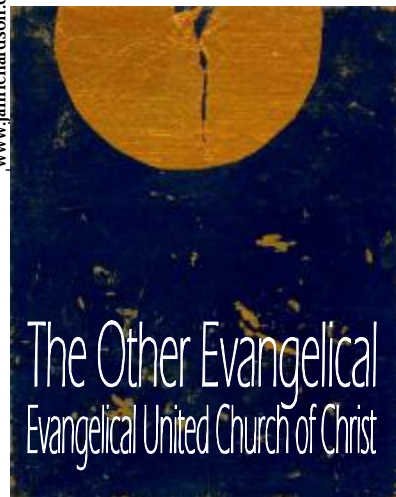


Christmas 2:
January 02, 2011



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of surprises,
startle us with truth we do not see,
amaze us with your power and grace,
beckon us, and lead us far above
restricted hope and narrow faith.

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***HYMN 150**

"Sing a Different Song"

tune: Different Song
words: Iona Community



Sing a dif-ferent song now
Shout a dif-ferent shout now
Love a dif-ferent love now
Dance a dif-ferent dance now



Christ-mas is here, sing a song of peo-ple know-ing God's near:
Christ-mas is here, shout a shout of joy and gen - u - ine cheer:
Christ-mas is here, love with-out con-di-tion, love with-out fear:
Christ-mas is here, dance a dance of war on suf-fering and fear:



The Mes - si - ah is born in the face of our scorn,
Fill the earth and the sky with the news from on high,
With the hum-ble and poor, with the shy and un - sure,
Peace and jus-tice are one, in the light of the sun.



sing a dif - ferent song to wel - come and
shout a dif - ferent shout that all may come
love a dif - ferent love. Let Christ be the
Dance a dif - ferent dance. God's reign has be -



warn.
by.
cure!
gun!

Crucible: Bubbling chaos

Burning away dross, the not-me
 Molten, fluid, strangely colorful.
 How long do I stay in here?
 Until there is a new mold
 I choose to enter,
 Wiggle into that new shape,
 Cool down into difference
 Mostly I am the same
 But there's a difference
 An important newness, a plus
 Remembering the crucible, the
 changing,
 And the changes
 Knowing there are more cruci-
 bles ahead.
 I am still not a finished figure.

– William E. Chapman



<http://media.fanart.theotaku.com/458750-20100924201749.jpg>

“John claims that we can experience God only through the divine light embodied in Jesus, while Thomas says that the divine light embodied in Jesus is already shared by humanity since we are all made “in the image of God”. Thomas thus expresses what would become a central theme of Jewish, and later Christian, mysticism a thousand years later: that the “image of God” is hidden within everyone, and it is a question of recognizing this and finding it through one’s own efforts.”

Reviewing Elaine Pagel's
 “Beyond Belief”

<http://www.southernreview.org/29/pagels.htm>

*GATHERING WORDS

- One: The storms of time have scattered us,
 the furies of the year past have driven us.
- Many: **Yet we remain vigilant and hopeful for all things to come.**
- One: Many sorrows have scarred us,
 many accomplishments have disappointed us.
- Many: **Yet we remain people on the way,
 open to infinity and enormity and abundance.**
- One: Much activity has wearied us, and fears spooked us
 into a hundred hiding places.
- Many: **Yet we move to new honesty
 beyond our pretended gaiety and tired well wishes.**
- One: We welcome new and wondrous days, dangerous days, blessed days,
 surprising days; and we teeter on the edge of waiting, wrestling with
 capricious memories and yet anticipating.
- Many: **If not new time, then new eyes and a renewed heart
 that seeks out and celebrates
 the beauty of new beginnings.**

Inspired by Ted Loder in his book,
 Guerrillas of Grace Prayers for the Battle

*RESPONSE 136

“Jesus, Jesus”

source: traditional

Je-sus, Je-sus, oh, what a won-der-ful child.
 Je-sus, Je-sus, so ho-ly meek and
 mild; new life, new hope the Child will bring.
 Lis-ten to the an-gels sing, "Glo-ry, glo-ry,
 glo-ry let the heav-ens ring!

