

23 August 09

12th after Pentecost

Following the God
made known in the life
and teachings of Jesus...

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of Bells

Prelude—Gathering Music

Call to Worship

One: In this house you will find bread for your life's journey.

All: In Jesus we find life anew.

One: Come. Stay awhile and eat this bread so you will never hunger.

All: In Jesus we find life anew.

One: Come. Be strengthened in God to withstand moments of darkness and evil.

All: In Jesus we find life anew.

UCC Book of Worship, adapted

***Hymn 24** "The God of Abraham Praise" tune: Leoni
words: Maimonides

The God of Ab'ram praise, all praises to God's name,
Who was and is and is to be, for-e'er the same!
The one eternal God, before what now appears;
the First, the Last, beyond all thought through timeless years!

God's spirit freely flows, high surging where it will;
God spoke of old in prophet's words, that words speaks still.
Established is God's law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep written on the human heart, in every land.

God has eternal life implanted in the soul;
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
All praise the living God! Extol that hallowed name,
Who was and is and ever shall be still the same.

The God of Sarah praise, all praises to God's name,
Who was and is and is to be, for-e'er the same!
The one eternal God, before what now appears;
the First, the Last, beyond all thought through timeless years!

*Litany

One: We profess that you are God, O Holy One.
We have no other gods,

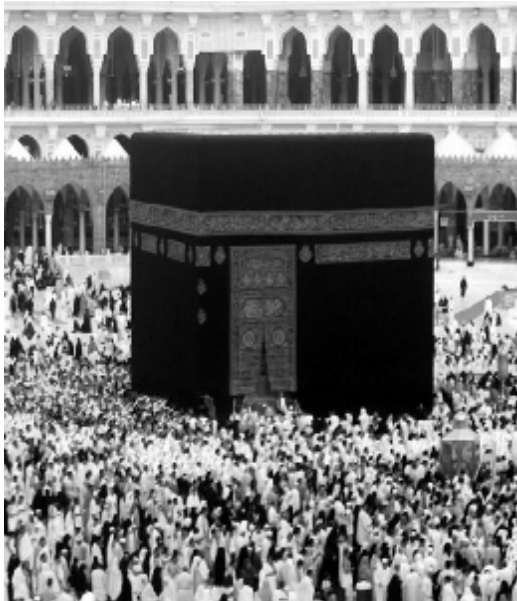
All: and yet, we do not always serve you
with sincerity and faithfulness.

One: We profess that you are God, O Holy One.
We have no other gods,

All: And yet, we struggle with the gods who seek to fulfill us
by consumerism and with self-importance.

One: We profess that you are God, O Holy One.
We have no other gods,

All: And yet, we hear gods who instill in us
such fear of our enemies
that we seek power from weapons of destruction.



House of God www.safiyah.ca

Welcome!

A word about diversity:

We strive to be a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, sexual orientation or gender identity.

A word about children:

We love children, babies, and teens and we welcome all ages to share worship with us. Professional child-care is available throughout the morning for those who prefer. Activity folders (available in the Narthex) allow children of all ages to respond creatively to worship. A playtime for preschool age children is offered after the Chancel Steps at the 11:00 a.m. service.

A word about special needs:

We offer sign language interpreting at our 11am worship service. Special seating is available as needed. We are happy to provide transportation to worship and special activities. Please let us know how we can help make this worship experience more accessible.



Welcome Center

New to our community? Please stop by the Welcome Center in center of the Narthex (outside the sanctuary) to learn more about our community, our facility, and our programs.

*An asterisk next to a section means that we stand for this part of the service as we are able.

One: Help us, O God, to find fulfillment in you.

All: Forgive us that we are skeptical
of love's transforming power
and help us turn our hearts again to you.

One: No other god cares for us as God does.

All: No other god loves us as God does.

One: No other god forgives us as God does.

All: Thanks be to God.

UCC Book of Worship, adapted

tune: Hyfrydol

words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

*Response

Christ be with us, Christ behind us,
Christ before us — all around!
Christ in busy, noisy cities,
Christ where hardly rings a sound.
Christ with all who keep on struggling,
Helping others to be free;
Christ with churches working, searching
For a greater unity.

Scripture

1 Kings 8, selected

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. "Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name--for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm--when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

John 6:56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that

would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Chancel Steps

Children are invited to come to the Chancel Steps to share a story.

