

Living Pride June 27, 2010

The Spirit descends like a dove,
bringing peace
to unite the world
in a just and caring community.

The Spirit comes like a breath,
bringing life
to renew the people of God.

The Spirit spreads like fire,
bringing energy
for witnessing to the love of God.

K. Hawker



The Other Evangelical Evangelical United Church of Christ

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS

One: Mystery
beyond our knowing
we seek to experience your presence.
We pause
temporarily suspend our assumptions
allowing your breath to fill the open space.
Breathe
living God
breathe upon us even now
that our silence
may become your story.
Once again.
Amen.

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*HYMN

"I Will Never Turn Away"

tune: Hymn to Joy
words: Richard Spalding

**In the desert where they'd wandered
with a billion stars in view,
Abraham and Sarah pondered
how the promise could be true.
Though at first to hope seemed folly,
in the night they heard God say,
"Every star's a child of promise
I will never turn away."**

**With a majesty that stunned her
as she prayed for grace to share
Came a word on wings of wonder
as an answer to a prayer.
Mary magnified the message:
"Let it be just as you say –
From the birth of Love Incarnate
I will never turn away."**

**To the fragile, fateful beauty
of the fractious human race
Comes a church whose joyful duty
is to wield this word of grace:
Male and female, poor and wealthy,
Every color, straight and gay,
All who seek to find this Kingdom
We will never turn away!**

*LITANY

"A Call to Be Church"

source: Kate Compston

One: Our God, you call us to be Church:
Many: **enable us to create - across cultural, age and
class boundaries –a laboratory of peace,
testing out your vision of community and love
as we struggle live with our differences.**

“Whatever you are, be a good one.” - Abraham Lincoln

“You must do the thing you think you cannot do.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

“Every calling is great when greatly pursued.” – Oliver Wendell Holmes

“The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls and tenements halls and whispered in the sounds of silence.” – Paul Simon

(Quotes courtesy Weekly Seed, iUCC.org)

One: Our God, you call us to be Church:

Many: **enable us to be a parable of the Kingdom, allowing the upside-down values of your commonwealth to nudge us away from the acquisitive and self-regarding attitudes of our day.**

One: Our God, you call us to be Church:

Many: **enable us to be a sign of contradiction among the nations, pointing to hope in the midst of disillusion, offering non-violent resistance when evil threatens, accepting loss of prestige or wealth in the cause of justice.**

One: Our God, you call us to be Church:

Many: **enable us to be a place of welcome and warmth, where what is ignored elsewhere may be heard and honoured, where sorrows may be shared and stories told, where hard questions may be asked and new ideas greeted with joy.**

One: Our God, you call us to be Church:

Many: **enable us to be a community of praise, cracking open the dry husks of cynicism and despair, being clowns and jesters for Christ, celebrating the mystery of faith in stillness and song.**

*RESPONSE

“Heleluyan”

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.

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:19-21

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, ‘Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.’ Then Elijah said to him, ‘Go back again; for what have I done to you?’ ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Luke 9:57-62

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, ‘I will follow you wherever you go.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.’ To another he said, ‘Follow me.’ But he said, ‘Lord, first let me go and bury my father.’ But Jesus said to him, ‘Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.’ Another said, ‘I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.’ Jesus said to him, ‘No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.’



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).

SPECIAL MUSIC 8:30am
11:00am

Deborah McBride
Rebecca Morley

SERMON

Time Studies

Katherine Hawker

***HYMN**

“The Summons”

source: John Bell



Will you come and fol - low me
Will you leave your—self be—hind if I but
Will you let the blind - ed see
Will you love the “you” you hide



call your name?
Will you go where you don't
Will you care for cruel and
Will you set the prison-ers
Will you quell the fear in-



know
kind and nev—er be the same? Will you
free side



let my love be shown will you let my
risk the hos—tile stare should your life at-
kiss the lep—er clean, and do such as
use the faith you've found to re—shape the



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an—swer
this un—seen, and ad—mit to what I
world a—round, through my sight and touch and



grown
prayer in you and you in me?
mean
sound

<http://www.barbaragriffiths.com/books-bible.php>



We call to mind your deeds,
O God,
and the faithful acts of
those who have gone before us.

Fill us with the courage
to maintain deep friendships,
to forgive those who
would condemn us,
to embrace freedom
with responsibility,
to walk boldly in integrity
in the bodies you have given us,

In the name
of the Embodied One.
Amen.

