

Easter 4 - April 25, 2010

Though it may seem dark,
though it may feel cold,
though death and evil
may parade their influence
wherever we may look,

Beneath it all,
invincible and undefeated,
subversive and undeniable,
glows life.

And wherever people clothe
themselves
in truth, faith, peace, justice
and salvation,
wherever people live
by the words of Christ,
life stands in defiance of death.

And so we praise you, God
and we celebrate your life;
As we surround ourselves
again today
with all the qualities and gifts
that you give
to save us from the darkness.

*Invincible Life, John van de Laar
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Following the God
made known in the life
and teachings of Jesus...

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

MISSION MOMENT

Don Bizer
Missouri Mid-South Outdoor Ministries

INVOCATION

One: Great God,
unknown to us except in fleeting glimpses,
we live for the moments when your voice is heard
and your will is clear.
We long to walk with you beside still waters
and to lie down in green pastures.
Nourish us now by your Word and Spirit,
that we may join the heavenly chorus singing your praises
while being of some earthly good
to those who cannot hear the joyful sounds.
Amen.

Lavon Bayler

*HYMN 247

"My Shepherd Is the Living God"

tune: Consolation
words: Isaac Watts

My shep - herd is the liv - ing God, I -
When I walk thru the shades of death, your
The - sure pro - vi - sions of my God at -
there - fore noth - ing need; In - pas - tures fair, near
pres - ence is my stay; A - word of your sup -
tend me all my days; O - may your house be
pleas - ant streams you set - tle me to feed. You
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way. Your
my a - bode, and all my work be praise. There
bring my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake your
hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble
would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers come and
ways, And lead me for your
spread; My cup with bless - ings
go No more a stran - ger
mer - cy's sake in paths of truth and grace.
o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.
or a guest, but like a child at home.

Welcome!

A word about diversity:

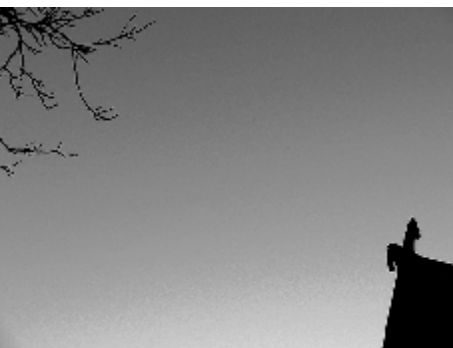
We strive to be a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, sexual orientation or gender identity.

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 are committed to making our worship service as accessible as possible. We offer special hearing devices, accessible seating, and other services as requested. Please let us know how we can help make this worship experience more accessible.



Spiritual-Awakening.jpg at www.utne.com

Breathing in, I calm my body.

Breathing out, I smile.

Dwelling in the present moment

I know this is a wonderful moment.

Thich Nhat Hanh

*LITANY (*People's response in bold*)

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;

Many: **We believe in the goodness of God.**

We believe God hears and responds to our needs.

We believe God responds to *all* children everywhere.

One: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul.

Many: **We are grateful that we've been blessed with *enough* water.**

But we know that many do not have enough.

Not enough water, not enough food, not enough peace.

One: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Many: **Too many children do not see God's righteousness.**

Too many children watch violence, taste hunger, feel fear.

Too many children cry from the unspeakable horror of war.

One: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Many: **To become involved is risky. Pain is often contagious.**

Our hearts may be broken and our lives may be threatened.

Yet we hear God calling and we can no longer hide.

One: Thou preparest a table for me in the presence of my enemies;

thou annointest me head with oil, my cup overflows.

Many: **Our steps may be small and timid.**

We may read a book, write a letter, or make a gift.

But each tiny step is blessed by God and multiplies.

One: Surely goodness and mercy

shall follow me all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Many: **God is more relentless than war.**

God is more pervasive than hatred.

God is more insistent than despair.

One: Amen.

Amen.

Katherine Hawker

*RESPONSE

"He-le-lu-yan!"

source: Native American



* May be sung as a round.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:36-42

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics

and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

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).

ANTHEM 8:30AM "Mighty God" Patterson

11:00AM "Good Shepherd" Walker
Chancel Choir

SERMON "Let Me Rest In Peace" Katherine Hawker

***HYMN** "Winds be Still" tune: Lead Me Lord
 words: Richard Kimball




Winds be still. Storm clouds pass and si - lence come.
 Bird fly high. Lift our gaze toward dis - tant view.
 Light shine in. Lu - mi - nate our in - ward view.



Peace grace this time with har - mo - ny. Fly, bird of
 Help us to sense life's mys - te - ry. Fly high and
 Help us to see with clar - i - ty. Shine bright and



hope, and shine, — light of love, and in
 far, and lead us each to see how we
 true so we may join our songs in new



calm let all find tran - quil - i - ty.
 move through the winds of e - ter - ni - ty.
 sounds that be - come full sym - pho - ny.

