

Fifth Sunday after Easter May 29, 2011



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INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS AND PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

source: Heberton, R. Hunt

One: Discovered in daily life
divine background print
opening eyes
opening minds
opening hearts
inviting the journey deeper
into life...
Gentle still point
Silent place of knowing...

Many: **Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life
in the presentness of this God.**

*HYMN 592

"God of the Ages"

tune: National Hymn
words: Roberts

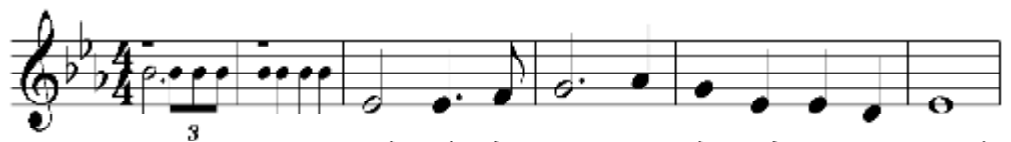
*Where have all the flowers gone?
Long time passing
Where have all the flowers gone?
Long time ago
Where have all the flowers gone?
Girls have picked them every one
When will they ever learn?
When will they ever learn?*

*Where have all the soldiers gone?
Long time passing
Where have all the soldiers gone?
Long time ago
Where have all the soldiers gone?
Gone to graveyards every one
When will they ever learn?
When will they ever learn?*

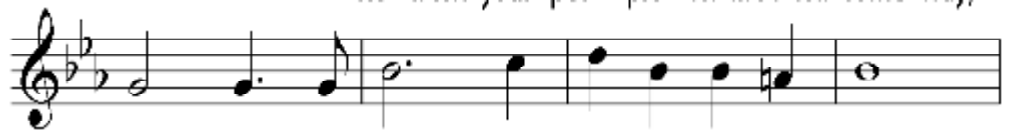
*Where Have All The Flowers Gone
words and music by Pete Seeger*



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God of the a - ges, who with sure com - mand
Your pur - pose, just, en - vi - sions mor - tals free;
From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
Re - fresh your peo - ple on life's toil - some way;



brought forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
God, set our path toward hu - man lib - er - ty.
with stead - fast care be ev - er our de - fense;
lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor thru the skies,
Still be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
Your love and faith with - in our hearts in - crease;
With truth and love guide us through er - ror's maze,



our grat - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
with boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
and we shall give you glo - ry, laud, and praise.

God's farming.. has four elements:
faith, hope, love and knowledge.

- Faith is our earth, that in which we take root.
- Hope is the water through which we are nourished.
- Love is the wind through which we grow.
- Knowledge is the light through which we ripen..

Truth did not come into the world naked,
but it came in types and images. One will
not receive truth in any other way.

Gospel of Philip 79 and 67
A text of the early church,
not included in our bible



loving Jesus
is loving our neighbor
loving Jesus
is being loved by God

loving our neighbor
is being loved by God

who would have guessed
that the kid next-door was divine?

Gospel Meditation—John 14:15-21
K. Hawker

*PRAYER OF AWARENESS

source: L. Bates, R. Hunt

One: As we gather in this sacred place
let us open our minds to the challenge of reason,
our hearts open to the healing of love,
our lives open to the calling of conscience,
and our souls open to the comfort of joy.

Many: **Astonished by the miracle of life,
grateful for the gift of fellowship,
and confident in the power of a living faith,
we celebrate this time together.**

*RESPONSE

"Halleluyan"

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.

READING FROM TRADITION

One: May we be struck by the wisdom of these words
and marked by hearing them.

source: Vosper

Many: **For within story lies meaning,
and within meaning, the wisdom for which we seek.**

One: From John's story of Jesus:

Jesus said to the disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the One who sent me, who will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows this Spirit; but you know the Spirit, because the Spirit is with you and dwells within you. I will not leave you orphaned...'

(John 14:15-18a)

From Luke's story of the early church:—

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious (*read: spiritual*) you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him-- though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'.

(Acts 17:22-28a)

One: With words that illumine

Many: **May we hear the Word.**

CHILDREN'S STORY "All Those Secrets of the World"

source: Jane Yolen

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).

ANTHEM 8:30AM

Special Music

11:00AM

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
Chancel Choir

source: Rutter

SERMON

"Lest We Forget..."

Marilyn Stavenger

*HYMN 433

"In the Bulb"

tune: Promise
words: Sleeth



In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -



tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter -
 dy; there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing
 ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our



flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of
 hope to you and me. From the past will come the
 life, e - ter - ni - ty. In our death, a res - ur -



win - ter there's a spring that waits to be, un - re -
 fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -
 rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry, un - re -



vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
 vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
 vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

HONORING A MINISTRY 11:00AM

Giving Thanks for Susan Schindel

One: As a congregation, we speak together our words of gratitude.