Following the story, young children may choose

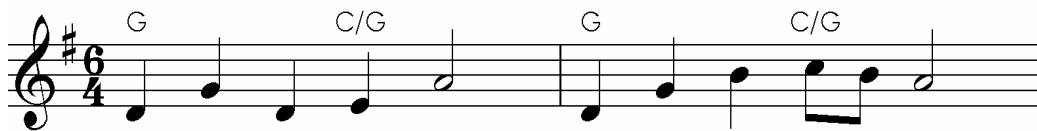
to go to the nursery (both services)

or to Shepherds (11:00am—a play time in the Red Room downstairs).

Special Music 8:30am & 11:30am Ryan Mathews

Sermon "Where Does God Live?" Al Schon

***Hymn 398** "Shadow and Substance" tune: Twilight words: Damon



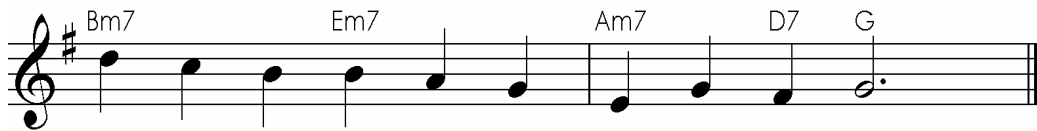
Shad-ow and sub-stance, won-der and mys-ter-y,
We are your im-age, formed in com-mu-ni-ty;
Nam-ing the name-less Spir-it of u-ni-ty,



spell-bind-ing spin-ner of at-oms and earth;
sis-ters and broth-ers of Ad-am and Eve.
scan-ning the heav-ens for signs of your care;



Soul of the cos-mos, per-son and en-er-gy,
You gave us col-or, cus-tom and his-to-ry;
God of the a-ges, give us hu-mil-i-ty;



source of our be-ing: we sing of your worth.
teach us to hon-or what oth-ers re-ceive.
guide us to mys-ti-cal un-ion in prayer.

Joys and Concerns

Believing that each joy and/or concern expressed is indeed a prayer,

After each expression, the worship leader will say: Lord in your Mercy.

And the people may respond: Hear our prayer.

"EAT THIS BREAD
AND LIVE FOREVER."
JUST LIKE THAT.



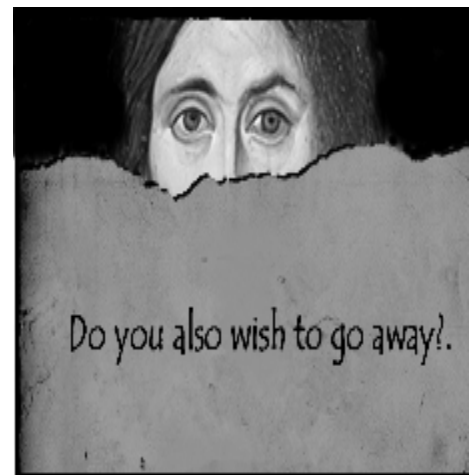
YEAH- IT'S LIKE
CONSUMING SOMETHING
ETERNAL MAKES YOU
ETERNAL.



I THINK THEY
DO THAT
WITH BOTOX
NOW.



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A Note of Thanks...

We want to express our appreciation to all our friends at Evangelical for your prayers, visits, cards, food and the lovely prayer quilt. Your thoughtfulness helped us through this difficult time. Peace and Love,

Margie & Michael West

We are honored to share this time of worship with you. Please take a moment to sign the gray attendance folder at the aisle end of the pew.

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Our Lord's Prayer

Many: All Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker.

Source of all that is and that shall be.

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name

echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed

by all peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done

by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and forever. Amen.

Uniting in Worship 2, United Church of Australia

Table Fellowship 8:30am

Invitation

Remembrance and Blessing

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.

Bless all of us in our eating and drinking

that our eyes might be opened,

that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst

indeed, in one another. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

The Congregation is invited to come forward by the center aisle... partaking of the bread and cup. We are also invited to respond to God's goodness as we place an offering in the plates beside the table, and/or light a prayer candle. After returning to the pews, please take a moment to sign the ritual of friendship pads.

Celebration of Giving 11:00am

*Response 2

"Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!"

Glory, Glory

Glory, Glory hallelujah,

since I laid my burden down. (repeat)

I feel better, so much better,

since I laid my burdens down. (repeat)

*Prayer of Dedication

Weekly Seeds, iucc.org (adapted)

Many: In your compassionate love, O God, you nourish us

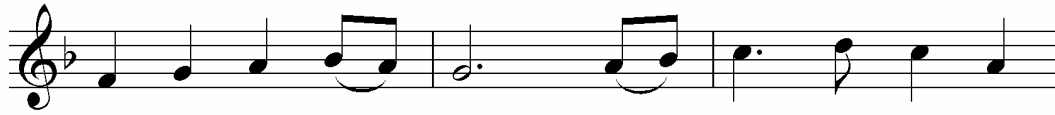
With words of life and bread of blessing.

