

15 November 09 24th of Pentecost

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

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing the Bells and Prelude

*Call to Worship

One: Among us the spirit of Creativity God conceives new life

Many: **And we feel the life within us.**

One: In our history Jesus the Sage makes gentle entry

Many: **And we see the light before us.**

One: Within our dreams the truth of our God is revealed

Many: **We await the hope of the world.**

Rex A.E. Hunt, www.rexaehuntprogressive.com

Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story"

tune: Hankey

...words: v.1 Hankey, v. 2, D. Dewey

**I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story
because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story.
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story,
of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story;
the story changes things!
It challenges the powers;
it whispers, thunders, sings!
It births the holy presence
in moments of surprise,
It heals, empowers and strengthens,
and opens ears and eyes!
I love to tell the story,
of Jesus and his glory,
Because it is God's story,
of justice, love and peace!**

*Litany (people's response in bold)

One: We know well the violence and conflict that is both within and without.

Many: **We pray for your loving guidance, Holy God...**

One: Still the conflict and the violence we harbor within ourselves

Many: **so that we might not perpetuate the same in others...**

One: Still the conflict and violence we harbor within our families

Many: **so that we might not perpetuate the same
in our institutions...**

One: Still the conflict and violence we harbor within our faith communities

Many: **so that we might not perpetuate the same
throughout the land...**

Artist Note:

Daniel is sentenced to a terrifying death, yet he stands quietly in the midst of the wild lions. This ancient story still inspires us by its hopeful message. It connects us to the men and women who confront and oppose the powers in our world that keep people oppressed, the people who "speak truth to power". It is relived again and again. It is part of the collective unconscious of many cultures and peoples. I see the story still reaching people with its optimistic message where good wins and hope is kept alive.

John August Swanson October 2000



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.

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.

"It is a terrible thing to see and have no vision."

- Helen Keller

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

One: Still the conflict and violence we harbor within our nation
Many: **so that we might not perpetuate the same in every land...**

One: Still the conflict and violence we harbor and create around the world,
Many: **so that we might not destroy your most precious gifts to us...**

One: So often, God of Wholeness, we are a torn people.
We set ourselves apart based on differences, judgments and opinions.
We tear ourselves from within as we strive for independence and individuality.
So often we do not recognize our common longings for peace, for healing, and for deep meaning within life.

Many: **In the unity of that spirit we now draw together
to sing and pray as your own dear children
asking to be renewed.
Refresh us now as we open who we are
to who we may yet become. Amen.**

Adapted from Mark Lancaster,
Presbyterian (USA) Hunger Program

***Response** "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"...source: traditional



Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
We are one in God's spir - it, We are



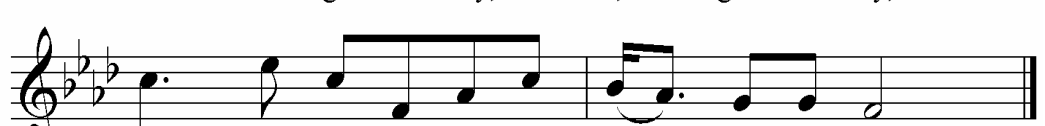
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
one in God's spir - it, We are



lamps trimmed and burn ing for this work's al-most done.
one in God's spir - it, for the work's al-most done.



Sis-ters don't grow wear-y, broth-ers, don't grow wear -y, chil-dren



don't grow wear - y for this work's al - most done.

Sacred Text

Mark 13:1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!"

Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?"

Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray.

"When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

Chancel Steps

Daniel and the Lions

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).

Anthem 8:30am

"Ose Shalom"
Chancel Choir

Hebrew Text/Leavitt

11:00am

"Thank the Lord"
Children's Choir

Bert Stratton

Sermon

Apocalypse ... Now?

...Katherine Hawker

*Hymn 391

"In The Midst of New Dimensions" ...source: Julian Rush



In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions
Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -



chang - ing ways, Who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
and de - spair, Who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
draw in pain, May your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it



wan - d'ring in their sep - arate ways? God of rain - bow,
Who will light the flame of care?
res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, We your peo - ple,



ours the jour - ney now and ev - er,



now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

"Maybe people are obsessed with the second coming because, deep down, they were really disappointed in the first one."

Fred Craddock

"My faith tells me that before an anxious church bent Jesus around the shape of ancient predictions, he was content with the lilies of the field. And hoped we would be too."

Robin R. Meyers

Ose Shalom

(The One Who Makes Peace)

Ose shalom bimromav
The One who makes peace in
the heavens,

Hu ya'ase shalom aleynu
(may) He make peace for us,

Veh'al kol Yisrael
And for all Israel,

Veh'imru, imru amen.
And let us say, let us say Amen.