READING FROM TRADITION

- One: May we be struck by the wisdom of these words
 and marked by hearing them.
- Many: **For within story lies meaning,
 and within meaning, the wisdom for which we seek .**
- One: From the Gospel of Thomas (50):
 Jesus said, "If they say to you, 'Where did you come from?', say to them, 'We came from the light, the place where the light came into being on its own accord and established itself and became manifest through their image.'
 And from the Gospel of John (1:9-10):
 The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not.

Gretta Vosper

One: With words that illumine
Many: **May we hear the Word.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

*Children are invited to the Chancel Steps for a story.
Following the story, children may choose to return to their seats
or go to play in the Nursery or with the Shepherds (11:00am).*

SPECIAL MUSIC "Mary, Did You Know?" Lowry/Greene
Jody Woodward

SERMON "Heretics in the Shadows" Katherine Hawker

***HYMN 151** "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" tune: Une Jeune Pucelle
words: Middleton

**'Twas in the moon of wintertime,
When all the birds had fled,
That mighty Gitchi Manitou
Sent angel choirs instead;
Before their light the stars grew dim,
And wondering hunters heard the hymn:**

Refrain

**Jesus, Emmanuel,
Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria.**

**Within a lodge of broken bark
The tender babe was found,
A ragged robe of rabbit skin
Enwrapped his beauty round;
But as the hunter braves drew nigh,
The angel song rang loud and high:**

Refrain

**O children of the forest free;
O seed of Manitou,
The holy Child of earth and heav'n
Is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant Child,
Who brings you beauty, peace so mild.**

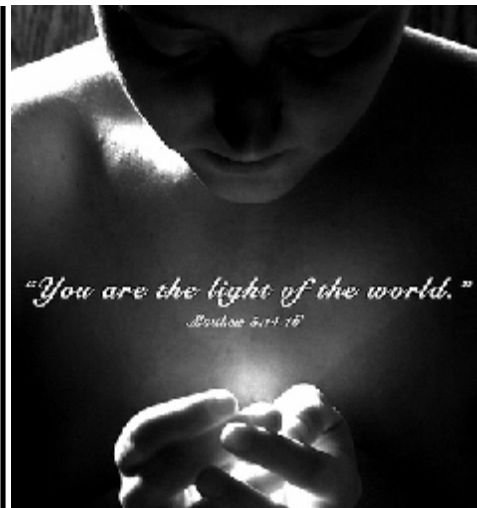
Refrain

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.***

**Loving Creator, we honor you,
and we honor all that you have made.
Renew the whole world
in the image of your love.
Give us what we need for today,
and a hunger to see the whole world fed.
Strengthen us for what lies ahead;
heal us from the hurts of the past;
give us courage to follow your call in this moment.
For your love is the only power,
the only home, the only honor we need,
in this world and in the world to come.
Amen.**

Sarah Dylan Breuer



Samara Peddle
http://farm4.static.flickr.com/3009/2623716558_215902a7d0.jpg?v=0

God of our ancestors
As we sing your praises
this Christmas:
Give us eyes to see that amidst
the joy and celebration
there is discrimination.
Give us courage to raise our voices
when we see it
and work for change.
Give us strength to rise up and
claim our power from the margins.
Continue to challenge us,
as we join the chorus of angels
in protest and celebration.

Out in Scripture, <http://www.hrc.org>

<http://www.encuentrosjuveniles.org/Assets/BeTheseSaltAndLight.jpg>



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"

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**

One: A new year has dawned; the old is past and gone.

This is a time for beginnings,

a time to encounter Creativity God anew.

Many: **You are the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.**

One: Look around you at the amazing variety of the universe.

Many: **God has lured everything suitable for its time.**

One: Consider again what Creativity God

has nudged us to do and to be...