Grant that Jesus may calm our fears and move our hearts

To praise your goodness by sharing bread with our others.



Let us build a house where love can dwell and
Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
Let us build a house where all are named, their



all can safe - ly live. A place where saints and
yond the wood and stone, To heal and strength-en
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of
serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the
taught and claimed as words with - in the Word. Built of



hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of
out - cast and the stran - ger bears the im - age of God's
tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of



grace, Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
face. Let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
grace. Let this house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come,
All are wel - come, all are wel - come,
All are wel - come, all are wel - come,



all are wel - come in this place. _____
all are wel - come in this place. _____
all are wel - come in this place. _____

*Blessing
*Postlude

Capital Campaign Update

Great News to share . . . we are happy to report that we have passed another hurdle and a total of \$600,984 has now been committed towards our goal for phase I of the capital campaign. Thank you! And thanks also to you who have been sending in pledges per your commitment starting in July. Now is the time! The Building Committee is working hard preparing information for improving our building and all is proceeding on schedule. If you have not returned your letter of commitment or would like one, please contact Norma (314-821-1731) or Jill (314-367-8224.)

It's Our Time! Jill Thompson &



Pitts Theological Library

Sharing our Gifts

During our Procession to the Table (8:30am) and Celebration of Giving (11:00am), we are invited to consider our offerings. The easiest way to make a financial offering is to drop check or money, marked clearly for EUCC or for special offerings, in the basket during worship. You can also set up electronic giving, which saves paper—and you never need your checkbook. Please contact the church office for more information.

Jim Ford's Shelter from the Storm Tuesday, Aug. 25th

Jim Ford, Evangelical's folk group leader and composer of several original hymns for EUCC, will be in concert at the Sheldon Concert Hall, Tuesday, August 25. The program starts at 7:30pm and tickets are \$6 at the door. Jim and his 5 piece group will be performing songs from their CD called Shelter from the Storm, that features 14 songs that Jim wrote. The musical styles range from folk to blues to blue grass. For further information visit www.stlharmony.com

Yellow Bags

The yellow bag ministry (shopping cart in Narthex) is happy to accept food donations of any kind if you are able. You may also check the menu, changed monthly, to see what food items are being requested for the month.

Interested in Membership?

Classes for New Members will begin in September. New Member coordinator, Kathy Cormack, is already at work meeting new friends and making connections. If you'd like more information, please be in contact with Kathy (314 487 2759 or e-mail at

MEMO

Dear Friends,

After serving the EUCC congregation as Director of Educational Programming for 9 years, I am looking forward to transitioning into Pastoral Assistant with, well, I must admit, with a few butterflies! I ask for your patience, understanding and guidance as I become familiar with my new surroundings. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns you may have as I become familiar with the EUCC office and the tasks anticipated to facilitate the activities within our congregation.

I plan to be in the office Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm. I can be reached...@ 314-962-1727 or by email at churchoffice@evangelicalucc.org.

Of course, personal visits are always welcome!!! I appreciate this opportunity to continue sharing in the ministry of Evangelical UCC.

Peace

Sue Schindel

What's a "Pastoral" Church? Congregational Discussion August 30th

Join the Governing Body in the sanctuary on August 30 between services (9:45am) for a discussion about being a "pastoral" church.

Special Offering for August

Our mission moment this month is to stock the shelves of Joint Neighborhood Ministries with canned goods. Food pantries run particularly low in the summer, when children who qualify for free lunch during the school year are home and need three meals a day. Please put your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex. If you'd like to make this a project with your family, think of your favorite meal (including vegetable and fruit) and donate that! Some ideas would be tuna and tuna helper, canned beans, fruit cocktail and jello; or chili, canned corn, cornbread mix, and canned peaches. Make your own menu! Thanks!

Today's Sandwich Sunday!!!

Join us in Fellowship Hall immediately following 8:30 worship (9:45) to prepare sandwiches for those in need.

EUCC Mom's Group

Thursday August 27 moms meet at church from 7-9pm. The meeting's topic will be 'Reading'. Everyone is invited to bring a couple of books to share with the group!!!

