



Psalm 100, Laura James
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are the body of Christ.

Many: **We are the people of God.**

One: Clapping our hands, tapping our toes, lifting our voices.
Cacophony blends into harmony.

Many: **Measures of unity.**

One: We are the people of God.

Many: **We are the body of Christ.**

*HYMN 561

"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

tune: Engelberg
words: Fred Pratt Green



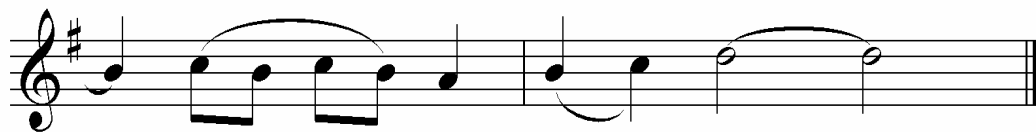
When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



— It is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried: —
— As wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found —
— Borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue: —
— And may God give us faith to sing al - ways: —



— Al - le - lu - ia! —

*LITANY OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Leader: For the ways in which we hide our talents...
Unsure of ourselves, we fill our lives with noise
hiding from the rhythm of the Spirit's song.

People: **Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.**
Lord have mercy upon us.

The Other Evangelical Evangelical United Church of Christ

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

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.

We Gather Together

We gather together
to ask for God's blessing,
to live in community,
seeking God's will.

We come now, as sisters
and brothers, confessing
the sins that divide
and the wrong in us still.

Beside us, forgiving,
enabling, sustaining,
you call us, O Savior,
to life that is new.
You draw us away
from self-centered complaining,
You lead us and guide us
in ways that are true.

All praise to the Spirit,
provider, defender.
You offer us freedom,
to follow or stray,
Empowering all
by the hope you engender.
Grand wisdom and courage
to follow your way.

Leader: For the ways in which we stifle the music around us...
Refusing to listen, neglecting to nurture, failing to respect,
the gifts of music around us are too quickly squandered.

**People: Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy upon us.**

Leader: For the ways in which we have denied the Holy
in the beauty of music...
Defining what passes for Holy, ears tuned too narrowly,
the mystery of the Spirit's song is beyond our hearing.

**People: Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Still the Spirit beckons.
The birds share a mating song,
the children offer the melody of laughter.
The rhythm of God's call in our lives
knows no beginning and no end.

*RESPONSE "Heleluyan" source: Native American

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.

8:30AM WORSHIP

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
- 3 Know that the LORD is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
- 5 For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

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).*

MEDITATION

"The Gospel Mass—what is it?"

Katherine Hawker

*HYMN 421

"We Gather Together"
(words to the left)

tune: Kresmer
words: Baker, Baylor

I. KYRIE

*In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son,
In the name of the Holy Spirit, the Blessed Three in One.*

*Oh Lord have mercy, Kyrie eleison. Oh Lord have mercy.
Oh Lord have mercy on me. Send us a Savior, set my soul free.
Give us Your word, and teach us to pray. I want to praise and serve You always.
Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob look down, have mercy upon us.*

*Oh Christ have mercy. Christe eleison. Oh Christ have mercy.
Oh Christ have mercy on me. Send us your comfort, grant us Your peace.
You are the way the truth and the light. I love You more each day and each night.
Jesus the Rock of salvation, the Light of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*Oh Lord have mercy. Kyrie eleison.
Oh Christ have mercy. Christe eleison. Oh Lord have mercy.*

II. GLORIA

*Glory to God in the highest, peace to all those of good will.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we adore Thee, we glorify Thee.
We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.
Lord God, King of heav'n, Father, Almighty One.
Glory be to Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, the Father's only Son.
Thou who takes away all the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
receive our prayers.
Thou who sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty in heav'n
have mercy on us.
For only Thou art holy, only Thou art the Lord, only thou are most high.
We come to praise Your name today, we want to serve You in every way.
Let the loud hosannas ring, shouting the praises to God our King.
In the Name of the Father, In the Name of the Son,
In the Name of the Holy Ghost, the Blessed Three in One. Amen!*

