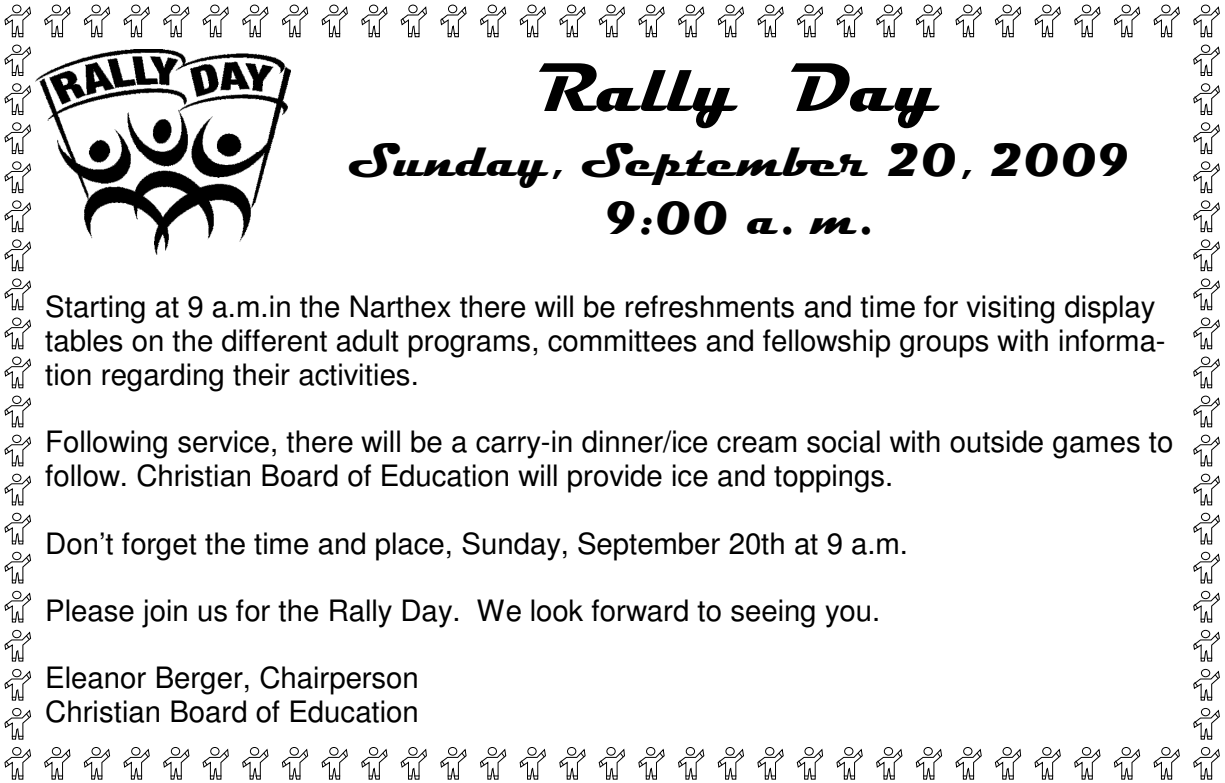
Josephine Walker: (Jeanne Kruger's mother) is at Magnolia Square, Room 228, 502 W. Edgewood (65807).

Kermit McCuiston: (Jamie Gromer's grandfather) has cancer.

Holly Francis: (Logan McCuiston's mother) is recuperating at home from her surgery.

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.



Rally Day

Sunday, September 20, 2009
9:00 a. m.

Starting at 9 a.m. in the Narthex there will be refreshments and time for visiting display tables on the different adult programs, committees and fellowship groups with information regarding their activities.

Following service, there will be a carry-in dinner/ice cream social with outside games to follow. Christian Board of Education will provide ice and toppings.

Don't forget the time and place, Sunday, September 20th at 9 a.m.

Please join us for the Rally Day. We look forward to seeing you.

Eleanor Berger, Chairperson
Christian Board of Education

I'm sure you noticed the insert in the bulletin today. Please fill out this summer worship evaluation insert and drop it in the basket near the name tag stand as you leave the service.

All Church organizations, whether educational or not, are asked to have a table at this year's Rally Day on Sunday, September 20th at 9 a.m. This will give everyone in the church and visitors a chance to review and sign-up for programs, committees and social organizations. Please RSVP regarding setting up your table to Eleanor Berger at 833-8796.

Board of Service Ministries meets Tuesday, Sept. 1st at 7:00 pm.

Mowers Needed!! We have no mowers signed up The dates open are: Sept. 6 & 20, Oct. 4 & 18 and Nov. 1 & 15.



Discernment Prayers for Our Church. Prayer time is on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at noon. The next prayer dates are Sept. 8th and Sept 22nd.

Women's Guild meets Sept. 10th at 1:00 pm when the outreach project will be the Violence Center. We can still use your help collecting Best Choice labels. Please consider buying Best Choice items for Crosslines donations as well as for home. Please cut out the bar codes and leave them in the fishbowl in the narthex or give them to Flo Valentine. These labels help provide additional service projects.

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Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

August 30, 2009

Nancy Anderson will open the church in August.

- Today: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost..... 10:30 am
- Tuesday: Board of Service Ministries 7:00 pm
- Wednesday: Grace & Weight 5:30 pm
- Choir Practice 7:40 pm
- Next Sun: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost..... 10:30 am
- Communion
- Bring Crosslines Food
- Monday: **Church Office Closed for Labor Day**

Opportunity Knocks: We are looking for someone to work in the church office during times that our secretary will be on vacation or have a day off. Computer knowledge and general office procedures would be a big plus, but just having someone here to answer the phone would be helpful to Pastor Becky. Specifically, someone is needed for the week of Sept 7-11. Any questions please call Joanne at 881-5175 during regular office hours.

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.