

18 October 09 Children's Sabbath

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

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Lord, please let our small mustard seeds of daily service
grow into great shrubs of change and trees
in whose branches the birds can nest
and in whose shade our children can rest and feel safe. Amen.
Marian Wright Edelman

*Hymn 31 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" tune: Royal Oak
words: Cecil Alexander



Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear God made them
all. 1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each
2. The pur - ple-head - ed_ moun-tain, the
3. The cold wind in the_ win - ter, the
lit - tle bird_ that sings, God_ made their glow - ing_
riv - er run - ning by, The_ sun - set, and the_
pleas - ant sum - mer sun, The_ ripe fruits in the_
col - ors, and_ made their ti - ny_ wings.
morn - ing that_ bright - ens up the_ sky.
gar - den, God_ made them ev - ery_ one.

*Litany of Call

One: God did not call us to succeed,
Many: God called us to serve.

One: God did not call us to win,
Many: God called us to work.

One: God did not call us to live long,
Many: God called us to live for God.

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.

One: God did not call us to be happy,
Many: God called us to be hopeful.

One: God did not call us to fame,
Many: God called us to faith.

One: God did not call us to seek power,
Many: God called us to seek peace.

One: God did not call us to loot the earth and each other,
Many: God called us to love our earth and each other. Amen.

*Response

"Over My Head"

Marian Wright Edelman
source: traditional

Over my head, I hear music in the air;
over my head, I hear music in the air;
over my head, I hear music in the air;
there must be a God somewhere.

Over my head, I hear praying in the air...

Over my head, I hear laughter in the air...

Over my head, I hear music in the air...

Contemporary Word

General Assembly,
National Council of Churches, 11 Nov 04

All children need to be part of nurturing faith communities where they are included as full members and participants in the common life of worship, prayer, witness and service. Therefore, we commit to:

- Ensure through leader development and assignment of resources that faith communities are places of joy, nurture and safety for children
- Nurture the spiritual life of children and teach them of the love, grace and fellowship of God
- Receive, nurture and treasure each child as a gift from God
- Give high priority to the quality of planning for children and the preparation and support of those who minister with them
- Foster community beyond the family unit, in which children, youth and adults know each other by name, minister to each other, and are partners together in serving Christ in the world
- Appreciate children's abilities and readiness to represent Christ and his Church, to bear witness to God's grace wherever that may be, and according to gifts given them, to carry on the faithful work of reconciliation in the world, and to take their place in the life, worship, ministry of the community of faith and governance according to each communion's distinctive polity.

Sacred Text

Mark 10:40-45

Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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).*

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

Anthem 8:30am	A Kyrie for Our Time Children's Choir	Don Besig
11:00am	O God, Our Help in Ages Past Chancel Choir	Arr. Hopson
Sermon	How are the Children?	Katherine Hawker
*Hymn	"The Year of the Child"	tune: Ellacombe words: Jane Parker Huber

Help us to show your love, O Christ,
To children in our care,
And reach beyond till every child
Is held in love and prayer.
For, through neglect, abuse and sin,
Some children suffer pain.
They never learn to live and seek
A rainbow through the rain.

When children need a helping hand
To lift or to inspire,
May we, your church, be present there
To give what they require.
For love, our God has made us all,
God's children everywhere,
To live in joyful harmony,
To be the best we dare.

May we learn well what children teach:
An open mind and heart,
An energizing zest for life,
A willingness to start
Grant us the grace to be child-like,
Approaching all our days
With eager, playful, lively joy,
In loving, hope-filled praise.

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.*

In Our Prayers



A Prayer for Children

Ina J. Hughes

We pray for children
who sneak popsicles before supper,
who erase holes in math workbooks,
who can never find their shoes.

And we pray, for those
who stare at photographers from
behind barbed wire,
who can't bound down the
street in a new pair of sneakers,
who never "counted potatoes,"
who are born in places where
we wouldn't be caught dead,
who never go to the circus,
who live in an X-rated world.

We pray for children
who bring us sticky kisses and
fistfuls of dandelions,
who hug us in a hurry and forget
their lunch money.

And we pray for those
who never get dessert,
who have no safe blanket to
drag behind them,
who watch their parents watch them die,
who can't find any bread to steal,
who don't have any rooms to clean up,
whose pictures aren't on any-
body's dresser,
whose monsters are real.



Please offer your hands to them
so that no child is left behind
because we did not act.