III. CREDO

*I believe in God the Father Almighty. Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord.
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost.
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
crucified, died and was buried, He descended into hell.
On the third day He arose. He ascended to heaven, from death He was set free.
Now He sits at the right hand and He's waitin' for you and me.
He will judge all the world, He will judge you and me.
I believe in the Holy Spirit and the Holy catholic church.
I believe Lord in one baptism for the remission of sin and rebirth.
I believe in the resurrection and the communion of saints in this world.
I believe when my life is over I'm going home just to live with my God.
I believe. I believe in God.*

IV. ACCLAMATION

*Hallelujah, Praise the Lord. Praise Him with stringed instruments.
Praise Him with dance. Praise Him on the psaltry and harp.
Everything that has breath ought to praise Him. Hallelujah.
Let us praise the Lord.*

V. SANCTUS

*Holy holy Lord God of hosts. Hosanna be to Thee in the highest.
Who gave me victory.
There was a man sittin by the roadside; he was blind he could not see.
Then the Master of the earth and skies;
touched his eyes and he looked around saying,
Holy holy Lord God of hosts....
Another man lay by a poolside; thirty eight years with his infirmity.
Then the Lord troubled the water; the man arose and he jumped for joy saying,
Holy holy Lord God of hosts....*

**ROBERT RAY
"GOSPEL MASS"**

Program Notes

Robert Ray's Gospel Mass, composed in 1978, was premiered at the University of Illinois and performed by the University's Black Chorus. This work was written while Ray was a liturgy team leader for the National Office of Black Catholics. The Gospel Mass was created out of a need from these workshops.

The Gospel Mass is Dr. Ray's interpretation of two thousand years of liturgical tradition with the more contemporary music of the African-American Church. For centuries, composers have taken the text of the Ordinary of the Mass and given them musical settings. Each setting creates within the listener a different feeling about the worship experience.

The composer states: "It is my desire to combine centuries of old traditions of Mass settings with sounds of the contemporary Black Church. The move from Latin to English created new opportunities for composers to express their feelings about the texts of the Ordinary of the Mass. I wanted everyone to experience the sense of joy and celebration that is generally felt in true African-American worship".

Dr. Ray is the recently retired conductor for the IN UNISON chorus and is faculty at the University of Missouri—St. Louis.



image from St. Aloysius in Harlem NY,
<http://catholicmanhattan.blogspot.com>

In our Prayers



V. SANCTUS (CONTINUED)

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, we will always sing, Thy praise.
Hosanna in the highest. Sing hosanna in the highest.
Like the blind man and the lame man, I was lost, living in sin.
Then I opened up my heart one day, I let the Savior in. Now I shout saying,
Holy holy Lord God of hosts..... Holy holy Lord Jesus. Holy!*

VI. AGNUS DEI

*Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
For You came to die for me, suffered, bled, and died on Calvary.
In Your word You showed us how, we are trying Lord, hear our prayer right now.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

8:30AM AND 11:00AM CONTINUE...

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 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.*

As we process we will sing some of the following medley:

MEDLEY OF HYMNS

419 "Now Thank We All Our God" Nun Danket
**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices,
Who, from our parents' arms, has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

32 "God of the Sparrow God of the Whale" Roeder
**God of the sparrow, God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise**

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**When peace, like a river, upholds me each day,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

472 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Precious Lord

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

575 "O for a World" Azmon

**O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.
O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.**

514 "Over My Head" African-American 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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*People's response in bold*)

One: Spirit of the Living God,
we give thanks for your Word dancing around us.
From the first bird in the morning until the last cricket at night,
the sounds of your presence surround us.

Many: **May our ears be opened to hear your song.**

***HYMN 402** "De Colores" source: Mexican Folk Song

**Sing of colors, sing of colors that over the hills
in profusion are springing;
Sing of colors of the birds that fly outside my window
their canticles singing;
Sing of colors, in the rainbow's bright colors
God's promise of hope we recall;
Sing of colors that make up the earth
and give thanks to the God who created us all.
Sing of colors that make up the earth
and give thanks to the God who created us all.**

***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.

May's Special Offering

The Servant Team of EUCC would like to invite the members of the Congregation to help restore life to women in Africa who have experienced birth trauma. We will do this by supporting the work of our own Dr. Lewis Wall and the Worldwide Fistula Fund. This Mother's Day we will have for a donation flowers created by our Quilters. If this does not strike your fancy, you could just make a donation. If you choose to make a donation please put Worldwide Fistula Fund in the memo line.