<http://www.thedailyinspiration.com/archives/>

*God of all life
we give thanks for the signs
of your love and creativity
that surround us and bless us.
Amen.*

Rex A. E. Hunt

In our Prayers



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

**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

"Amazing Grace"

Harleigh Murray

Arr: Jay Althouse

*Response

"Heleluyan"

...source: traditional

He-le - lu-yan, he-le-lu-yan; he-le, he-le - lu - yan;
he-le - lu-yan, he-le-lu-yan; he-le, he-le - lu - yan.

* May be sung as a round.

*Celebration of Faith

One: Christ our life, you are alive

Many: **in the beauty of the earth
in the rhythm of the seasons
in the mystery of time and space, Alleluia.**

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 check-book. Please contact the church office for more information.

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Sunday Morning at 9:45 for adults:

- every week—**Bible Workbench** bible study class in the Adult Lounge using the Bible Workbench curriculum (based on the Lectionary).
- **Nov 15**—*Funding our Vision*—Join us on Nov 8 for a presentation of the vision and opportunities before us as a community. On Nov 15 we'll share round table discussions as we seek to fund and implement our vision.
- **Nov 22**—*Thanksgiving UCC Style* (an intergenerational experience)
- **Nov 29 & Dec 6**—New Member Classes begin!

for children:

Our preschool and elementary children shift gears to take a brief look at the stories that Abraham's family might have shared. We will have a brief (one week) introduction to three ancient stories found in Genesis; the Tower of Babel, the Garden of Eden, and Noah.

Who Are We . . . in the UCC?

Previously, we outlined the formation of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, which was the union of the German Reformed Church and Evangelical Synod. Now, we'll continue the story of the history of the UCC.

Congregational Churches, a third strand of our history, followed Calvinist, English Reformation (Puritan), and Congregational beliefs. In the 1620s Puritans arrived in what became Massachusetts and united to begin North American Congregationalism. In 1892, 1925, and 1927, respectively, Congregational Methodists, Evangelical Protestants, and German Congregationalists joined this association of Congregational Churches.

A fourth denomination, the Christian Churches, had its start in 1794 when the O'Kelly "Christian" group was formed. In 1801 the first Free Christian Church was organized in Vermont. By 1850 the American Christian Convention of Churches in the Northeast had formed, and in 1854, the Southern Christian Convention of Churches was formed. In 1922 the Christian Church was organized.

In 1931, these two denominations – Congregational Churches and the Christian Church – joined, stressing congregational freedom and a continuing reformation. They formed the Congregational Christian Churches.

In 1957, the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches came together and joined what had at one time been four denominations to become the United Church of Christ. Because our church had been an Evangelical and Reformed Church, when we became a UCC church we blended the names to become EUCC.

The UCC is both united and uniting. Having once been several church bodies, the UCC is now united as one. The UCC is uniting in its goal is to be joined together in one church on earth with all who share allegiance with Christ. Our motto is "That All May Be One."

Watch for the mission, values, and goals of Evangelical United Church of Christ.

The St. Louis County Community Chorus presents...

Songs of Peace and Joy

Thursday, December 10th
8:00pm

Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church
12928 Ladue Road, Ladue, MO
&

Friday, December 11th
Keating Center-Kirkwood High School
901 West Essex, Kirkwood, MO

Under the direction of Merry Keller
Tickets: \$10 in advance at Metrotix
(314-534-1111) or \$12 at door



Spectrum Music Series scheduled for November 22nd...

Spectrum Music Series presents Hanser-McClellan Guitar Duo featuring the music of Scarlatti, Bellinati and Portnoy.

The program takes place at EUCC November 22nd, 2:00 pm, a reception will follow. Tickets are \$10 for adults, children and students are free.

For more information please contact Paul Huppert-314.913.5579

Interested in Membership?

Classes for New Members will begin in November 29th. 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).

**Open Stage Coffee House:
Friday, November 20th**

7:00pm-10:00pm EUCC Fellowship Hall
Musicians and Poets are encouraged to share their talents. All of welcome to enjoy a relaxing evening. For further information contact Deborah McBride at (314) 918-2797 or email rubyluna228@yahoo.com

**Intergenerational Thanksgiving
Event: Sunday, November
22nd**

9:45am in EUCC Fellowship Hall exploring our UCC Pilgrim History. For further information contact the Church Office at churchoffice@evangelicalucc.org or (314) 968-1727

From the Green Circle...

