

St. Louis Samaritans July 11, 2010

he walks by
preoccupied
frightened
we walk by

he lies helpless
dazed
overwhelmed
we lie helpless

dear god,
may they find each other.
*dear god,
may we find each other.*

– K. Hawker



“Good Samaritan” by Naoto Hattori

The Other Evangelical Evangelical United Church of Christ

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are the body of Christ!

*The hand clapping, toe tapping, heart pumping,
mouth tasting, arms embracing,*

Justice seeking, hymn singing, love making,
bread breaking, risk taking

Many: **Body of Christ!**

One: Baptized by one Spirit, we are members of one body.

Many: **Many and varied in gender, color,
sexuality, age, class and ability,
we are members of Christ's beautiful body.**

One: *None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."*

Many: **For only together can we find wholeness.**

One: None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you."

Many: **For we are connected like muscle and bone.
If one suffers; we all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice!**

One: Thanks be to God who in Christ has made us one.

Many: **Let us worship God!**

—Ann B. Day, *Shaping Sanctuary*

*HYMN 277

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

tune: Nicaea

words: R.Heber, adapt www.hos3.com

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! O God Al-migh-ty!
Ear-ly in the morn-ing our song shall rise to thee;
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, mer-ci-ful and migh-ty!
Per-fect in power, in love, and pu-ri-ty.**

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! All the saints a-dore thee,
Cast-ing down their gol-den crowns a-round the glass-y sea;
Che-rub-im and se~raph-im fall-ing down be-fore thee,
Who was, and is, and ev-er-more shall be.**

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! though the night-fall hide thee,
hin-dered by our va-ni-ties we have not eyes to see;
On-ly thou art ho-ly; there is none be-side thee,
Per-fect in power, in love, and pu-ri-ty!**

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! O God Al-migh-ty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly; mer-ci-ful and migh-ty!
Who was, and is, and ev-er-more shall be.**



Dear God,

With grateful heart, I pray your blessing of strength to be a United Church of Christ Stillspeaking Voice.

Today's world is filled with those who need to hear a still speaking word of life and love.

Guide my steps, God, to reach friend and stranger with your extravagant welcome. Open my ears to hear your voice; open my eyes to see you in all your beloved children; and anoint my lips to speak your love and grace.

In the name of the Stillspeaking One we pray. Amen.



I want you to be concerned about your next door neighbor. Do you know your next door neighbor?

- Mother Teresa

How much time he saves who does not look to see what his neighbor says or does or thinks.

- Marcus Aurelius

To keep the Golden Rule we must put ourselves in other people's places, but to do that consists in and depends upon picturing ourselves in their places.

- Harry Emerson Fosdick

***LITANY**

One: Carrying the myriad of relationships which define us,
Lugging complicated family relationships that we'd rather not mention,
Many: **We come to God's table of welcome and healing.**

One: Bearing God's image in our physical beings,
Dragging painful medical histories that threaten our welcome,
Many: **We come to God's table of welcome and healing.**

One: Holding the promise of life before us,
Grasping at the frayed edges of our youthful dreams,
Many: **We come to God's table of welcome and healing.**

- K. Hawker

***RESPONSE 497**

"Guide My Feet" tune: African American Trad.

**Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

**Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

**Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

"Variation of Amazing Grace"
Rob Hartmann

11:00am

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"
Erik Soell

Harburg, Arlen

SERMON

In Search of Eternal Life

Katherine Hawker

*HYMN 388

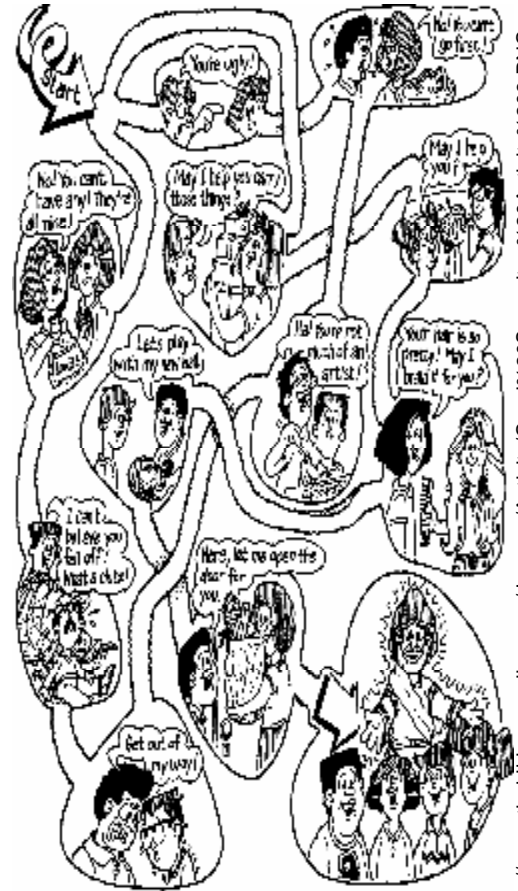
"Help Us Accept Each Other"

tune: Aurealia
words: F. Kaan

Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us
teach us as sister, brother
each person to embrace.
Be present God, among us
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted
and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O God, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
for all not just for some.
to love them as we find them
or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness
and laughter's healing art.



<http://www.thebiblewayonline.com/Journey/Activity/Good%20Samaritan%20Activity%203.PNG>

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

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.*

COMMUNION SONG

"Woyaya"
 (We are Going)

source: Osibisa

We are go - ing, hea - ven knows
 We will get there, hea - ven knows
 where we are go - ing, We'll know we're there.
 how we will get there, We know we will.
 It will be hard we
 know, and the road will be mud-dy and rough,
 but we'll get there hea - ven knows how we will
 get there, We know we will. Repeat

***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 389**

“Un Mandamiento Nuevo”

source: Loperena

Refrain

Je - sus a new com - mand - ment has giv - en us:

that we should love each oth - er just as our God loves us.