Supporting our Music

Special music programs at EUCC like Robert Ray's "Gospel Mass", the children's cantata "Elijah" and Spectrum Music depend on special monetary gifts from people like YOU! Please support us with your extra contribution (write 'music' on your check). Or buy a CD of the chancel choir's performance of Changed My Name (\$10 in the narthex). Thank you for your continuing support!!



Special Thanks
to our Musicians!

Soprano
Joyce Brown
Kathy Cormack
Susan Dorris
Laura Evans
Vickie Miller
Patty Pelican
Peg Sant Ambrosio

Alto
Roni Branding
Judy Guerrero
Jane Herz
Norma Leuthauser
Deborah McBride
Denise Stookesberry (soloist)

Tenor
David Due
Rob Hartmann (soloist)
Don Schindel

Bass
Doug Cormack
Gary Stalling
Dave Stookesberry
Paul Vasterling (soloist)

Instrumental Ensemble
Ruth Panhorst, violin
John Panhorst, clarinet
Loretta Haggard, flute
David Morley, trumpet
Donita Bauer, piano
Erik Soell, bass guitar
Kendall Hoffman, drums

Conductor
Jill Thompson

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

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. ***Also on May 9th, we will honor our high school seniors and hear a word from Lewis Wall regarding his healing work with the women of Niger.***

Write a Letter to Your Congressperson on Behalf of Hungry People

Stop by the Bread for the World letter-writing table in the narthex to write a letter to your congressperson about current legislation that could make a difference for hungry children. Kids are welcome to write a letter on behalf of other kids! Paper, envelopes, stamps, sample letters, and congressional addresses are available at the table. If you'd like to write one or more letters at home instead, visit the Bread for the World web site's "2010 Offering of Letters" web site at www.offeringofletters.org.

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, EUCG 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-

THIS WEEK AT EUCG

Sunday, May 2nd

- 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)
- 1:00pm—Community Music School Program (Sanctuary)

Monday, May 3rd

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

Tuesday, May 4th

- 10:00am—Orchard House Bible Study
- 12:15pm—AI-Anon Meeting (Fireside Room)
- 2:30pm—Play and Pray (Fireside Room)
- 7:00pm—Phase 1 Building Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 5th

- 9:00am—Quilters (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30pm—Sts C&F Weekday Mass
- 6:30pm—Children's Choir

Thursday, May 6th

- 9:00am—WG Moms' Connection (Red Room/Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30pm—Chancel Choir

Friday, May 7th

Saturday, May 8th

- 7:30am—Yoga (Narthex)
- 10:00am—Wellness Advisory Group (Still Speaking Center...212 Lockwood)



SPECTRUM MUSIC SERIES AT EUCG SUNDAY, MAY 16 7:00PM

Featuring Marliisa Hudson-Soprano, Paul Huppert-Violin and Daniel Schene-Piano. Presenting music composition of Verdi, Puccini, Mozart, and Franck. Suggested donation for adults \$10, children and students free. A reception will immediately follow. For more information-contact Paul Huppert at 314-913-5579

Sunday Morning

Shared Ministry Opportunities — Signups are in the Narthex

Ministry		Today	Next Week
Liturgists	Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers	Karen Acker (11:00)	Loretta Haggard
Shepherds	Help Carolyn play with our preschoolers	Alyssa and Brad Schnell	NO SHEPHERDS
Crib Room Assistants	Help Carole play with our babies (two shifts)	Gigi Hill	Linda Kolley
Ushers	Greet worshipers and (at 11:00am) collect offering	Sandy Bowe David Faulkner Geno and Lola Contestabile	Earl Brown Stacey Morris Gigi and Bob Hill Wynn Miller Joe Kelly
Coffee Hour	Provide finger foods and greet community between services	OPEN	OPEN
Money Counters	Count the weekly offerings and enter into database	Norma Leuthauser Sandy Bowe	Bob Risk and Ray Mulligan
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
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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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