

# Second Sunday of Easter

## April 11, 2010



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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### INVOCATION

Hope is strong. Hope believes  
that we are meant to be builders  
—of lives, of community, of a church home  
that offers safety and sanctuary to all God's people.

Faith is sustaining and dynamic.  
Faith moves us together through hard decisions.  
Faith helps us to say that this place is a holy place;  
this place is the center of our lives together.

Love is unfailing.  
Love is God, in and through, over and under,  
inside, outside and around our lives.  
Love is a community of hope and faith.

Deborah McBride

### \*HYMN #400

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" tune: Regent Square  
words: Neale

## Gateway to the Kingdom

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and friendship, but narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and malice.

Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to straying feet, but strong enough to turn away the power of evil

God, make the doorway of this house a gateway to your eternal kingdom.

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

## The Other Evangelical Evangelical United Church of Christ

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



Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,  
To this tem-ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to-day!  
Here re-new your ser-vants'vis-ion, that by faith they may at-tain



chos-en of our God and pre-cious, bind-ing all the Church in one;  
With your con-stant, lov-ing kind-ness hear your peo-ple as they pray,  
peace and hope, re-newed com-pas-sion, strength to com-fort those in pain.



Ho-ly Zi-on's help for-ev-er, and our con-fi-dence a-lone.  
Give your full-est ben-e-dic-tion: grace to fol-low Christ the Way.  
Tears and grief trans-formed to glad-ness in your ev-er-last-ing reign.



Sermon on the Mount Gallery

**MISSION MOMENT (11:00AM)**

Mr. Ed Johnson  
Webster-Rock Hill Ministries

**\*LITANY** (people's response in **bold**)

One: For the hands that built this church home

Many: **O, God, we give you thanks.**

One: For the faith that makes this community strong

Many: **O, God, we give you thanks.**

One: For hope that believes in the work to be done

Many: **O, God, we give you thanks.**

One: For the courage to step into a new future

Many: **O, God, we give you thanks.**

One: For your light and love that is ever sustaining

Many: **O, God we give you thanks.**

Deborah McBride

**\*RESPONSE 236**

"Halleluja"

Halleluja

*The Whole House*  
God bless the house,  
From site to stay,  
From beam to wall,  
From end to end,  
From ridge to basement,  
From floor to roof-tree,  
From ford to summit,  
Ford and summit  
-Celtic Blessing

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 127: 1-2

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of the anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

Matthew 7: 24-27

Everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell. The floods came, and the winds blew and beat on the house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against the house, and it fell – and great was its fall.

**BUILDING COMMENCEMENT**

Scott Guerrero

## CHANCEL STEPS

Nancy Reiter

*We invite children of all ages to a time of sharing on the chancel steps.*

*Following this time, young children may choose to go to the nursery.*

*At the 11:00 a.m. worship we also offer Shepherds, a preschool play time in the Red Room (lower level).*

**ANTHEM** 8:30 AM "All the Beauty of the Lord" Gwyneth Walker  
Chancel Choir

11:00 AM "The Garden Song" David Mallett  
Folk Choir

**SERMON** "Built on the Rock" Deborah McBride

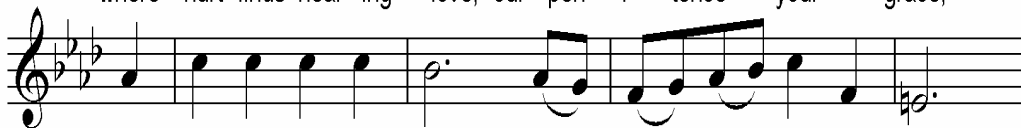
**\*HYMN 373** "They Did Not Build in Vain" tune: Leoni  
words: Luff