Many: **To show compassion to the least of God's children.**

Refrain:

**Go tell is on the mountain, over the hill and everywhere.
Go tell is on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.**

Refrain:

**The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth.**

Refrain:

**Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.**

Refrain:

***BENEDICTION**

One: Go as far as your courage takes you,
for you cannot go beyond the reach of God.
Give as extravagantly as you may,
for you cannot spend all the riches of God.
Care as lavishly as you are able,
for you cannot exhaust the love of God.
Keep journeying as a servant,
for God will always be with you.

BHughes

***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!

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.

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.

NEW EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

BUILDING OUR FAITH

Sunday evenings at 5:00pm

Beginning with a simple Soup Supper, January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 6 In the Fireside Room at EUCC. Children welcome with playtime arranged following supper.

Taking hammer and tongs to cherished or traditional beliefs in order to see what can withstand historical, critical perspectives and secular, intellectual critique is called "deconstruction". But then what?

How does one begin to re-construct a faith for today that honors what one still holds to be true and of eternal significance in life and religion and relationships? We will be working together at "building our faith" in these Sunday evening gatherings. We want to begin with your concerns and questions. Personal sharing will be valued. Have you experienced "the Sacred" - and do you call it "God"? What of that One called "God's Christ"? Does prayer have meaning for you?

These are the kind of questions we will explore. Come join us: the Holy Spirit promises to be present. Leaders: Al Schon and Marilyn Stavenger

EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING

EPIPHANY PARTY

Saturday, January 8 at 7:00pm

Save the date! You're Invited to an Epiphany Party. Who: Adults of Evangelical. What: A party & merriment. Where: At Dee and David Ban's house (12815 Westledge Ln in Des Peres). Please call Dee for food assignments at 965-1191.

CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR - MLK WEEKEND

Saturday, Jan 15 - Monday, Jan 17, 2011

Calling all youth (special invite to Confirmation Class!). An EUCC trip. Youth from First Federated (Peoria IL) will be joining us and other churches have been invited. We have room for a total of 40. RESERVE with Jeanne ASAP (314.963.1786). We'll be staying at First Cong'l in Memphis, touring museums, colleges, and more. It's a great opportunity to consider connections between faith and justice. Sample itinerary available at www.evangelicalucc.org

EDUCATION OFFERINGS

"SPIRITUALITY AND OLDER ADULTS"

Sundays, January 9, 16, 23 at 9:45am

Lead by Marilyn Stavenger

This class will enable participants to think about and imagine some ways to encourage older adults - in one's family or maybe even oneself - to access spiritual resources in support of varied interests, differing commitments, and a desire for meaning. In years when good physical health is more elusive and one experiences diminished energy, what are ways that life and relationships can continue to be nurtured by you, or by caregivers and family members? The embrace of one's own gifts and available communal activities can make all the difference in how one experiences that emotional and spiritual landscape called aging.

PARENT GROUP

Sundays at 9:45am beginning again on January 9

A safe space apart for parents (and their allies) to gather while their children are in Church School. Convened by Jane Miles and Chris Reinhard, this group will be largely self directed. Monthly, Susan Ulmer will share "Soul Space" with the group, a time of spiritual renewal. With each new unit in our church school, Katy will share a review of the Bible stories being used "Down Under".

CHURCH SCHOOL - NINE JESUS' TEACHINGS

Sundays at 9:45am beginning January 9

Children ages beginner thru 6th grade are invited to join us in the lower level education wing for 9 week unit of Jesus' Teachings. In the first book of our New Testament, Matthew tells a story that we call Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5-7). What this 'sermon' really is, however, is a collection of Jesus' most beloved sayings. Each week we will share one teaching and together we have the core values that Jesus shared with his friends. As we learn these teachings together, let's begin to imagine a world where all people who follow Jesus live these values.

DE-GREENING THE SANCTUARY

Sunday, January 2

“What goes up must come down!”

