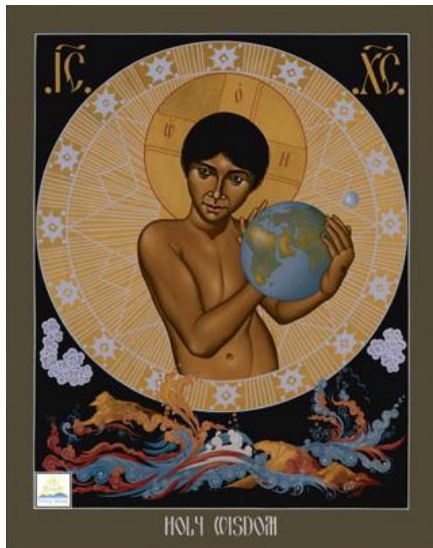
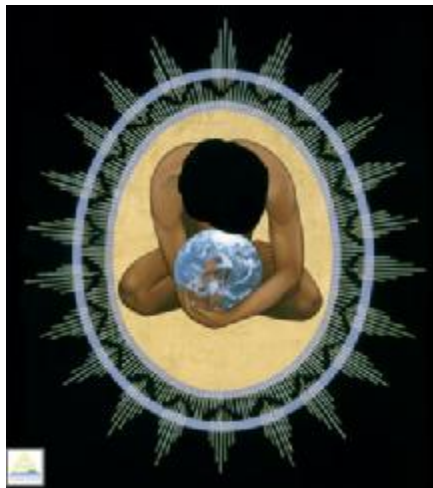


Pondering Christ July 18, 2010



Wisdom has built her house,
She has set up her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her beasts,
She has mixed her wine,
She has also set her table.
She has sent out her maids to call
From the highest places in town,
"Whoever is simple,
let him turn in here!"
To him who is without sense
she says: "Come eat of my bread,
And drink of the wine I have mixed.
Leave simpleness, and live,
And walk in the way of insight."

Proverbs 9:1-6



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: You who are the Creator of all things,
You who are Creator of the Cosmic Christ
in every creature, every galaxy, every atom and every one of us,
bring forth from us the spirit not of alienation and loneliness and separation,
but the spirit of making connections.
We belong to one another,
we belong to You and we long to make this happen.

Matthew Fox
<http://www.csec.org>

*HYMN

"What A Friend"

tune: Erie
words: 1 Scriven, 2-3 Hawker

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.**

**Ancient Wisdom, timeless wonder
Truth revealed the world around
Though we search through texts and teachings
In the my'stry you are found
We can choose to limit vision
We can choose to walk weighed down
Ours a finitude of choosing
Yours a sacred truth unbound**

**Sacred presence now a'lighting
Now illumine paths of peace
Healing balm the Spirit offers
When our surety we release
While we cling to our assumptions
While we cling to our dis'ease
Breath of God upends our balance
May we now embrace the breeze.**

*LITANY

One: Listen to the Cosmic Christ, to Cosmic Wisdom
calling all the children of God together:
"Come, children, drink of my waters which are all common waters.
They are free and available to all my children.
Drink of my wisdom from your own unique well.
Let the Taoists drink and the Muslims drink;
let the Jews drink and the Buddhists drink;
let the Christians drink and let the native peoples drink.
And then tell me: What have you drunk?
How deeply have you imbibed my refreshment?
What wet and running wisdom drips from inside you to the outside?"



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.



“God is a great underground river that no one can dam up and no one can stop.”

Meister Eckhart

“Mysticism is the basis of all true science.” and “Anyone who cannot stand wrapped in awe is as good as dead.”

Albert Einstein

What have you to share with others of my wisdom and harmonious living, of the drippings of the oils of compassion and the lubricants of your common anointings as my images, my other “Christs,” my co-creators of wisdom on Earth?”

- One: The God in me greets the God in you.
Many: The God in me greets the God in you and bids you peace.
One: The Christ in me greets the Christ in you.
Many: The Christ in me greets the Christ in you and bids you welcome.
One: Amen.
Many: Let it be!

http://www.christ-community.net/bulletins/bulletin08_13_06.pdf

*RESPONSE "Over My Head" tune: African American Trad.