1 The clear sign of all true Chris - tians
Those who do not love their neigh - bors

— is the way they love each oth - er.
— do not tru - ly love their Sav - ior (to refrain)

2 Christ, the Light, the Truth, and true Life, bids us share our love and pardon.
Let us all for-give each oth-er as by God we are com-mand-ed. (to refrain)

3 We are tru-ly friends of Je-sus if we free-ly give our par-don.
In our liv-ing and our dy-ing, God is ev-er there to love us. (to refrain)

4 In true char-i-ty and lov-ing, God is pres-ent here a-mong us.
Let us come to Je-sus' ta-ble with our love for one an-oth-er. (to refrain)

5 Glo-ry be to the Cre-a-tor; glo-ry be to Christ, our Sav-ior;
Glo-ry be to God, the Spir-it, Ho-ly Trin-i-ty for-ev-er. (to refrain)

***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.

JULY SPECIAL OFFERING

Starting school with all of the right equipment helps children learn!

Please bring school supplies to the narthex during the month of July and we will bring donations to Joint Neighborhood Ministries at Epiphany UCC in Saint Louis City and Bush Elementary School in East Saint Louis.

Bush Elementary is a new name to EUCC missions. In 2006, Gordon D. Bush Elementary School opened its doors to serve the children of East St. Louis. Named for the two-term mayor, Bush Elementary serves kindergarten through 5th grade students and has distinguished itself through its excellent teachers, strong principal/school leadership, and challenging academic programs.

School supplies needed include: loose-leaf paper, spiral bound notebooks, folders, boxes of crayons, boxes of markers, packs of #2 pencils, underwear, black or blue ink pens, red ink pens, scissors, glue (bottle or stick), pencil cases, Socks, backpacks, colored pencils, protractor, compass, calculators, and binders

FYI

SHEPHERDS AND NURSERY RELOCATION (during construction)

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

-Nursery is in the Adult Lounge.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

-South wall windows have been insulated! Drywall is up and ready for taping. Outside wall is ready for the fun stuff...a touch of color

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

FIRST YEAR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIVING REPORT

You continue to do what you promised – THANK YOU! As of June 30, you have given \$282,694 for the capital improvements. Most of you (about 95%) are right on target and some have even given ahead. Isn't it great to see the work progressing? Thanks to the Building Committee, chaired by Gary Boehnke, who has met faithfully for over a year and are now dealing with the issues of construction. Please check your first year commitment and bring it up to date, if needed. If you have any questions about your giving account, please contact Ken Ulmer, our treasurer, or Norma Leuthauser, 314-821-1731, or Jill Thompson, 314-367-8224 of the Follow-Up Committee. Thank you.

STILL SPEAKING CENTER

is our nickname for the 212 Building. How will this building be used by our community and/or the wider community? God is still speaking, and we are doing our best to listen!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY, 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.

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION & DINNER

SATURDAY, JULY 24 AT 6PM

With a large group of new members (and lots of wee ones!) we have much to celebrate as a community! Join us on the eve of our New Member Sunday at the Still Speaking Center for an evening of fellowship as we welcome our new friends. New members are our guests, we invite others to share a dish. Please sign up in the Narthex to help with our planning!

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.

COFFEE HOUSE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6th, 6:00PM ON THE LAWN

Contact Deborah McBride for more information and to get on the line up. 314-918-2764

SHARED MINISTRY* OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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.

*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.

JOIN OUR JOB JAR GANG...

Job Jar Gang is scheduled to meet the following Mondays...**July 12th, July 26th, August 9th and August 23rd.** If you are interested, contact **Bob Risk****, or just grab your morning coffee, come on over and pitch in!!!

THIS WEEK AT EUCC

Sunday, July 11th

8:30am—Worship

9:45am—Congregational Meeting

11:00am—Worship

5:00pm—Woodcarvers

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

Monday, July 12th

9:15am—Job Jar

Tuesday, July 13th

10:00am—Orchard House Bible Study

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

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

Wednesday, July 14th

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

7:00pm—Eating Disorder Recovery Group (Fireside Rm)

Thursday, July 15th

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

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

Friday, July 16th

6:30pm—Contemporary Writers Group (Fireside Rm)

Saturday, July 17th

7:30am—Yoga Class (Still Speaking Ctr)

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

Sunday, July 18th

12:00pm—Servant Team Meeting (Still Speaking Ctr)

FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY GROUPS

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.

MINISTRY		TODAY	NEXT WEEK
LITURGISTS	Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers	Scott Guerrero (11:00)	David Miers (11:00)
SHEPHERDS	Help Carolyn play with our preschoolers	Mia Ulmer and Julianne Smutz	Melinda Love Elaine Branding
CRIB ROOM ASSISTANTS	Help Carole play with our babies (two shifts)	Sandy Bowe	Amy Soell
USHERS	Greet worshipers and (at 11:00am) collect offering	Sis Huitt and Gladys Bradley Bob and Gigi Hill Yoany Lopez Sean Bryant	Teri Hillen, Sarah Webster Linda Kolley, Jan Ittner Steve Bardelmeier Earl Brown
COFFEE HOUR	Provide finger foods and greet community between services	Marlene McCarthy Darlene Self	Trudy Guinther
MONEY COUNTERS	Count the weekly offerings and enter into database	Bob Risk and Ray Mulligan	Bob and Gigi Hill

EUCC STAFF

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
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Campus Minister at Webster: Laurel Hayes

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People, Debbie Gregg
Community, Patty Pelikan, Janet Rundquist
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.

Contact us:

204 E. Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves MO 63119

314.968.1727

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