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14th after Pentecost

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

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of Bells

Prelude—Gathering Music

Invocation

One: Worker God, whose hands built the earth, molded our bodies, and sowed the stars across the sky, we gather in your presence this morning with praise and thanksgiving for your mighty deeds. Meet us here, Worker God; strengthen our hearts and our hands to work with you in the building of justice and peace.

<http://www.ucc.org/justice/worker-justice/worship-resources>

*Hymn

"Song of Healing"

tune: Bunesan
words: Norman Habel

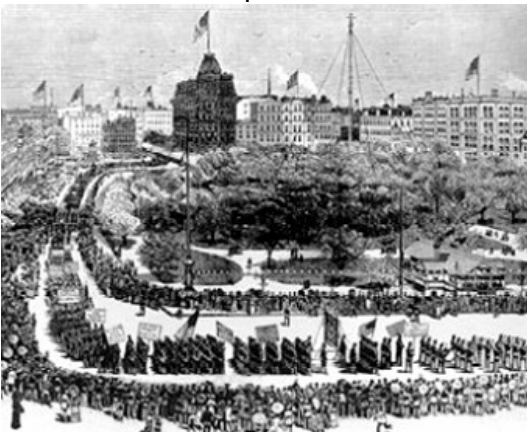


Heal-ing is flow - ing, deep in the wat - ers,
Heal-ing is ris - ing, fresh with the morn - ing,
Flow-ing from Ed - en, flow-ing from old.
Heal-ing is ris - ing, burst-ing with grace.
All through cre - a - tion, God sends forth wa -
Christ, our rich heal - ing, deep in cre - a -
ters, O - ceans of heal - ing, for all the world.
tion, Heal Earth's deep wounds and rise in this place.

The American Labor Day was founded in the wake of a strike against the Pullman Company by its employees and the harsh ending of the strike by President Grover Cleveland. 1894 was an election year. President Cleveland seized the chance at conciliation offered by Congressional legislation establishing a day to honor labor, especially labor unions, and Labor Day was born. Cleveland was not re-elected.

<http://www.npm.org/Planning/yearb/labor.html>

First Labor Day parade,
Union Square, New York, 1882



*Litany for Labor Day

Reader #1: We are the millions of men and women in our national community who will wake up one day this year to learn that we no longer have a job... or health insurance.

Response: **Child of God, you are not forgotten.** (Moment of silence)

Reader #2: We are the 4 million people in our national community who will celebrate a 19th birthday this next year and thus lose our health insurance.

Response: **Child of God, you are not forgotten.** (Moment of silence)

Reader #3: We are the 5 million children in our national community whose lack of health insurance sets up a barrier to good health.

Response: **Child of God, you are not forgotten.** (Moment of silence)

Reader #4: We are the 30 million workers between the ages of 18 and 64 who earn less than \$9 an hour and have no health insurance.

Response: **Child of God, you are not forgotten.** (Moment of silence)

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.

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 childcare 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.

Reader #5: We are the owners of small businesses, those businesses with less than 100 workers, often unable to provide health insurance for our employees.

Response: **Child of God, you are not forgotten.** (Moment of silence)

Reader #6: We are the six of every 10 people in the United States who are lucky enough to have jobs that offer health insurance for our families. And yet each year we are paying more and falling behind.

Response: **Child of God, you are not forgotten.** (Moment of silence)

Reader #7: We are the 18,000 people who will die this year because we do not have the security of health care that comes with having insurance.

Response: **Child of God, you are not forgotten.** (Moment of silence)

Reader #8: We are the uncounted millions for whom preventive health care and a healthy lifestyle are a struggle. We live in the inner city where fresh food is scarce and in rural communities with no doctors.

Response: **Child of God, you are not forgotten.** (Moment of silence)

One: Together we pray:

Many: **In the sacred bonds of our common humanity,
we acknowledge that we have failed
to care for every member of our human family.
We pray for forgiveness for hearts that have been slow,
hands that have been still, voices that have been silent.
For the courage we need for today, Holy One,
empower us. Amen.**

Adapted "Readings from the Uninsured", "Vision and Voice"
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*Response 581

tune: World Peace Prayer
words: Satish Kumar

Refrain



Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from de -
spair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to
love, from war to peace; let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our
world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse.