The Green Circle has come up with a way of living more responsibility in our environment by sharing magazines with other members of the church. If you have a magazine that you would like to share, bring them to church and put them on the bookcase in the Narthex. Please remove your name and address before bringing them in. Feel free to browse and if you would like to take one, please do!

**EUCC Moms' Group to meet
December 3rd at 9:30am**

Calling all Moms wondering how to navigate through the holiday season. Join Dee Ban and other Moms in the Fireside Room on Thursday morning, December 3rd, to share ideas to calm the season. Coffee and goodies will be provided.

**Neighborhood Houses Annual
Christmas Pilgrimage...**

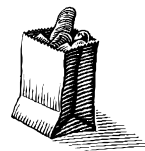
Please mark your calendars to join St. Louis Association Women United Church of Christ at the annual Christmas Pilgrimage at Neighborhood Houses on Friday, December 4. This fun and festive event will take place at Caroline Mission 9:00 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. Event includes a tour, lunch and closing worship. For further details, contact Marge Engelsdorfer at (636) 225-3128

**The Servant Team needs
YOU!**

The Advent Fair is coming to our very own Fellowship Hall on December 6 and December 13. Do you like to bake cookies? Do you make brownies, bars, or other sweet treats? Do you like to feed crowds of hungry church-goers? Would you sell great items for Plow-sharing Crafts? Can you make change, with or without a calculator, for artists selling their wares? We need bakers, table-washers, and folks to bring the congregation down the ramp to the sale. Please consider helping and watch the narthex for a sign-up sheet. Thanks!

**Circle of Healing for Body,
Mind and Spirit, Saturday,
November 21st, 2-4pm...**

If you are burdened by stress, juggling the responsibilities of being a primary caregiver, in the midst of a life transition, or if you want to discover more of the sacred in everyday life consider and opportunity for self-care and reflection. The Circle of Healing is a ministry of support for all the church members. On Saturday, November 21st you have an opportunity to make an one hour individual appointment with a church member skilled in either Spiritual Direction, Active Listening or Counseling/EMDR. There is no cost for this ministry, instead you are encouraged to make a free-will donation to your favorite cause. If you want to learn more about the ministries being offered pick up a flier in the Narthex. To make an appointment with a practitioner listed on the flier, please contact that person directly to be added to the schedule .



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.

THIS WEEK AT EUCC

Sunday, November 15th

8:30am—Worship
9:45—Coffee Fellowship
9:45-10:45—Education Hour
9:45—Sandwich Ministry
11:00am —Worship
12:00pm—Youth in Worship Practice
4:00pm—Youth in Community

Monday, November 16th

9:15am—Job Jar
12:15pm—Staff Meeting (Katy's Office)

Tuesday, November 17th

12:15pm—Al-Anon Meeting (Adult Lounge)
7:00pm—La Leche League
7:00pm—Orchard House Bible Study (Orchard House)
7:00pm—Phase 1 Building Committee Meeting (Adult Lounge)

Wednesday, November 18th

11:30am—WG-CARE Luncheon (Fireside Rm)
6:30pm—Children's Choir
7:00pm—Coffee House Practice (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, November 19th

5:00—YMCA CPR/AED Class (Orange Rm)
6:30pm—Sts Clare & Francis Music Team (Fireside Rm)
7:30pm—Chancel Choir

Friday, November 20th

10:00am—La Leche League (Fireside Rm)
7:00pm—OPEN STAGE COFFEE HOUSE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Saturday, November 21th

9:00am—Yoga (Narthex)



**Youth in Community Circle
meets TODAY at 4:00pm!!**

Explore your creativity with special guest, Ms. Jane Miles.

Sunday Morning

Shared Ministry Opportunities — Signups are in the Narthex

Ministry		Today	Next Week
Liturgists	Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers	Debbie Kelly (8:30 & 11:00)	OPEN
Shepherds	Help Carolyn play with our preschoolers	Toby and Tara Mechem	Joe Kelly
Crib Room Assistants	Help Carole play with our babies (two shifts)	Kate Barbier	Peggy Thater
Ushers	Greet worshipers and (at 11:00am) collect offering	Teri Hillen Sarah Webster Linda Kolley Jan Ittner Paul Mack Paul Huppert	Bob and Bobbie Pahmeier Karen Acker Phil Barbier Stacey Morris Wynn Miller
Coffee Hour	Provide finger foods and greet community between services	Julianne Smutz	OPEN
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	Marilyn Stavenger	Marilyn Stavenger

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

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Servant, Lori Winter, Laura Evans

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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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