

# 04 October 09

## World Communion Sunday

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

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Ringing of the Bells

#### Prelude—Gathering Music

#### \*Call to Worship

One: After a long, cold night of fishing,  
Many: Jesus welcomed them to the warm fire.

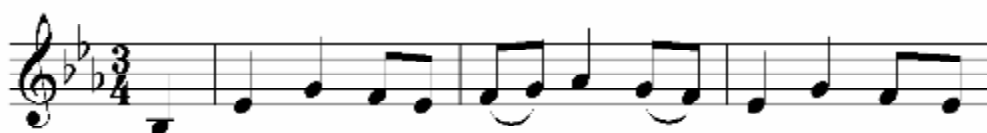
One: They brought him fish that they caught  
Many: and he cooked the fish for them.

One: It was done with care and concern  
Many: because they were his friends.

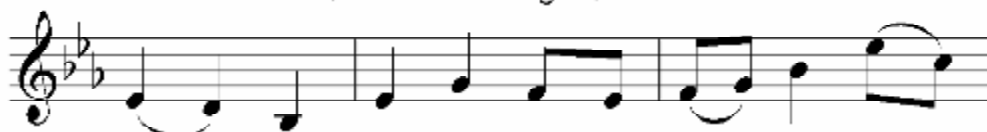
One: In the same way today, Jesus simply calls us with love and concern  
Many: because we, too are his friends and are welcome.

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\*Hymn 344 "The Time was Early Evening" tune: Afton Water  
words: Iona Community



The time was ear-ly eve-ning, the place a room up-  
The com-pa-ny of Je-sus had met to share a  
"The bread and bod-y bro-ken, the wine and blood out-  
Christ Je-sus, now a-mong us, con-firm our faith's in-



stairs; The guests were the dis-ci-ples, few in  
meal; The One who made them wel-come had much  
poured, The cross and kitch-en ta-ble are  
tent, As, with your words and ac-tions, we u-



num-ber and few in prayers. Oh, the food comes from the  
more to re-veal.  
one by my sign and word."  
nite in this sac-ra-ment.



bak-er; the drink comes from the vine; The words come from the



Sav-ior. "I will meet you in bread and wine."

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Pictures from Baptist Church (Atlanta), Vatican City, Bethel Mennonite Church, Pentecostal Church Salvador.



## 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 as requested. 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.



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

## \*Gathering Prayer

One: We pray:

Many: Jesus, you come to us through common things.

But in our busyness we fail to experience your presence.

We tend to look for you in "holier" places.

We think that you must be somewhere other than here. We forget that you come to us in simple things;

things like fish, and bread, and juice at the table.

Help us to pay attention. Help us to hear your still small voice. As we share in this meal today, we give thanks that you have invited us to your table. Amen.

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## \*Response 526

"Siyahmba"

source: South Africa

G

(Phonetic Text) 1. See yah hahm — buh koo kahn  
(English) 2. We are march - ing in the

D7

yen kwen kohs, see yah hahm buh koo kahn yen kwen koh  
light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God

G C G

— See yah hahm buh — Oo, — see yah  
— We are march - ing — Oo, — we are

D7 G

hahm buh koo kahn yen kwen kohs. —  
march - ing in the light of God. — (Repeat v.1)

## 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).*

## Response v.1

"You Have Come to the Lakeshore" tune: Pescador Hombres

D A7 D

You — have come down to the lake - shore —

G A7

— seek - ing nei - ther — the wise nor the wealth - y, —

D A7 D

— But on - ly ask - ing — for me to fol - low.

Refrain

O Je- sus, you have looked in-to my eyes; kind-ly  
 smil- ing, you've called out my name. On the sand I  
 have a - ban-doned my small boat; now with  
 you I will seek oth- er seas.