Scripture

Mark 7: 24-27

A woman, whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, "Let the children first be fed, for it is not

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

right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "For this saying you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home, and found the child lying in bed, and the demon gone.

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).*

Sacrament of Baptism

Alex White

Questions of the Parent and Sponsors:

- Do you desire to have your child baptized into this Christian community?
- Will you encourage your child to learn from the wisdom of the prophets; doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with his God?
- Will you foster for your child an appreciation for the life and teachings of Jesus in concert with an appreciation for diverse religious traditions?
- Will you teach your child to honor the faith questions that belong to him throughout his life?
- Will you journey with your child to discover the wonder of God's love made manifest here this day?

Questions of the Child:

- Do you want to be baptized here at Evangelical UCC?
- Will you try to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God?
- Will you learn about Jesus' life and teachings as well as other religious leaders?
- Will you honor the questions you have about God and life?
- Will you share your faith journey with your mom and your sponsors?

Congregational Assent:

Jesus calls us to welcome children into the full life of our community, opening our table and hearts to those most vulnerable, offering the wisdom of the ages to all who hunger for truth.

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament,
promise your love, support, and care
to this child being baptized as he lives and grows in this Christian community?
We promise our love support and care.

Affirmation of Faith:

Do you believe in God the Source, the fountain of life?

I believe in God.

Do you believe in Christ the Servant, embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church?

I believe in Christ.

Do you believe in the Spirit the Guide, the liberating wellspring of life?

I believe in the Spirit.

Baptismal Prayer and Act of Baptism

Prayer of Dedication: (prayed in unison)

God of wonder and grace, we thank you for your love revealed here this day as this community, these parent and sponsors, and this child come together making covenant promises. We pray that Alex will bask in your love as he makes his journey through this life. Amen.

Presentation of the Child: "Borning Cry" source: John Ylvisaker

"Borning Cry"
John Ylvisaker

I was there to hear
your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were
baptized,
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were
but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light
you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder
of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise
the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone
to share your time
and you join your hearts
as one,
I'll be there to make
your verses rhyme
from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you
through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently
closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have
always been
with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear
your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you
were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

Of all forms of inequality,
injustice in health care is the
most shocking and inhumane.
– Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Do not rob the poor because they
are poor, or crush the afflicted at
the gate; for the Lord pleads their
cause and despoils of life those who
despoil them.

Proverbs 22:22-23

What good is it, my brothers and
sisters, if you say you have faith
but do not have works? Can
faith save you? If a brother or
sister is naked and lacks daily
food, and one of you says to
them, "Go in peace; keep warm
and eat your fill," and yet you do
not supply their bodily needs,
what is the good of that? So
faith by itself, if it has no works, is
dead.

James 2:14-17

DEFINITION OF STOOP LABOR



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Holy God, maker of us all, you
call us to love our neighbors as
ourselves and teach us that faith
without works is dead. Open us
to the opportunities for ministry
that lie before us, where faith
and works and the need of our
neighbor come together in the
name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Special Music

Kathy Adair

Sermon

"Yes, but..."

Katherine Hawker

*Hymn 575

"O For a World"

tune: Azmon
words: Miriam Therese Winter

1 0 for a world where ev - ery - one re -
2 0 for a world where goods are shared and
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the
5 0 for a world pre - par - ing for God's

spects each oth - er's ways, Where love is lived and
mis - er - y re - lieved, Where truth is spo - ken,
fool - ish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: out -
glo - rious reign of peace, Where time and tears will

all is done with_ jus - tice and with praise.
chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
casts be - long, who_ per - ish - es will rise.
be no more, and_ all but love will cease.

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.*

Our Lord's Prayer

Blessed One, our Father and our Mother

Holy is your name.

May your love be enacted in the world.

May your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For all that we do in your love,

and all that your love brings to birth,

and the fullness of love that will be

are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Table Fellowship
 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.*

*Communion Song "Woyaya" source: Osibisa

We are go - ing, hea - ven knows
 We will get there, hea - ven knows
 where we are go - ing, We'll know we're there.
 how we will get there, We know we will.
 It will be hard we
 know, and the road will be mud-dy and rough,
 but we'll get there hea - ven knows how we will
 get there, We know we will. Repeat

*Prayer of Dedication

Many: For the blessing of life, we give you thanks.
 For the comfort you provide
 for all who experience illness and loss, we give you thanks.
 And for the call to care and the will to do it,
 we give you thanks. Amen.