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.

Over my head, I hear singing in the air...

Over my head, I see trouble in the air...

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-4

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

Colossians 1:15-19

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

Proverbs 8

Yahweh created me when His purpose first unfolded for the oldest of the Divine works. From Everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The Deep was not when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains settled, before the hills, I came to birth. Before God made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains, or the world's dust, when God fixed the heavens firm, I was there. Come drink of my wine, eat of my bread.

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 Alex Blank
11:00am Erin Schroeder

SERMON

Cosmic Christ Katherine Hawker

***Named unnamed, hidden and shown,
knowing and known. Gloria!***

**Beautifully moving, ceaselessly forming,
growing, emerging with awesome delight,
Maker of Rainbows, glowing with color,
arching in wonder,
energy flowing in darkness and light:**
(chorus)

**Spinner of chaos, pulling and twisting,
freeing the fibers of pattern and form,
Weaver of Stories, fabled or unspoken,
tangled or broken,
shaping a tapestry vivid and warm.**
(chorus)

**Nudging Discomfort, prodding and shaking,
waking our lives to creative unease,
Straight talking Lover, checking and humbling
jargon and grumbling,
speaking the truth that refreshes and frees.**
(chorus)

**Midwife of Changes, skillfully guiding,
drawing us out through the shock of the new,
woman of Wisdom, deeply perceiving,
never deceiving,
freeing and leading in all that we do.**
(chorus)

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.**

Alice Miller is a contemporary psychiatrist who is working a lot with the wounded, drug addicts, alcoholics, prostitutes, and terrorists. And in her work she asks this question, she says, "How is it that Jesus turned out so well? How is it that Jesus became the mystic and the prophet that He was meant to be?" And her answer is, "because He had a father named Joseph who treated Him as if He was the Son of God." Then she asks, "What if every parent treated their children as if they were the son and daughter of God? What if all our adult institutions, education, government, religion, treated the youth as if they were the sons and daughters of God?"

Matthew Fox
<http://www.csec.org/>



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Though they deem themselves spiritual people, adherents of the new age text *The Secret* and the conservative Christian prosperity gospel alike focus on individual success, rather than corporate responsibility and social justice. Proving God's existence because you've found the closest parking place pales in comparison with real spiritual issues such as poverty, racism, and ecological disaster. Truly holistic spirituality hears the groans of creation and the cries of the poor as well as our own spiritual yearnings.

Bruce G. Epperly,
<http://www.patheos.com>

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.*

RESPONSE

“We Will Take What You Offer” source: John Bell, Iona

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has the lyrics "We will take what you of - fer, we will live by your word;" with chords Dm and Dm7 above it. The second staff has the lyrics "we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you, Lord." with chords Bdim, Bflat, F, G, and A above it. The third staff has the lyrics "We will take what you of - fer, we will live by your word;" with chords Dm and Dm7 above it. The fourth staff has the lyrics "we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you, Lord." with chords Bdim, Bflat, F6, G, A, and Dm above it.

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.

***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**

“Morning Has Broken”

tune: Buessan
words: Farjeon

**Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for the springing fresh from the word**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass**

**Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day**

***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!

FINANCES IN BRIEF-
For the six month period ending June 30, 2010 the General Fund contributions received were \$144,280, other income was \$6,208 for a total of \$150,488. Expenses were \$152,453,189. The result is a shortfall on June 30 of \$1,965. The weekly average of contributions received was \$5,788. The weekly average needed is \$6,013. Difference is a shortfall of \$225 per week.

Ken Ulmer

Finance Team Leader

**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

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

-Finishing façade has been installed including the window trim.

-Interior walls have been dry-walled, taped and sanded.

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



WHERE AND HOW DO YOU SEE OUR STILL SPEAKING GOD IN THE WORLD TODAY?

As a part of our upcoming Rally Day celebration, all members and friends of EUCC are invited to pick up their cameras and take a picture of where you see God. It doesn't matter how old you are, whether you are a professional photographer or not, or even if you own a camera (Al Schon will provide one for those who need it). Take a picture of God as you see God.