Out in Scripture, HRC

IN OUR PRAYERS



Those dealing with cancer and
decisions about treatment...

Those dealing with transitions and
children who are hurting...

Those traveling this summer...

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.*

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver
Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God who is in heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by people of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our
hope and come on earth.**

**With bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power
that is love, now and forever. May it be so. Amen.**

New Zealand Prayer Book

TABLE PRAYER AND PROCESSION TO THE TABLE 8:30AM

INVITATION, REMEMBRANCE, BLESSING

Many: **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 11:00AM

*The congregation is invited to share support for the work of this community and our
monthly Special Offering. As the ushers pass the offering plates, they will also collect
the gray pads.*

RESPONSE

"Eagles Wings"

source: Michael Joncas

**And God will raise us up on eagle's wings,
bear us on the breath of dawn, make us to shine like the sun;
and hold us in the palm... of God's hand.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

source: UCC Book of Worship

One: What we have we bring:

Many: **Our good intentions, our unknown motives,**

One: Our uncertainties about life, our grasp of truth,

Many: **Our time, our uneasiness with what is.**

One: We offer this in the midst of what remains unspoken

Many: **And affirm that it is received.**

One: Amen

Many: **Amen**

***HYMN**

"We are Waiting"

source: Bob Thomas



We are waiting for a day of jus— tice. We are waiting for a day of peace.
praying praying
working working



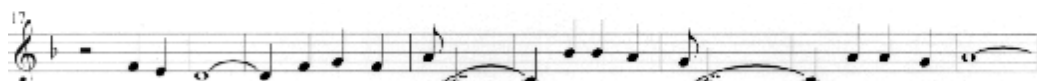
We are waiting for a day of jus— tice. We are waiting for a day of peace.
praying praying
working working



Wait—ing. Wait—ing. Yes, we are wait—ing wait—
Pray—ing. Pray—ing pray—ing pray—
Work—ing. Work—ing work—ing work—



ing. We are waiting for a day of jus— tice. We are waiting for a day of peace.
praying praying
working working



And we know that day is com—ing the light is building the dawn is near



And we vow to stand together until at last that day is here.



We are waiting for a day of jus— tice. We are waiting for a day of peace.

***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.

JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING

Our mission moment for June is Strengthen the Church, one of the five UCC offerings in which we participate during the year. This offering supports funding new church starts and invigorating existing congregations; nurturing lay and pastoral leadership; building youth and young adult ministries; and supporting the God Is Still Speaking Ministry and its extravagant welcome for all within the United Church of Christ. All gifts are directed to activities and programs of our church's local conference as well as the UCC's national ministries.

Please support the Strengthen the Church offering during the month of June. You may make a donation by writing Strengthen the Church on the memo line of a check or using one of the marked envelopes in the pews.

FYI

SHEPHERDS AND NURSERY RELOCATION (during construction)

The Shepherds (preschool/elementary play time) is in the Still Speaking Center.

Nursery is in the Adult Lounge.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

-Parking continues to be limited to the upper lot during weekdays.

-Meeting space is limited to the Fireside Room and the Still Speaking Center. Please contact Sue Schindel if you wish to find a location for a meeting/event.

-The Still Speaking Center has been re-keyed to match the 204 Building locks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JULY 11TH AT 9:45AM

Join us for our semi-annual meeting. We will elect leadership, hear updates from our Governing Body and Wellness Advisory Group, and learn about our Congregational Growth Initiative.

EUCC COMMUNITY DAYS CELEBRATION

JULY 3RD AT 10AM

Our Hot Dog Chefs will be serving up the dogs and the lemonade will be flowing on the front lawn as the Webster Groves Community Days Parade marches by! Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join in the fun!

HOPE FOR HAITI

SATURDAY, JULY 10TH FROM 7:00PM-9:30PM

PARKWAY UCC, 2840 N. BALLAS RD

Christian Singer/Songwriter Bryan Sirchio and local singer Karen Hylton will provide music and inspirational stories. A Silent Auction will begin at 6:30pm before the concert and Plowsharing Crafts will be selling crafts made by Haitian artisans. Tickets are \$10/additional donations are welcome.

PEACE TRAIL 2010

AUGUST 2-6, 9AM TO NOON

"Peace Trail" is our annual week of learning and play for elementary aged children* (our alternative to Vacation Church School). Together we will explore both the ways in which we experience peace and the ways we contribute to peace. Registration forms are now located on the table in the Narthex!!! Watch your email for more details and information in the future.