Celebrating with...

Chris and Jennifer Hart,
 CJ, John and
 Baby Boy-on-the way!
 as they journey
 to Pennsylvania as
 Chris accept his call as
 Associate Pastor of
 Bethany Children's Home.



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.

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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September Mission Collection: Project Peanut Butter

Project Peanut Butter is a therapeutic feeding program for malnourished children in Malawi and Sierra Leone, on the continent of Africa. It was founded by Professor Mark Manary, M.D.,



a pediatrician at St. Louis Children's Hospital and a

professor of pediatric medicine at Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Manary has worked in Africa for more than two decades, finding his calling solving the problem of severe malnutrition among the world's most impoverished and malnourished children. He is recognized the world over as a leading authority on severe childhood malnutrition.

Dr. Manary was the first to conduct clinical trials of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF), a peanut/dairy/vitamin/mineral food that offers a 95% recovery rate for severely malnourished children and is administered in the home. This represents a vast improvement over the milk-based formulas of the recent past that offered dismal recovery rates of 25% - 40% and required hospitalization, subjecting children to infectious agents when their malnourished bodies were less able to withstand this additional burden.

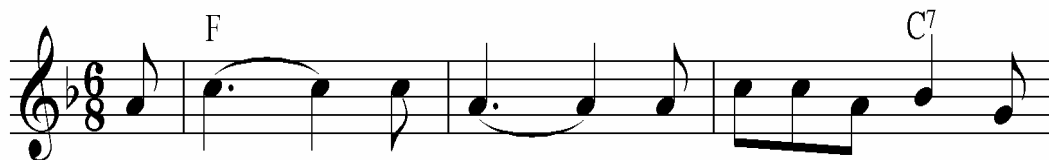
Every dollar collected for Project Peanut Butter will go toward the production and distribution of RUTF to hungry babies and toddlers in Malawi and Sierra Leone, so please give generously to this mission!

For more information, please visit www.projectpeanutbutter.org

*Hymn 498

"Jesu, Jesu"

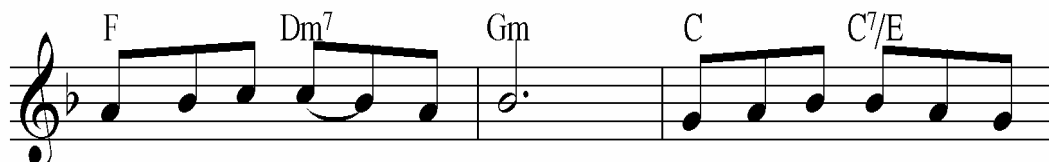
tune: Chereponi
words: Tom Colvin



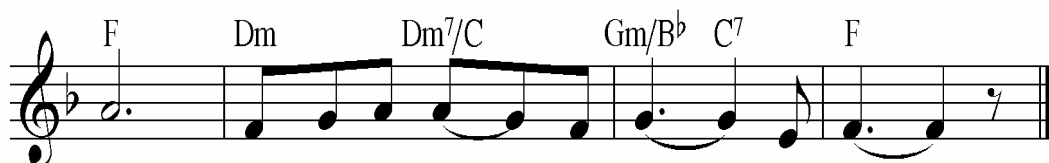
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.



Knelt at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their
Neighbors are rich and poor, var - ied in col - or and
Lov - ing puts us on our knees, show - ing our faith by our



feet, Je - su, you act - ed as ser - vant to them.
race, neighbors are near and far a - way.
deeds, serv - ing the neighbors we have from you.

*Blessing

*Postlude

Homecoming Sunday

September 13, 2009

"Part of the Family"



8:30am	Worship (includes weekly communion)
9:30am	Pancake Breakfast begins!
10:15am	Church School Introduction and Information for Adults
11:00am	Worship

Moms' Group

Moms' Group will meet with children at the Botanical Garden on Wed Sept 9 at 9:30am. Admission is free on Wednesdays so come right in to the Children's Garden where Dee has tickets to share for that wonderful play area. Anyone is welcome to join the fun and can be extra hands to help with the little ones. Also, on Thursday evening Sept 17 from 7-9pm the Moms' Group will meet, just moms, at church. The topic is books. Bring your favorite books, both children and adult, to share with the group. Any questions? Call Dee Ban 314-965-1191.