The Rose on our altar is in celebration of the birth of Archer Thomas
 Born
 Monday, October 12th
 To
 Jody Woodward and
 Amy VanMatre
 & big sister, Amiya!!!
 1976 Pickfair Dr.
 St. Louis, MO 63146

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.

Our Lord's Prayer

Our Father, above us and all around us,
 May your unspeakable Name be revered.

Here to earth, may your kingdom come.
 Here on earth, may your will be done as it is in heaven.

Give us today our bread for today.
 And forgive us our wrongs as we forgive those who wrong us.

Lead us away from the time of trial.
 But liberate us from the evil.

For the kingdom is yours and yours alone,
 And the power is yours and yours alone,
 And the glory is yours and yours alone.
 Amen.

Brian McLaren, <http://www.brianmclaren.net>

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

The congregation is invited to share gifts for our shared ministry.

*Response

"Take, O Take Me as I Am" source: Iona Community

Take, O take me as I am;
 sum - mon out what I shall be;
 set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

***Prayer of Dedication**

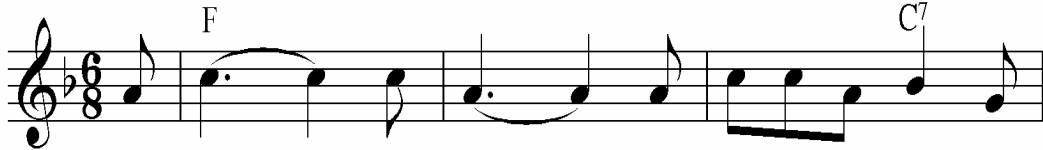
One: O God, take our tiny acorns of service
and turn them into towering oak trees of hope. Amen.

Marian Wright Edelman

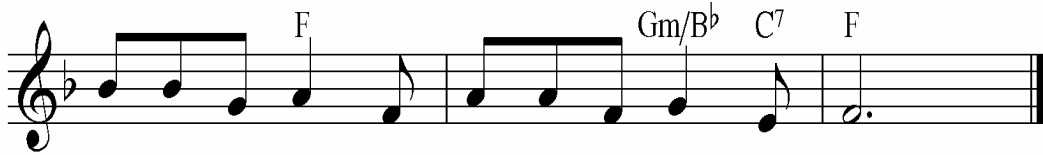
***Hymn 498**

"Jesu, Jesu"

tune: Chereponi
words: Tom Colvin



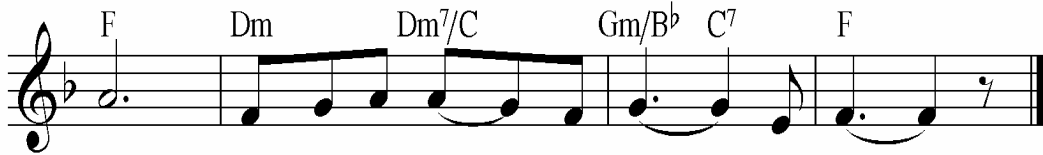
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.



Knelt at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their
Neigh - bors are rich and poor, var - ied in col - or and
These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
Lov - ing puts us on our knees, show - ing our faith by our
Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their



feet, Je - su, you act - ed as ser - vant to them.
race, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.
love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
deeds, serv - ing the neigh - bors we have from you.
feet, this is the way we should live with you.

***Blessing**

***Postlude**

**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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Educational Opportunities:

- Bible Workbench bible study class in the Adult Lounge at 9:45am each week. Marty Holland and David Meiers will teach this class using the Bible Workbench curriculum (based on the Lectionary). Parker Palmer says that this class, "Is a way of letting the Bible read us" and Marcus Borg claims that it offers a "serious and life changing encounter with the bible".

Life in the Family - Denominational Connections and Local Tools

Oct 18th-Building Committee Update with Gary Boehnke

- Oct 25th-General Synod Reflections with Gary Stalling
- Nov 1st-GB Finance 101-Understanding the Flow of Money in our Community with Ken Ulmer
- Nov 8th & Nov 15th-FaithWorks Sharing-Tex Samples' Keynotes with Laura Bardelmeier

Church School Focus

Our preschool and elementary children begin a second unit on Abraham, now looking at the complicated family patterns and affirming our own diverse families. Help us help your children - the most important support that you offer to your children's religious education is your consistent presence as a family.

Youth Ministry Circles Upcoming Schedule:

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: CROP WALK



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.

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.

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.



Crop Walk Sunday, October 25th!