### Contemporary Reading

Yeast makes bread rise because of the bubbles of gas that it produces. When the yeast is mixed throughout the dough, the bread rises and has the proper rough and airy texture. But if all of the yeast is lumped together in one small part of the dough, the bread won't rise evenly and will have big, empty holes in it. Even so, the church — the people of the Kingdom — must be intimately involved in life, in the world, in the flour of humanity. When we have clustered ourselves together, fearfully barricaded behind sanctuary walls, we have created great, empty holes in God's world that are filled with nothing but hot air. But if we who call ourselves yeast are willing to become so involved in the pain, the despair, and the laughter of life that our main concern becomes enabling people to grow into all that they can be — then God's bread will become perfect in quality, with yeast permeating every part of the dough. Being involved with life — intimately mixed through and through it — sounds dangerous. Yeast dies in the oven, having lost itself to the creation of something new. May we also be willing to lose ourselves.

"Yeast Thoughts" by Mike Hodge; pp.4-5,  
*Alive Now!*, September-October 1976, copyright © 1976 by The Upper Room.

### Response v.2 "You Have Come to the Lakeshore" tune: Pescador Hombres

You know full well my possessions,  
 neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,  
 just these my fishnets and will for working.  
 O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;  
 kindly smiling, you have called out my name.  
 On the sand, I have abandoned my small boat;  
 now with you, I will seek other seas.

### Contemporary Reading

Why has Communion, especially the attempt to define Christ's presence, been divisive? Our divisions are no more evident than at a table and the people you would eat with and wouldn't eat with. We're smart enough to know that eating is a very intimate activity. You take care whom you invite to dinner. Southern segregationists were smart enough to know they had to keep blacks away from lunch counters, because if you dare ask people to sit down with you, even at a lunch counter, you've got to admit they're human beings. We also know that barriers are most readily broken at the table. The meal is an intimate, communal, uniting experience, and it's also a risky, scary time when we try to erect boundaries. For Christians, it ought to be a sign of unity. It is a tragedy that of all things this should be a mark of division.

Bishop William Willimon (p.15),  
*Alive Now!*, May-June 1997, copyright © 1997 by The Upper Room.

### Sharing Communion as a Family

Although most Christian churches share communion, there are distinctly different understandings not only of the words to use as we share the bread and juice, but also of its very symbolism and significance.

Often Christians share bread (a loaf of bread or wafers) representing the body of Christ and a cup (with wine or grape juice) representing the blood of Christ as described by Paul in his letter to the church in Corinth (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). But it wasn't always this way.

One of the earliest stories we have of the ritual practice of communion is from a book called the *Didache*, an ancient Christian manual from late in the first or early second century. This book describes Eucharist (communion) is central to worship but there is no mention of Jesus' body or blood. The meaning is described like this: The juice reminds us of the 'fruit of the tree of David' (symbolic of their religious-ethnic heritage) and the bread reminds us the process of transforming wheat into a single loaf (the gathering of people transformed into community). Sharing communion with these ancient images is about remembering our heritage and celebrating our oneness in community.

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Bread and Wine, Darrell Storts



## Sharing Communion (continued)

For the members of our community, the experiences of communion are remarkably diverse. As we gather around the table, we celebrate the welcome of our still speaking God. We are invited to participate regardless of our age, our race, our orientation, even our beliefs. Having reaffirmed the openness of our table, we remember the story that Jesus' friends tell of his last holiday meal with them (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:13-20). The story is that shared the tangible symbols of bread and cup. We share bread reminiscent of the brokenness of humanity (Jesus' and ours) and the wholeness of community. We share the cup reminiscent of the sacred alive in all creation, the spirit moving within us even now.

As we process to the table, taking bread and dipping it into the juice, we come together as a community and experience the sacred within us and around us. Often we chose to honor this encounter as we light a candle in prayer.

## 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.*

**Response v.3** "You Have Come to the Lakeshore" tune: Pescador Hombres

**You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
working love for the rest of the weary –  
a love that's willing to go on loving.  
O Jesus, you have looked into my  
eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you I will seek other seas.**

## Sacred Text

Mark 2:13-17

Jesus went out again beside the lake; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax-collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax-collectors, they said to his disciples, 'Why does he eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' When Jesus heard this, he said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

**Response v.4** "You Have Come to the Lakeshore" tune: Pescador Hombres

**You, who have fished other waters;  
You, the longing of souls that are yearning:  
O, loving friend, you have come to call me.  
O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you call out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat.  
Now, with you, I will seek other seas.**

## Sermon

"Bread and Cup"

Katherine Hawker

## Anthem 8:30am

"Song Without Words"

Mendelssohn

Jill Thompson, Cello

11:00am

"My Maker's World"

Sheldon Curry

Chancel Choir

## 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.*

## Order for Sharing in the Lord's Supper

John Riggs, "Flames of the Spirit" ed. R. Duck

### Invitation

When Jesus sat at table and enjoyed communion with tax collectors and sinners he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness: all are invited now to share God's table, and be nourished by the Bread of Life.