Advent Fair planning is underway...

Just like teachers and students around Saint Louis, the Servant Team is planning for the school year, and this includes the Advent Fair!

Please start thinking now if you are interested in hosting a table at either the Mission Advent Fair or Artists' Advent Fair. The fairs will be December 6 and December 13. The Mission Advent Fair is designed for groups who use the funds generated by sales to truly help others, such as Plowsharing Crafts (a perennial favorite). The Artists' Advent Fair is designed to spotlight our own community's artists and help them to share their work with us. There is no cost to having a table at the fair, and tables can be shared. Please contact Laura Evans or Lori Winter if you are interested. Thanks!

Laura Evans (314) 394-0453 or lk.evans@charter.net; Lori Winter (314) 849-0389 or jimloriwin-ter@aol.com

News from our Music Directors...

Children's Choir starts Sept 9th

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

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir has begun! Practice is held every Thursday at 7:30pm in the Choir Room. Any questions, contact Donita Bauer @ 314-367-8224.

Folk Choir Begins

The Folk Choir is ready to start its season. Jim Ford has agreed to direct the group again this year. He shares his many talents including pieces he has composed. Typically, the Folk Choir rehearse the first Sunday of the month at 9:45 a.m. and sings the second Sunday. However, due to the Labor Day holiday, Folk Choir will NOT rehearse this Sunday BUT we will sing Sept. 13 rehearsing at 8 a.m. and singing at 8:30 a.m. Jim has promised the group will do something that we can pick up with the early morning rehearsal.

Anyone who is interested is welcome to come! Join Folk Choir, Sept. 13 at 8 a.m.!

Do you play a musical instrument?

If you do and would like to participate in worship, let Donita Bauer know.

Today at EUCC

8:30am—Worship
9:30am—Coffee Fellowship (Alex White's Baptism Celebration)
11am—Worship

This Week at EUCC

Monday, September 7th—
Church Office Closed
(Labor Day Holiday)

Al Anon—Tuesday at 12:15pm
Orchard House Bible Study—
Tuesdays at 7pm
Phase 1 Building Committee—
Tuesdays at 7pm (Adult Lounge)
Moms' Group—Wednesday at
9:30am (MO Botanical Garden)
Children's Choir—Wednesday at
6:30pm (Choir Room)
YMCA CPR/AED Training—
Thursday at 5pm (Orange Room)
Girl Scout Leaders—Thursday at
7pm (Green Room)
Chancel Choir—Thursday at
7:30pm (Choir Room)
LaLeche League—Friday at 10am
(Fireside Room)
YMCA Yard Sale—Saturday at
6am (Upper Parking Lot)
Governing Body Retreat—
Saturday at 8am (Eden Campus)

Gently Used Handheld Games Needed!!!

Heuwoehner High School (St. Louis, MO) sponsors a Team Tiger Party each week to reward students for following the rules. The school desperately need gently used handheld games or any other items teenage boys my appreciate. If you have donations or need more information, contact Kathy Adair at 314-800-8476.

Interested in Membership?

Classes for New Members will begin in September 20th. 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 k_cormac@charter.net).

Sunday Morning
 Shared Ministry Opportunities — Signups are in the Narthex

Ministry		Today	Next Week
Liturgists	Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers	OPEN	OPEN
Shepherds	Help Phiwa play with our preschoolers	Loretta Haggard	Melinda Love Elaine Branding
Crib Room Assistants	Help Carole play with our babies (two shifts)	Gladys Bradley Florence Neuhoff	Linda Brandewiede Amy Soell
Ushers	Greet worshippers and (at 11:00am) collect offering	David Faulkner Sandy Bowe Geno & Lola Contestable	Bob and Linda Brandewiede Gigi and Bob Hill Bob and Jean Karr
Coffee Hour	Provide finger foods and greet community between services	Alex White's Baptism Celebration	OPEN
Money Counters	Count the weekly offerings and enter into database	Ken Ulmer Norma Leuhauser	Brenda Detrick Don Hubatka
Welcome Table	Greet visitors and members	OPEN	OPEN
Summer Music		Kathy Adair	

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
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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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