They did not build in vain who found-ed here a church  
Those who have loved this place, a cloud of wit - nes - es,  
In ev - ery place our world is storm and tem - pest tossed,  
Make this the meet - ing place where doubt finds grounds of faith,



as wit - ness to God's love a - mid a world of pain;  
sur - round and urge us on as we now run our race;  
the flames of fear and hate are e - vil's flags un - furled;  
where hurt finds heal - ing love, our pen - i - tence your grace;



They built up - on the rock that is the ris - en Christ,  
Though the ho - ri - zon's bend con - ceals the way a - head,  
Yet still the Spir - it's power in wind and fire of love  
Where God in Trin - i - ty is bridge from death to life,



the one found - da - tion laid, that stands each earth - ly shock.  
the foot - prints on the road show Christ waits at the end.  
pours gifts up - on the church for ser - vice in this hour.  
from sin to ho - li - ness, time to e - ter - ni - ty.



## 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.



# In our Prayers



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*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

#### TABLE PRAYER AND PROCESSION TO THE TABLE 8:30 AM

##### 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, lighting a candle in prayer, and placing an  
offering in the plates beside the table.*

#### CELEBRATION OF GIVING 11:00 AM

##### \*RESPONSE

"We Are Built Together"

Jim Ford

written for EUCC's 75th Anniversary (1995)

*With Energy*

We are built to- geth - er \_\_\_\_\_ We are built to- geth - er \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ We are built to- geth - er \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spir  
 - it; a dwel-ling place a dwel-ling place \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ a dwel - ling place \_\_\_\_\_ for  
 \_\_\_\_\_ God. \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Accept our offerings, Living God,  
as reflections of our commitment  
to hear and respond to your voice,  
speaking, still.

Many: **God is still speaking...**

**\*HYMN 564**

"We Are Not our Own"

source: Brian Wren



We are not our own. Earth forms us,  
We are not a - lone. Earth names us:  
Through a hu - man life God finds us;  
There - fore let us make thanks - giv - ing,



hu - man leaves on na - ture's grow - ing vine,  
past and pres - ent, peo - ples near and far,  
dy - ing, liv - ing, love is ful - ly known,  
and with jus - tice, will - ing and a - ware,



Fruit of man - y gen - er - a - tions, seeds of life di - vine.  
fam - i - ly and friends and strang - ers show us who we are.  
and in bread and wine re - minds us: we are not our own.  
give to earth, and all things liv - ing, lit - ur - gies of care.

- 5. And if love's en-coun-ters lead us on a way un-certain and un-known,  
All the saints with prayer sur-round us: we are not a-lone.
- 6. Let us be a house of wel-come,  
liv-ing stone up-hold-ing liv-ing stone,  
Glad-ly show-ing all our neigh-bors  
we are not our own!

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Bulletin recycling: Though we invite you to take your bulletin home to review the prayers and opportunities throughout the week, if you choose to leave your bulletin after the 8:30am service place it in the blue box and we will use it again!*



**It's Our Time – To Commence the Work!**

It's almost Time! Help us celebrate the commencing of the work of the Capital Campaign projects this Sunday April 11. Enjoy a special children's time, hear a report from the Building Committee and share in treats during coffee hour between services. You have been very faithful in giving and patient in waiting – THANK YOU! And thanks also to the Building Committee who have been meeting weekly and working very hard to come up with the best plan. Let's all celebrate together!



## Adult Education this Spring

**Sunday Mornings at 9:45am  
212 Building**

### **Bible Study Returns:**

Starting this Sunday, April 11 at 9:45 in the 212 building, we will view the first of twenty-four 30 minute video lectures on the Old Testament presented by Amy-Jill Levine, renowned OT scholar. We'll view eight of them this spring and the rest in the fall and winter Adult Ed sessions. Studded with genres ranging from myth and saga to law and proverb, from military history to love poetry, informed by world-views radically different from yet still fundamental to our own, the Old Testament tells a people's sacred story. It is a narrative of divine action in history that is holy writ to Jews, Christians, and Muslims alike. As Professor Levine observes: "The Old Testament is endlessly fascinating because it offers everything to explore: myth, saga, and history; tragedy, comedy, and farce; economics and politics; literature and poetry of surpassing beauty; court intrigue and prophetic morality; heavenly miracles and sometimes heavenly silence; questions of theodicy; answers that satisfy and answers that may not; destruction and rebuilding; despair and hope."