Only now have I finally realized
 that my life has been
 an unending field trip.
 And I have tried hard
 not to be a tourist.
 But to be an adventurer,
 a traveler, an explorer,
 a learner, and a pilgrim.

Robert Fulghum
 in *Maybe*



image of "zeal"
 at spiritualityandpractice.com

So that's what it's all about!
 You put your whole self in,
 you take your whole self out;
 you put your whole self in and
 you shake it all about.
 The idea is that by doing
 whatever you're doing
 with all of you,
 you can then take all of you out.
 The trick is how to do both.

Lawrence Kushner
 in *Invisible Lines of Connection*



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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.*

**God, lover of us all, most holy one.
Help us to respond to you.
To create what you want for us here on earth.
Give us today enough for our needs.
Forgive our weak and deliberate offences,
just as we must forgive others when they hurt us.
Help us to resist evil and to do what is good.
For we are yours, endowed with your power
to make our world whole.
Amen.**

Lala Winkley

TABLE PRAYER AND PROCESSION TO THE TABLE 8:00 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

*The ushers collect our tithes and offerings to support
the work of this community.
Our Special Offering for this month is Camp MO-Val .*

*RESPONSE

"Halle, Halle"

tune: Hallelujah

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ja..

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - -

- ja. Hal - le - lu - ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

Compassionate God,
may we serve you night and day,
wherever we are, in all we do.
Amen.

Rex A.E. Hunt

***HYMN 476**

“My Life Flows On” tune: Endless Song
words: Robert Lowry, Doris Plenn



My life flows on in end-less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -
What though my joys and com-forts die? My Sav - ior still is
When ty-rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death - knells



ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that
liv - ing. What though the shad - ows gath - er - 'round? A
ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how



hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult
new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my
can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and



and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It
in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since
dun-geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When



finds an ech - o in my soul-- how can I keep from sing - ing?
Love com-mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?
friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing - ing?

***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!

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.

April Special Offering

This month our mission moment is Camp MoVal. Camp MoVal is part of UCC Outdoor Ministries. It provides a wide range of camping experiences and retreat possibilities for children, youth, families, and adults of all ages – regardless of religion, family status, gender, capability, or ethnic origin – who recognize the value of all people and respect our faith tradition. Please support MoVal this month by writing a check to EUCC and writing MoVal in the memo line. Thanks!

Sts. Clare and Francis

is a worshipping community of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion that is one of many of our Shared Space Partners. Sharing our space is one of the most significant ways in which we at EUCC reach out to our wider community, and Sts. Clare and Francis broadens our reach. While worshipping in a more liturgical format than is our norm, this community shares our passion for Jesus' life and teachings and seeks with us to model an inclusive vision of the gospel. We join together for many special services (such as Ash Wednesday and Lenten Midweek prayer) and programs (our Healing Circle and educational events). Sts. Clare and Francis invites EUCC members to worship with them on Saturdays at 5:00pm and we invite their members to worship with us on Sunday mornings. In both settings you can feel secure knowing that whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome.

CAMP REGISTRATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE!!



Through Missouri Mid-South Conference Outdoor Ministry including Camps MO-Val located in Union, MO and Shannondale located in Shannon County, MO.

Church Camp can be a very effective tool for Christian Education and Faith development while utilizing

- A small group community model
- Lessons gained from learning to live, work, play and pray together in God's natural world
- fun, challenging, scripture-based, age-appropriate activities
- and worship times celebrating our faith, each other and all of God's creations.

Camping opportunities this summer include:

- Discovery & Primary Camps (Grades 1-2 and 2-3)
- Lower Junior Camp (Grades 3-4)
- Upper Junior Camp (Grades 4-6)
- Middle School Camp (Grades 6-8)
- Outback Camps in Rustic Village (Grades 5-8)
- Senior High Camp (Grades 9-12)
- CILT: Campers in Leadership Training (Ages 15-18)
- Family Camp (Directed by our own Phil Barbier!): May 28-31
- Adventures in Community (Camp for Adults with Special Needs): June 6-11
- Over 50's Camp: September 12-15

Registration forms and further information is available on the bulletin board in the Narthex or by contacting the Church Office. Save by registering before May 15th!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

QUILTERS...WEDNESDAY, MAY 5TH 9:00AM...The EUCC Quilters will meet on the morning of Wednesday, May 5 from 9 – 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. They will be assisting the Servant Team to make items for sale on Mothers Day Sunday, when our church will be highlighting the work of the Worldwide Fistula Fund. This maternal health initiative which is repairing lives of women in Africa is headed by EUCC member Dr. Lewis Wall. Anyone who enjoys handicrafts, or who just wants to hang out and visit with us, is most welcome to join us! For more information, contact Gail Saxton at 314-821-7917 or acsaxtonjr@aol.com.