EUCC Youth (as well as other members of our congregation!) will be participating in this year's CROP WALK on Sunday, October 25th. Please consider making a donation to support our team by visiting the CROP WALK table in the Narthex or donating online @ www.cropwalk.org. CANNED FOOD DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE COLLECTED IN THE NARTHEX!!!!

Advent Fair planning is underway...

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

Group Spiritual Direction

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 or Anne Knight at anne.g.knight@sbcglobal.net.

Circle of Healing,

Saturday, Oct 17th 2-4pm

If you are burdened by stress, juggling the responsibilities of being a primary caregiver, dealing with chronic pain or in the midst of a life transition, you might want to consider an opportunity for some self-care. The Circle of Healing is a ministry of support for all the church members. On Saturday, October 17th you have an opportunity to make an one hour individual appointment with a church member skilled in either Spiritual Direction, Active Listening, Counseling/EMDR, Healing Touch and Reiki. There is no cost for this ministry, instead you are encouraged to make a free-will donation to your favorite cause. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions or wish to reserve a space please contact Lisa von Stamwitz at 314-795-0114.

Yoga Class

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.*

Month of Guided Prayer

An Ecumenical Retreat in Everyday Life.

Meet one -on-one with a prayer guide one hour each week for four weeks. Morning, afternoon and evening meeting times are available. Webster Groves and Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Churches, starts October 18th. To register, contact Lisa Yew @ ce@wgpc.org or 314-962-9210, ext. 3205. More information available at www.weekofguidedprayer.org

CELEBRATE EDEN!

Top of the Town Eden Seminary will hold their 2009 annual dinner on Friday, November 13, 2009 at Kemoll's "Top of the Met". Reception begins at 6:00pm with dinner at 7:00pm...an evening of fellowship and musical entertainment. Tickets are \$135 and available by contactin Pat Garnett @ Eden: 314-918-2574 or 877-627-5649.

EMMAUS HOME'S CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY!!!

Sunday, November 8th, 2009 1190 Emmaus Drive Marthasville, MO 63357
Campus Tours at 1pm
Celebration Service at 3pm in the Chapel with Guest Speaker: Rev. Donald Sabbert
Reception immediately following.

THIS WEEK AT EUCC

Sunday, October 18th

8:30am—Worship
9:45—Coffee Fellowship
9:45-10:45—Education Hour
10:00am—Musical Ensemble (Sanc)
11:00am —Worship
12:00pm—Youth in Worship Band

Monday, October 19th

9:15AM—Job Jar Gang
12:15pm—Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 20th

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

Wednesday, October 21th

6:30pm—Children's Choir

Thursday, October 22nd

5:00pm—YMCA CPR/AED Training
6:30pm—Sts Clare & Francis Music Team
7:30pm—Chancel Choir

Friday, October 23rd

9:00am—WG Mom's Connection
10:00am—LaLeche League

Saturday, October 24th

9:00am—Yoga
10:00am—Troop 303 Make a Difference Day (Sandwiches)



A message from EUCC Church Office...

Keeping you posted through the weekly newsletter is important to us! If you notice any changes in your receiving of EUCC News & Notes, please contact Sue Schindel in the Church Office at churchoffice@evangelicalucc.org or by phone at 314-968-1727 so any changes or corrections may be addressed.

Sunday Morning
 Shared Ministry Opportunities — Signups are in the Narthex

Ministry		Today	Next Week
Liturgists	Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers	TBD	TBD
Shepherds	Help Carolyn play with our preschoolers	Steve and Laura Bardelmeier	Alicia Boelhauf Brad and Alyssa Schnell
Crib Room Assistants	Help Carole play with our babies (two shifts)	Peggy Thater Brenda Detrick	Jan Ittner Ray Mulligan
Ushers	Greet worshippers and (at 11:00am) collect offering	Teri Hillen Sarah Webster Linda Kolley Jan Ittner Wynn Miller Earl Brown	Bob and Bobbie Pahlmeier Karen Acker Stacey Morris Bob Risk and Ray Mulligan
Coffee Hour	Provide finger foods and greet community between services	Bob and Gigi Hill	Joyce Brown
Money Counters	Count the weekly offerings and enter into database	Bob and Gigi Hill	Nick Gilham and Jeremy Meyer
Welcome Table	Greet visitors and members	OPEN	OPEN

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

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

President, Laura Bardelmeier
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 People, Debbie Gregg
 Community, Patty Pelikan, Janet Rundquist
 Servant, Lori Winter, Laura Evans
 Learning, Ruth Panhorst
 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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