SHARED MINISTRY* OPPORTUNITIES

JOIN OUR JOB JAR GANG...

Job Jar Gang meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 9:15 am. If you interested, contact **Bob Risk****, or just grab a cup of coffee and come on over!!!

SANDWICH SUNDAYS...

TODAY is Sandwich Sunday!! Please join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:30am as we prepare Monday Lunches for Gateway Homeless Ser-

USHERS...

Contact **Earl Brown**** to be placed in the rotation.

CRIB ROOM...

Contact **Carole Janssen**** if you are interested in helping her play with the babies.

*Ways to be involved and lend a hand.

LITURGIST...

Sign up on the table in the Narthex or contact the Church Office if you are interested assisting with Sunday Morning worship by reading the Scripture and Prayers.

COFFEE HOUR...

Sign up on the table in the Narthex to provide goodies for Sunday Morning Fellowship Hour.

MONEY COUNTERS...

Contact **Bob Hill**** to help with this Finance Circle on Sunday Mornings.

SHEPHERDS...

Please sign up in the Narthex or contact **Carolyn Held**** if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

THIS WEEK AT EUCC

Sunday, June 27

PRIDE ST. LOUIS—Tower Grove Park

8:30am—Worship

9:30—Sandwich Sunday

9:45am—Coffee Fellowship

11:00am—Worship

5:00pm—Woodcarvers

Monday, June 28

Tuesday, June 29

10:00am—Orchard House Bible Study

12:15pm—Al-Anon Meeting (Fireside Room)

7:00pm—Phase 1 Building Committee Meeting (Still Speaking Ctr)

Wednesday, June 30

6:00pm—Huppert Music Lessons (Still Speaking Ctr)

Thursday, July 1

9:30am—WG Mom's Connection (Fellowship Hall)

6:30pm—St. Louis Equality Dancers (Fellowship Hall)

7:00pm—Sts. C & F Book Club (Fireside Rm)

Friday, July 2

Saturday, July 3

7:30—Yoga Class (Narthex)

10:00am—Hubbert Music Lessons (Still Speaking Ctr)

10:00—COME CELEBRATE COMMUNITY DAYS WITH US ON THE FRONT LAWN!!!

Sunday, July 4

5:15pm—Castlewood Support Group (Fireside Room)

FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY GROUPS

QUILTERS TO MEET JULY 7

The EUCC Quilters will meet in Fellowship Hall the morning of Wednesday, July 7 from 9-11 a.m. You don't have to be a sewing expert to join us! We'll be sorting some newly donated fabric and finishing up some prayer quilts. For more information, contact Gail Saxton**.

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN WRITINGS GROUP

Friday, July 16th 6:30pm

Book: God of Jesus: The Historical Jesus and the Search for the Meaning by Steve Patterson
Leader: Wynn Miller

Friday, August 20th 6:30pm

Book: Eternal Life: A New Vision by John Shelby Spong
Leader: Bob Karr

SUMMER YOGA

Classes are held on Saturdays from 7:30am-9:00am in the Still Speaking Center. Anyone is welcome; no previous experience is required. Please bring a yoga mat and small blanket, all other supplies are provided. As always, when starting a new exercise program, it is recommended that you contact your physician

**Contact information is available in the Church Directories located outside the Church Office & in the racks in the narthex or by contacting the Church Office.

SUNDAY MORNING SHARED MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES — SIGNUPS ARE IN THE NARTHEX

MINISTRY		TODAY	NEXT WEEK
LITURGISTS	Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers	OPEN	OPEN
SHEPHERDS	Help Carolyn play with our preschoolers	Laura and Steve Bardelmeier	Jane Miles and Chris Reihard
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 Karen Acker Stacey Morris Bob and Gigi Hill	Sandy Bowe David Faulkner Geno and Lola Contestabile
COFFEE HOUR	Provide finger foods and greet community between services	OPEN	OPEN
MONEY COUNTERS	Count the weekly offerings and enter into database	Bob and Gigi Hill	Norma Leuthauser Sandy Bowe

EUCC STAFF

Pastoral Team
Katherine Hawker,
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Donita Bauer,
Jill Thompson, Darcy Swanson

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Sunday AM, Carolyn Held

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Servant, Lori Winter, Laura Evans
Learning, Ruth Panhorst
Worship, Lil Lau

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.



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