Once you have your picture you can have it printed and give it to Al, email it to Al at aschon1@yahoo.com, or bring it to church on a flash drive or disc. All pictures received by August 29th will be displayed on Rally Day so that we can all enjoy seeing God through the eyes of others.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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!

GOVERNING BODY ORIENTATION

SUNDAY, JULY 25 FOLLOWING 11:00AM WORSHIP

Mark you calendars and look for further details later this week.

COLLEGE STUDENTS AND 20-SOMETHINGS

SATURDAY, JULY 31 AT 12NOON

Join us to expand your view of our universe! View and discuss Hubble IMAX playing at the St. Louis Science Center. This will be our second gathering of 20-somethings! For the group rate we need 10 people reserved 10 days prior to the event, so please RSVP. Contact Jessica with questions jessica.rowley@stclareandfrancis.org.

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PEACE TRAIL 2010

AUGUST 2-6 FROM 9AM TO NOON

Our annual week of learning and play for elementary aged children (our alternative to Vacation Bible 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!!!

COFFEE HOUSE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 AT 6PM ON THE LAWN

Deborah McBride is organizing another coffee house with music, poetry and more. For more information and to get on the line up, call Deborah at 314-918-2764.

LGBT AFFIRMING CHURCHES FAMILY PICNIC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 FROM NOON-6pm

Join area UCC LGBT-friendly folk at the Bohrer County Park for hot dogs and lemonade. Bring a dish to share and meet new friends!

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!!!

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

EUCC MOMS' GROUP JULY 16TH AT BOTANICAL GARDEN

Moms' Group will meet at the Missouri Botanical Garden's play area on Friday July 16 at 10am. After playing we can reconvene at Tower Grove Park for picnic lunch (bring your own) and perhaps splash in the fountain. If you need tickets for the Botanical garden's play area and/or a ticket to get into the garden, please call Dee Ban 965-1191. She has plenty of tickets to share.

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

RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Sts. Clare and Francis would like to extend an invitation to the women of EUCC for a Women's Retreat featuring Annette L. Sherwood and Dr. Devoree Crist of Spiritual Directors International. The event will be held Friday, August 6th and Saturday, August 7 at Maria Center. Further information is posted on the bulletin board and flyers are located on the table in the Narthex. Registration Deadline August 1st.

THIS WEEK AT EUCC

Sunday, July 18th

8:30am—Worship

9:45am—New Member Class

11:00am—Worship

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

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

Monday, July 19th

Tuesday, July 20th

9:30am—Amy Soell's Yoga Class (Still Speaking Center)

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 21st*

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

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

Thursday, July 22nd*

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

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

Friday, July 23rd*

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

10:00am—La Leche (Still Speaking Ctr)

Saturday, July 24th*

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

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

3:00pm—Sts. C&F New Member Conversation (Fireside Room)

6:00pm—New Member Welcome Dinner (Still Speaking Ctr)

*Sue Schndel will be out of the office these days.

MINISTRY		TODAY	NEXT WEEK
LITURGISTS	Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers	David Miers (11:00)	Mickey Clarke (8:30) Roni Branding (11:00)
SHEPHERDS	Help Carolyn play with our preschoolers	Melinda Love Elaine Branding	Toby and Tara Mechem
CRIB ROOM ASSISTANTS	Help Carole play with our babies (two shifts)	Amy Soell	Kris Lewis
USHERS	Greet worshipers and (at 11:00am) collect offering	Teri Hillen, Sarah Webster Linda Kolley, Jan Ittner Steve Bardelmeier Earl Brown	Bob and Bobbie Pahmeier Sarah Webster, Linda Kolley, Jan Ittner Steve Bardelmeier, Earl Brown
COFFEE HOUR	Provide finger foods and greet community between services	Trudy Guinther	Soell Family Loretta Haggard
MONEY COUNTERS	Count the weekly offerings and enter into database	Bob and Gigi Hill	Jeremy Meyer and Nick Gilham

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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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