**Parent Group:** Exploring Children's spirituality begins in this Sunday in the 212 Building

**Presentation: "What's a Safe Church"** on April 18 as Stacey Morris will guide us through our safety policy.

**Presentation: "Worldwide Fistula Fund"** on May 9 as Lewis Wall shares an update on his work in Niger

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

**MOM'S GROUP...APRIL 16TH 9:30AM...**Topic for the Mom's Group this month is communication through "Love Languages".

**PARISH NURSE DAY...MAY 6TH...**Celebrating their 20th Anniversary with a dinner in honor of Deaconess Parish Nurses at Sheraton Westport. For tickets contact Eileen McGartland @ 314-918-2621

**EUCC COFFEE HOUSE...FRIDAY APRIL 30 AT 7PM**

**SPECTRUM MUSIC SERIES...SUNDAY MAY 9 AT 7PM**

**CHURCH PICNIC...SUNDAY JUNE 6 AT 12 NOON**

**SHANNONDALE FAMILY CAMP...JUNE 11-13**

**PEACE TRAIL (VCS)...AUGUST 2-6**

### **WHO ARE WE IN THE UCC??**

We know that being a member of the wider UCC community has benefits to mission and to pastoral search. How is our local church supported during our normal operations, when we're not providing disaster relief, for example, or searching for a new pastor?

The United Church of Christ is organized regionally into conferences and then associations.

Evangelical United Church of Christ is part of the Missouri Mid-South Conference, which serves UCC churches in Missouri; Arkansas; and Memphis, Tennessee. The conference provides training for lay leaders in the church, continuing education for pastors and students in care, manages Shannondale and MoVal as part of its outdoor ministries, and can provide pastors when a church is in temporary need of one for a Sunday or a continued period.

Recently several members of EUCC attended a workshop on congregational vitality, which led to the creation of a pastoral support circle. Inspiration from this workshop continues to influence how the current governing body is approaching its work.

EUCC is also a member of the St. Louis Association, a group of 60 metro-area UCC churches. UCC missions supported by local churches include Deaconess Foundation, Emmaus Homes, Evangelical Children's Home (now named Each Child a Home), Good Samaritan Home, Lydia's House, and Neighborhood Houses. Communication among local churches and support for these ministries are facilitated by the association.

National, conference, and association meetings are held at various times throughout the year and any member of the church may attend. Recently Gary Stalling attended the national UCC's General Synod meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, as a representative of the Missouri Mid-South Conference. Laura Bardelmeier, Debbie Gregg, Lolly Wehrli, Marge Engelsdorfer, Laura Evans, Susan Ulmer, and others have attended conference and association events, either as delegates of EUCC or on their own.

## Greetings All!! It's That Time of Year... Trivia Night is almost here!!!

Friday, April 17  
EUCC Fellowship Hall  
Doors open @ 6:30pm  
Questions fly @ 7:00pm  
\$100 per table

Bring Friends!!  
Bring your own Feast!!

Sign up TODAY in the Narthex!!!!



### Oasis Towards Wholeness, Sunday April 18 at EUCC

Join us for a retreat for body, mind, and spirit. Experience group and individual practices that refresh and renew your person. The afternoon will offer: yoga, centering prayer, bread baking, shibashi, healing touch, lectio divina, labyrinth walking, sacred drumming, water meditation, music meditation, and plenty of space for you to breathe. Come for an hour or stay all afternoon. A schedule of the afternoon will become available soon.

Sponsored by the Circle of Healing.