### Communion Prayer

One: God be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

Many: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: We thank you, God, that you have provided for all the worlds that ever were or will be by giving yourself to them in love. If we go to the heights of the mountains, or if we make the grave our bed, you are with us. If we go to the depths of the sea, your right hand holds us fast. We thank you for Jesus, your Word, who lived among us, uncovering your presence. We thank you that you stamped his death with victory and that Life, not death, was the final word. We ask now that you bless us, as we share this bread and cup, that we might be nourished by that same unbounded love and so be encouraged to be your servants to the world. And now, as your daughters and sons whom you have reconciled to yourself, we pray:

Many: Our father, who art in heaven...

### Breaking of the Bread—Pouring of the Cup

One: As this grain once was scattered in the fields and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

*(Breaking the Bread)... Take. The Bread of Life.*

One: The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

*(Pouring the Cup)... Take. Drink. The Cup of the New Covenant. God is with you.*

*The Congregation is invited to come forward by the center aisle...*

*Taking a piece of bread, dipping it in the juice, and partaking.*

*We are also invited to respond to God's goodness as we place an offering in the plates beside the table or light a prayer candle.*

### Communion Hymn "Let Us Break Bread" source: traditional

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)

Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)

Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)

Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.



## Special Offering for October: Neighbors in Need

Our mission moment this month is one of our UCC Special Mission Offerings: Neighbors in Need. Neighbors in Need supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States and Puerto Rico, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAM), justice and advocacy, and direct service projects supported by Justice and Witness Ministries. If you'd like to support this ministry, write a check to EUCC and write Neighbors in Need in the memo line.



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**Financial Team – Offering Counters**

Another important volunteer job of EUCC is money counting. New volunteers are needed for this job. Counters are volunteers who accept the fiduciary responsibility to do the following tasks

- collect the Sunday offerings;
- count those offerings;
- record the offerings;
- prepare the bank deposit;
- report the deposit sum to the treasurer; and
- take the deposit to the bank.

Teams of two are needed for each Sunday. Please consider this important fiduciary responsibility.

Contact Paul W. Kachulis  
(314) 691-2749 pack-  
mo01@aol.com

**Woman’s Drumming Circle being formed...**

Join other women to explore what drumming can do for you and for an evening of fellowship. We gathering a show of interest for a woman’s drumming circle to be held in the EUCC sanctuary possibly on Wednesday evenings. Please contact Lil Lau 314 481-2600 if you are interested.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

One: We pray together:

Many: We come to your table as a people of faith.

We come responding to your longing to be in relationship.

We celebrate the invitation to share this meal

where lives are transformed and people are empowered.

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**\*Hymn 419**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

tune: Nun Danket

text: Catherine Winkworth



Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice, Who  
O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, With  
All praise and thanks to God our Maker now be given, To



wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices, Who,  
ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, And  
Christ, and Spirit, too, our help in highest heaven, The



from our parents' arms, has blessed us on our way with  
keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed, And  
one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore, For



countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day,  
free us from all ills in this world and the next,  
thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

**\*Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

## Quilters to meet

### October 7th

The EUCC quilters will meet on Wednesday, October 7 from 7-9 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to work on some more prayer quilts for the congregation. You need not be expert at sewing to join us! We'll be doing simple things like hemming and cutting fabric. You are also most welcome to bring your own sewing, knitting, etc. to work on while we visit. Feel free to come and go at whatever times work for you. For more information, contact Gail Saxton at 314-821-7917 or [acsaxtonjr@aol.com](mailto:acsaxtonjr@aol.com).

