



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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Liturgist: Rhonda Glaser

September 27, 2009

Seventeenth Sunday 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 science and religion. You might want to reflect on difficulties that have surfaced with the advancement of science that stands in contrast to Bible stories.

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

Or you may wish to come forward and 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. Or you may spend time reflecting in your pew, or if you reflect better walking, walk around the sanctuary and reflect on images you encounter.

Meditative Hymn "Have Thine Own Way Lord"

No. 480

Acolyte:

Sarah Graham

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn of Praise

"Lord of the Dance"

1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2. I danced for the scribe__ and the Phar - i - see, but they
 3. I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the__ lame, the__
 4. I danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned_ black, it's__
 5. They cut me__ down__ and I leap up__ high,_____

1. danced in the moon and the stars__ and the sun, and I
 2. would not__ dance and they would-n't fol - low me, I__
 3. ho - ly__ peo - ple, they said it was a shame, they__
 4. hard to__ dance with the dev - il on your back, they__
 5. I am the life that -'ll nev - er, nev - er die, I'll__

1. came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth, __ at
 2. danced for the fish - er - men, for James and for John, __ they
 3. whipped and they stripped__ and they hung me__ high, and they
 4. bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd__ gone, __ but
 5. live in__ you__ if you'll live in__ me, _____

1. Beth - le - hem I__ had my birth.
 2. came with__ me and the dance went on.
 3. left me__ there on a cross to die.
 4. I am the dance and I still go on.
 5. I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

REFRAIN:
 Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be. I am the Lord of the
 Dance, said he. I'll lead you all wher - ev - er you may be, I will
 lead you all in the dance, said he. dance, said he.

1-4 to Verses Final

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*Call to Worship

or politics, or education and the list goes on—for through everything is woven a silken thread of the spiritual. Help us see this day the oneness, the unity of all that is!

Silence

Blessed be You, O God, for all the beauty that surrounds us, for the miraculous pulsing of life that takes our breath away, for the men and women of science who have opened horizons of deep space and chaos theories that boggle our minds. The wonders of You are exploding around us. Help us not miss the wonder of it all.

Silence

Each Sunday we pray for the ill of body, mind and soul, for we know that healing rises in the fluttering of heavenly wings, but we often forget that fluttering falls on the hands of surgeons, nurses, nurses aids, psychiatrists, and a whole healthcare network that is recognizing the spiritual dimension in healing. We live in exciting times—as I'm sure every generation before us, as they watch Your handiwork unfold.

Silence

We stand before You, on this day which You have made, with thankful, awe inspired hearts, forever praying the prayer taught to us by Your greatest miracle ever: Our Father who art in heaven . . .

Offering

“Zueignung”

Richard Strauss

Soloist: Chris Newsom

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

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

“Our’s 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!

Postlude:

“Festival Fanfare”

Archer

Our Stewardship for Sunday, September 20, 2009

Sunday School	24	Offering	\$16.43
Worship	91	Offering	\$1453.50

Keep the following people in your thought and prayers:

Members:

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: is now home and doing great!

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).

Holly Francis: (Logan McCuiston's mother) is doing well.

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.

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.

Confirmation Parents' Meeting after service today.

Board of Service Ministries meets Tuesday, Oct. 6th at 7:00 pm.

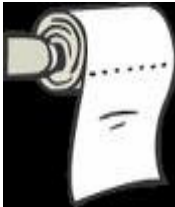
Council meets Thursday, Oct. 8th at 6:30 pm.

Camp Aurora Closing: Closing for the season Sat., Oct. 3rd at 9 am. Everyone is welcome to help close up camp.

Koinonia will host a Get Together, Saturday, October 10th at Eleanor and Mike Berger's, 6554 N. Deer Ln.. The main course and drinks will be provided but please bring a side dish, lawn chairs, and it's "BYOB". RSVP prior to Oct. 7th at 833-8796. Directions: North on Hwy.O; turn left/west at the stop light. Go to Farm Rd. 133, turn right; go 1/2 mile, turn left on Farm Rd. 68; go west about 1 mile; at curve turn left on Deer Lane. We are at the top of the hill.

The UCC is ceasing publication of United Church News..The Missouri Mid-South Conference has also ceased publication of The Courier. You now have 3 options to keep in touch with what's happening in the conference:

- 1.You can sign up for the electronic newsletter, eCourier, by e-mailing mms@mmsucc.org.
- 2.The Missouri Mid-South Conference has a Facebook page.
- 3.You can visit the conference website at www.mmsucc.org.



The Friendship Circle is again participating in the Festival of Sharing. We will be making paper kits to go to people in MO who are in need. Each kit contains 2-4 roll packs of toilet paper, 2 large boxes of tissues and 3 rolls of quality paper towels. A box will be in the Narthex if you would like to join in this mission. The deadline for bringing items to the church is Sunday, October 11th.

Board of Service Ministries is hosting a carry-in lunch October 18th for the reception of new members. If you are interested in joining the church, please contact Pastor Becky prior to October 18th.



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★ Everyone can help! Join CROP Hunger Walk or contribute to a walker. The Walk will be held Sunday, Oct. 3 at 2 pm.

★ We will have a table in the narthex, after church, through the month of September so you may sign up to walk or get your collection envelope (you don't have to walk to collect) or make a contribution. Nancy Anderson will be there to assist you.



September 27, 2009

Mary Lou Datema will open the church in September.

Today:	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am
	Guest Speaker-Dr. Steve Dodge	
	Confirmand Parents' Meeting	After Service
Wednesday:	Grace & Weight	5:30 pm
	Chapel Bells	6:30 pm
	Chancel Choir	7:40 pm
Saturday:	Camp Aurora Closes	9:00 am
	Bread For The World	9:00 am
Next Sun.:	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am
	World Communion Sunday	



Mark your calendars for January 16, 2010 when our youth will host the Snow Ball. There will be prizes awarded for Best Dressed, Best Dancers, and a Snow Ball King and Queen will be crowned. Watch the bulletin and *The Messenger* for more information.



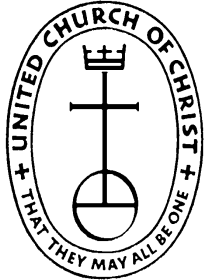
Jeanne and Karl Kruger are proud to announce the arrival of their grandson:
Jacob Aiden McDonald
Born September 21, 2009
To Steve and Noel McDonald
Weighing in at 7 lbs., 1 oz.

The Ozark Laity Cluster group will next meet November 8th at 4 pm here at St. John's Chapel UCC. A major portion of this meeting will focus on whether to apply for a UCC grant .for publicity.



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.

Bread for the World's next meeting is Saturday, October 3, 2009, at 9 am at the St. John's Chapel UCC Fellowship Hall. Mayra Flood will be speaking on the topic of us becoming a Mission Group according to Church of the Savior, Wellspring model.



Sunday School—9:00 am

Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

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Our Mission Statement

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