### SALAD SUPPER FOR EUCC WOMEN

We have a wonderful opportunity to share a salad supper on Tuesday, April 20, beginning at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. I am hosting it and will bring the greens, dressings, bread, and will provide beverages and table service if each of you will bring something to add -- veggies, fruit, meats, nuts, cheese, etc.

This gathering provides an opportunity for us to hear a personal story from Alexandra Douglas, daughter of my teaching assistant at Eden, who works with the Friends Women's Association (FWA) founded by and for women of Burundi who face incredible challenges following 12 years of civil war. Alex is program manager for FWA, a grassroots clinic focused on HIV/AIDS, sexual violence and post-genocide trauma. She has done research for sex workers and trafficked persons in Boliva, San Francisco, and Minneapolis. Her work and passion are concentrated on the intersections between gender equality, community development, health access, and conflict. It had been her hope to have a Burundi doctor here with her to meet with Eden students and some interested women at EUCC. Unfortunately, the doctor was denied a visa, but Alexandra has a wonderful story to tell.

Please come -- and bring some friends. it is a busy night at EUCC with LaLeche league, the Building Committee, and the Governing Body already meeting that evening. But however many of us might be availbale, let's gather for fellowship and learning from 5:30 to about 7:30 or 8 PM. No reservations required. Just come -- with a cuppa something to add to the salad.

Marilyn Stavenger, Pastoral Associate

### THIS WEEK AT EUCC

#### Sunday, April 11th

8:30am—Worship  
9:45am—Church School  
9:45am—Adult Ed: Video Series, Parent Group  
9:45am—Coffee Fellowship  
11:00am—Worship  
12:00pm—Youth in Worship Band Practice (Choir Room)  
2:45pm—Youth to the Zoo

#### Monday, April 12th

12:15pm—Staff Meeting

#### Tuesday, April 13th

10:00am—Orchard House Bible Study  
12:15pm—Al-Anon Meeting (Adult Lounge)  
7:00pm—Phase 1 Building Committee Meeting (Adult Lounge)

#### Wednesday, April 14th

6:00pm—Children's Choir  
7:00pm—Women's Drumming Circle

#### Thursday, April 15th

8:00am—AARP Tax Preparation (Fireside Room)  
7:30pm—Chancel Choir

#### Friday, April 16th

#### Saturday, April 17th

7:30am—Yoga Class (Narthex)  
6:30pm—EUCC Trivia Night (Fellowship Hall)

Youth Group will be going to the Zoo **TODAY**. We will leave church at 2:45 p.m. Please let Gary Boehnke know if you are going, to make sure we have enough cars for transportation. There will be a best picture contest, so bring you camera or use your camera phone to catch a zoo photo of friends and/or animals to enter the contest. We will be back to church about 5:30 p.m. If there is a parent or someone else that is willing to drive let Gary know. Gary's number 918-7214

## Sunday Morning

Shared Ministry Opportunities — Signups are in the Narthex

Ministry		Today	Next Week
Liturgists	Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers	Melinda Love (11:00)	David Miers (11:00)
Shepherds	Help Carolyn play with our preschoolers	Jane Miles and Chris Reinhard	Stacey and Jeff Morris
Crib Room Assistants	Help Carole play with our babies (two shifts)	Brenda Detrick	Sandy Bowe
Ushers	Greet worshipers and (at 11:00am) collect offering	Earl Brown Ken Ulmer Gigi and Bob Hill Joe Ulrich Wynn Miller	Teri Hillen Sarah Webster Linda Kolley Jan Ittner Steve Bardelmeier Sean Bryant
Coffee Hour	Provide finger foods and greet community between services	Building Commencement Celebration!!!	
Money Counters	Count the weekly offerings and enter into database	Bob Risk and Ray Mulligan	Nick Gilham and Jeremy Meyer
Welcome Table	Greet visitors and members		

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  
Sunday AM, Carolyn Held  
Nursery, Carole Janssen  
Campus Minister at Webster, Laurel Hayes

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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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