If you have questions, you may contact Dee Ban (314.965.1191, deebanfamily@sbcglobal.net)

Quilters to meet Sept 2nd

The EUCC quilters will be meeting from 7 - 9 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2 in Fellowship Hall to work on prayer quilts. Anyone who is at all interested in the quilts, or just in hanging out with us, is welcome. You need not be an expert at sewing. We'll be doing simple hand work. Come for whatever part of the evening fits your schedule. For more information, Contact Jill Saxton at 314-821-7917 or jcsaxtonjr@aol.com.

Our lap-size prayer quilts are held together with yarn ties, rather than a lot of stitching. When there is a need for special prayer, one of our quilts is passed around the congregation during worship, and everyone who wishes says a prayer for the person in need, and puts a bow or a knot in one of the ties. Later the quilt is presented to the person whom we prayed for, as a symbol of our congregation's concern and God's love. Anyone may request a prayer quilt for a relative or friend by speaking with Pastor Katy.

News from our Music Directors...



Summer Choir Schedule Change

Summer Choir will not perform on Sunday, Sept. 6th due to the holiday weekend

Chancel Choir Warm Up Calling all Singers!

The Chancel Choir will have it's annual warm-up and potluck on Sunday, August 23rd at 5pm. Joyce and Earl Brown have graciously opened their home to us (2016 Parkridge Ave). The warm-up gives us a chance to meet and greet each other, warm-up our voices, and peek at some potential music for fall. If you've not sung before but are adults/youth interested in choral music who would like to give it a try, come join us! Questions? Call Donita or Jill (314.367.8224)

Children's Choir starts Sept 9th

Children's Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 9th. Please meet in the Choir Room @ 6:30pm. Any questions, contact Darcy Swanson, Children's Choir Director @ 314-729-0251

Today at EUCC

8:30am—Worship
9:30am—Coffee Fellowship/Health Ministry Fair
9:45am—Sandwich Sunday
11am—Worship

This Week at EUCC

AI Anon—Tuesdays at noon

Building Phase I Committee—Tuesdays at 7pm (Adult Lounge)

LaLeche League-Thursday 9:30am (Fireside Rm)

YMCA First Aid Class-Friday 1pm (Orange Rm)

YMCA CPR Class-Saturday 8am (Orange Rm)

Golf—Friday evening

Summer Golf Outings

Jill Thompson and Donita Bauer invite you to join them for 9-holes of golf Friday evenings after work in Forest Park this summer. One will need to sign up the Sunday before, after which Jill or Donita will call in and get t-times. They will call you with your t-time. There will be all levels of 'game' so come join the fun! Each person will choose for themselves whether to walk, pull a cart or ride. If the weather looks threatening or hot, each person will be responsible for deciding whether to golf or not.

Look for the round paper plate each Sunday to sign up. Questions? Call Jill or Donita at 314-367-8224.

Sunday Morning
 Shared Ministry Opportunities — Signups are in the Narthex

Ministry		Today	Next Week
Liturgists	Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers	Mickey Clarke, Nancy Reiter	Jonah Schnell
Shepherds	Help Phiwa play with our preschoolers	Joe Kelly	Phil Barbier
Crib Room Assistants	Help Carole play with our babies (two shifts)	Cindy Bruns, Ray Mulligan	Gladys Bradley, Linda Kolley
Ushers	Greet worshippers and (at 11:00am) collect offering	Bob and Bobbie Pahmeier, Karen Acker, Phil Barbier, Bob Risk, Ray Mulligan	Joli Baker, Sean Bryant, Joe Ulrich, Steve Bardelmeier, Stacey Morris, Earl Brown
Coffee Hour	Provide finger foods and greet community between services	Circle of Healing	Open
Money Counters	Count the weekly offerings and enter into database		
Welcome Table	Greet visitors and members	Kathy Cormack (8:30am) Al Schon (11:00am)	Open
Summer Music	Provides music for our worship experience	Ryan Matthews	Dee Ban

Pastoral Team
 Katherine Hawker,
 Marilyn Stavenger, Al Schon
 Pastoral Assistant, Sue Schindel

Music Team
 Donita Bauer,
 Jill Thompson, Darcy Swanson
 Parish Nurse, Lisa Von Stamwitz
 Sunday AM, Carolyn Held
 Nursery, Carole Janssen
 Campus Minister at Webster, Laurel Hayes

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 Worship, Lil Lau

Endeavoring to maintain the unity of the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace, we are open to and affirming of each child of God, recognizing that we are called to be as one reconciled Body with members of every race, gender identity, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, class, age and physical or mental health and ability.

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