Please help "de-green" our sanctuary and narthex on Sunday, Jan 2, following the 11:00 service when we'll take down and pack away the Christmas decorations. With plenty of help it won't take long! NOTE: the tree will remain, but the ornaments will be removed to be ready for the Rainbow Fish Tree. If you contributed an ornament, you may then reclaim it. (If you are unable to come, we will set aside the contributed ornaments for you to claim at another time.) Questions?? Contact Roni Branding at ronibranding@gmail.com. Gracias!

FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY GROUPS

QUILTERS AND ARTISTS - INVITATION TO MAKE VALENTINES

Wednesday, January 5 at 9:00am

The EUCC Quilters and Artists, who alternate day and evening meeting times, will gather next on the morning of Wednesday, January 5, from 9 – 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our main activity, along with finishing up some prayer quilts, will be making Valentines, which will be sold at church for the benefit of Church World Service on Jan. 30 and Feb. 6. We welcome anyone who enjoys paper crafts to come join us!

If there are other paper crafters out there unable to come to that meeting but still interested in making Valentines, Gail Saxton would love to hear from you. We can arrange other Valentine making parties, or give you some of our materials to take home. Gail can be reached at 314-821-7917, or acsaxtonjr@aol.com.

EUCC MOMS' GROUP

Friday, January 14 at 9:30am

We will share our holiday experiences and brainstorm new topics. If you need childcare, please call Dee Ban ahead of time. (965-1191)

Watch the calendar and other publications for the following Ministry Groups:

YOUTH CIRCLES

Sundays at 4:00pm, Still Speaking (beginning again January 9)

2nd Sunday, Youth in Action

3rd Sunday, Youth in Community

4th Sunday, Youth in Service

Every Sunday, Youth in Worship (Youth Band), 12noon, Choir Room

JOB JAR GANG

Gathers on the 1st and 3rd Monday to do odd jobs around our building.

YOGA

Offered in 6 weeks session (look for a new one beginning in January).

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our Children's Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Choir Room.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Chancel Choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm in the Choir Room.

FOLK CHOIR

Folk Choir rehearses the first Sunday of each month between services and performs the following Sunday.

THIS WEEK AT EUCC

Sunday, January 2

8:30am—Worship

NO CHURCH SCHOOL

NO ADULT ED

NO JR/SR HIGH CLASSES

11:00am—Worship

12:00pm--Youth Band

12:00pm--De-Greening Church

NO YOUTH GROUP

3:00pm--Community Drumming Circle (Fellowship Hall)

5:15pm—Castlewood Support Group (Library)

Monday, January 3

9:15 am--Job Jar (Fireside Rm)

Tuesday, January 4

10:00am--Orchard House Bible Study

Wednesday, January 5

6:00pm--GB Meeting (Still Speaking Ctr)

6:30pm--Children's Choir

Thursday, January 6

9:30pm--WG Mom's Connection (Fellowship Hall/Red Rm)

12:30pm--Staff Meeting (Katy's Office)

7:30pm--Chancel Choir

Saturday, January 8

12:00pm--Sts C&F Ordination (Sanctuary/Fireside Rm)

1:00pm--WAG Meeting (Library)

5:00pm--Sts C&F Worship

MINISTRY		TODAY	NEXT WEEK
LITURGISTS	Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers	Kathy Adair (8:30am & 11:00am)	Lola Contestabile (11:00am)
SHEPHERDS	Playtime with our preschoolers	Melinda Love Elaine Branding	Loretta Haggard Treasure Williams
CRIB ROOM ASSISTANTS	Help Carole play with our babies (two shifts)	Gigi Hill	Amy Soell
USHERS	Greet worshipers and (at 11:00am) collect offering	David Faulkner Lola and Geno Contestabile	Paul Kachulis Bob Risk & Ray Mulligan Bob and Gigi Hill
COFFEE HOUR	Provide finger foods and greet community between services	Max Frederick Kristin Wamsley	Debbie Gregg Peggy Thater
MONEY COUNTERS	Count the weekly offerings and enter into database	Nick Gilham and Jeremy Meyer	Norma Leuthauser Sandy Bowe

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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, political perspective, 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 child-care 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:

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