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

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

EUCC MOMS' GROUP...FRIDAY, MAY 14 AT 9:30AM... Calling moms of all ages. Moms' Group meeting Friday May 14 9:30-11. Susan Ulmer will be our guest to lead discussion about faith development. Feel free to e-mail her ahead of time if you have specific questions regarding the topic. If you need child care, please call Dee Ban 965-1191 ahead of time.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY...MAY 23RD

CHURCH PICNIC...SUNDAY JUNE 6 AT 12 NOON

SHANNONDALE FAMILY CAMP...JUNE 11-13

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

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY AT EVANGELICAL

We will host the Church Women United May Friendship for the first time in many years on Friday, May 7. I will need some help since we are serving lunch at 11:30ish. Our CWU unit is providing simple items for the lunch but we need to set up and serve. I am inviting you to attend at 10: - 10:30 registration with a program to follow and then lunch. If I can count on a few people from our church to show support of the Church Women United movement on behalf of our community and the world community, I will be grateful. Thank you. Sandy Bowe, 636-225-1735

Upcoming Worship—Important Notes

On May 2 and May 9, our Chancel and Children's choirs will each be presenting major pieces of music during our 11am worship. *During the 8:30am worship*, the themes will be explored along with the sharing of prayer and communion.

- "Gospel Mass" written by Robert Ray will be shared on May 2 at 11am with the Chancel Choir and Instrumentalists. At the 8:30am service, we will explore the 'elements' of the mass, ancient words with modern meanings.
- "Elijah" written by Mark Patterson will be shared on May 9 at 11am with the Children Choir. At the 8:30am service, we will explore the stories of Elijah whose life and ministry form the foundation for understanding Jesus' life and ministry.

Adult Education this Spring

Sunday Mornings at 9:45am
212 Building

Bible Study Returns:

Exploring video lectures on the Old Testament presented by Amy-Jill Levine, renowned OT scholar. 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, Sunday mornings at 9:45am.

Presentation: "Worldwide Fistula Fund" on May 9 as Lewis Wall shares an update on his work in Niger (PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Old Testament Video Series on May 9th)

New Opportunities for Small Group Learning:

Contemporary Christian Writings Group will gather Sunday, May 16th at 6:30 in the Fireside Room

The group will select books by contemporary Christian writers, such as John Shelby Spong, Gretta Vosper, Robin Meyers, and Martin Borg. Interested persons are encouraged to bring suggestions for books to discuss. For more information, contact Bob Karr (karr.bob@gmail.com) or Al Schon.

Justice Harvard Study Group

Recently while doing a web search on the topic of morality and justice, EUCC member David M found an exciting website through Harvard University: www.justiceharvard.org. David is wondering if there might be others who would join him in such a learning and sharing project. He invites interested friends to go to the site and explore its content. Look at some of the video sessions, examine some of the supplemental reading material and other resources. If you have questions, would like to discuss your observations, or would like to indicate interest in joining such a study, please contact David (dmiersenator@gmail.com or 314-395-7873)

THIS WEEK AT EUCC

Sunday, April 25th

8:30am—Worship
9:45am—Church School
9:45am—Sandwich Sunday
9:45am—Adult Ed: Video Series, Parent Group
9:45am—Coffee Fellowship
11:00am—Worship
12:00pm—Youth in Worship Band Practice (Choir Room)
5:00pm—Woodcarvers (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, April 26th

12:15pm—Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 27th

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

Wednesday, April 28th

5:30pm—Sts C&F Weekday Mass
6:30pm—Children's Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, April 29th

7:30pm—Chancel Choir

Friday, April 30th

10:00am—La Leche League Meeting (Fireside Rm)
Sts C&F Ordination Rehearsal Sanctuary/Narthex/Fireside Rm)
5:30pm—Carolyn Held's Group (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, May 1st

7:30am—Yoga Class (Narthex)
4:00pm—Sts C&F Ordination (Kay Schmidt) (Sanctuary/Narthex/Fireside Rm)

Today is Sandwich Sunday!
9:45am in the Fellowship Hall
MANY HANDS NEEDED!

Help us share Monday lunches with those in need. New friends always welcome!

Sunday Morning

Shared Ministry Opportunities — Signups are in the Narthex

Ministry		Today	Next Week
Liturgists	Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers	Lucy Allen (11:00)	Karen Acker (11:00)
Shepherds	Help Carolyn play with our preschoolers	Toby and Tara Mechem	Alyssa and Brad Schnell
Crib Room Assistants	Help Carole play with our babies (two shifts)	Ray Mulligan	Gigi Hill
Ushers	Greet worshipers and (at 11:00am) collect offering	Bob and Bobbie Pahmeier Bob and Jean Karr Bob Risk Ray Mulligan	Sandy Bowe David Faulkner Geno and Lola Contestabile
Coffee Hour	Provide finger foods and greet community between services	Love-Bryant Family	OPEN
Money Counters	Count the weekly offerings and enter into database	Nick Gilham and Jeremy Meyer	Norma Leuthauser Sandy Bowe
Welcome Table	Greet visitors and members		

Pastoral Team
Katherine Hawker,
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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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