## MMSUCC Biennial Meeting:

*Envisioning God's Future: We Your People, Ours the Journey*

October 30-November 1  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Independence, MO

Information available in EUCC's church office or online at [www.mmsucc.org](http://www.mmsucc.org)

## Group Spiritual Direction Offered

Do you feel a yearning for something more but are not sure what? Are you wanting to explore your spirituality but are unsure how? Do you desire a deeper connection with God but don't know where to begin? Group Spiritual Direction may be what you are seeking. This is a contemplative journey of the movement of the spirit within each of us as we support and share with others our experiences and our insights into the sacred. A new group is forming now. If you are interested please catch us at church or contact :

Susan Ulmer at [skulmer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skulmer@sbcglobal.net)  
or Anne Knight at [anne.g.knight@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anne.g.knight@sbcglobal.net).

## Yoga Class begins

### October 10th

Another 8 week session of yoga will be offered by Amy Soell, a certified yoga instructor. The classes will be held on Saturday in the church narthex from 9-10:30 a.m. starting October 10th. There is no charge for this class as the fee is covered by a grant. Please bring a yoga mat and a small blanket, all other yoga equipment are supplied. Sign up sheet is in the narthex. *As always it is recommended that you check with your health care provider before starting any new exercise program.*

## Financial Update

On the financial front we have much to celebrate at the end of the third quarter of 2009. With a pattern of overspending that developed over past few years and the loss of income from the 212 Building, our fiscal situation in July was very serious. Despite the economy (and the generous support by our members and friends of the Capital Campaign!!!) the giving for 2009 is running equivalent to 2008. This is astounding! The Governing Body has restructured staff and expenses and thus we have ended the overspending pattern. We are in an encouraging place although still behind for 2009. Thank you for your continuing support.

## Youth Ministry Circles Upcoming Schedule:

October 4th: NO YOUTH CIRCLES  
October 11th: Youth in Motion (Scavenger Hunt)  
October 18th: Youth in Community (Exploring the Mind/Body Connection with guest Amy Soell)  
October 25th: Youth in Service (TBD)

## THIS WEEK AT EUCC

### Sunday, October 4th

8:30am—Worship  
9:30—Folk Choir  
9:45—Coffee Fellowship  
9:45-10:45—Education Hour  
11:00am —Worship  
12:00pm—Youth in Worship Band

### Monday, October 5th

9:15am—Job Jar  
12:15pm—Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, October 6th

12:15pm—Al-Anon Meeting  
7:00pm—Orchard House Bible Study  
7:00pm—Phase 1 Building Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, October 7th

6:30pm—Children's Choir  
7:00pm—Quilters

### Thursday, October 8th

5:00pm—YMCA First Aid Training  
7:30pm—Chancel Choir

### Friday, October 9th

10:00am—LaLeche League

### Saturday, October 10th

9:00am—Yoga

## EUCC Moms' Group meets October 29th!!

EUCC's Moms' Group will meet Thursday October 29th at 7pm in the Fireside Room. Bring a book to share and join us for the evening. Any questions, contact Dee Ban at 314-965-1191.



Sunday Morning  
 Shared Ministry Opportunities — Signups are in the Narthex

Ministry		Today	Next Week
Liturgists	Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers	Deborah McBride	TBD
Shepherds	Help Carolyn play with our preschoolers	Jane Miles Chris Reinhard	Jeff and Stacey Morris
Crib Room Assistants	Help Carole play with our babies (two shifts)	Teri Hillen Marie Keath	Cindy Bruns Sandy Bowe
Ushers	Greet worshippers and (at 11:00am) collect offering	David Faulkner Sandy Bowe Geno and Lola Contestabile	Edna Huitt Gladys Bradley Gigi and Bob Hill Bob and Jean Karr
Coffee Hour	Provide finger foods and greet community between services	OPEN	OPEN
Money Counters	Count the weekly offerings and enter into database	Ken Ulmer Norma Leuthauser	Brenda Detrick Don Hubatka
Welcome Table	Greet visitors and members	OPEN	OPEN

Pastoral Team  
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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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