Many: **Sue, we are grateful for the many year of service that
 you have shared as a staff member with our community,
 first as Director of Religious Education
 and most recently as our Pastoral Assistant.
 Your influence and friendship will not leave us.**

The words "Lest We Forget" form the refrain of "Recessional". The phrase offers a warning about the perils of hubris and the inevitable decline of imperial power.

www.wikipedia.com

Recessional

Rudyard Kipling

Composed on the occasion of
 Queen Victoria's Diamond
 Jubilee in 1897

*The tumult and the shouting dies—
 The Captains and the Kings depart—
 Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
 An humble and a contrite heart.
 Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
 Lest we forget—lest we forget!*

*Far-called our navies melt away—
 On dune and headland sinks the fire—
 Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
 Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
 Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
 Lest we forget—lest we forget!*



IN OUR PRAYERS

JOYS TO SHARE

Aaron Ban has graduated from Eden Seminary with a Masters of Divinity degree. He is currently serving St Peter UCC in Granite City, Illinois with the gracious support of his lovely wife, Caroline.

Jacob Ban will graduate from Stanford University with a Masters of Education in June. He will be a 4th grade teacher in the San Francisco area.

THANK YOU

"I am thankful and grateful for the privilege of serving as student pastor at EUCC. Everyone welcomed me warmly, supported me when I was sad, and celebrated with me when good things happened. My hope is to sometime soon serve as a pastor with the hope that I will find such warmth and acceptance there. Thanks for the chance to share my thoughts, my sermons and my music with you. I will stay in touch and let everyone know when the twins arrive and where I end up doing ministry." *Deborah McBride*

Communion Note...

The words you hear as we share communion may be different than you've heard before. Like all of our life together, our prayers and practices at table are always evolving. Our Worship Team has been involved in reading and reflection on our shared table practices, exploring the meanings we share with bread and cup. Inspired by the stories of Jesus' table practices, we are aware that traditional communion imagery conveys beliefs that many of us do not share. Our prayerful hope is to offer language and metaphor that inspire us to greater compassion while allowing us to encounter wonder as we gather together at table.

One: Will join with me in offering a prayerful blessing?

Many: **Spirit of Life and Love,
we are grateful for Sue's special gifts
by which we have been changed.
We pray your blessing on Sue
as she continues to explore new opportunities.
Spirit of Life and Love, we trust
that whatever ministry she undertakes in the future
will be done well with great love, compassion
and a heart open to learning from all that she does.**

Adapted from Rev. Kayle Rice, worshipweb @ uua.org

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.*

source: G. Vosper

Many: **As I live every day,
I want to be a channel for peace.
May I bring love where there is hatred
and healing where there is hurt;
joy where there is sadness
and hope where there is fear.
I pray that I may always try
to understand and comfort other people
as well as seeking
comfort and understanding from them.
Wherever possible, may I choose to be
a light in the darkness, a help in times of need,
and a caring, honest friend.
May justice, kindness, and peace
flow from my heart forever,
Amen.**

TABLE PRAYER AND PROCESSION TO THE TABLE 8:30AM

INVITATION, REMEMBRANCE AND BLESSING

One: We pray together:

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 Spirit rising 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.*

***RESPONSE**

“As-salaamu Lakum”
(Peace Be with You)

music: R. Bruxvoort Colligan
Traditional Arabic Greeting

Am G F Am Am G

As - sa - laa - mu

F Am Am G F C Dm

la - kum, As - sa - laa - mu la - kum, Sa - laam Sa -

F Am G F Am

laam, As - sa - laa - mu la - kum.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

source: R. Hunt

One: God makes peace within us.

Many: **Let us claim it.**

One: God makes peace between us.

Many: **Let us share it.**

***HYMN 299**

“For All the Saints”

tune: Sine Nomine
words: How

For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
You were their rock, their ref - uge, and their might:
Still may your peo - ple, faith - ful, true, and bold,
Ringed by this cloud of wit - ness - es di - vine,
And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,

who to the world their stead - fast faith con - fessed,
you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
live as the saints who no - bly fought of old,
we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,

your name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er_ blessed.
'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one_ true_ light.
and share with them a glo - rious crown of_ gold.
yet in your love our faith - ful lives_ en - twine.
then hearts are brave a - gain, and faith_ grows strong.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

MAY MISSION MOMENT

The Special Offering for the month of May, according to the Servant Team of EUCC, will go to the Worldwide Fistula Fund, the project of Dr. Lewis Wall, a member of our congregation. Dr. Wall goes frequently to Danja, Niger, where they have built a hospital and where he performs surgery on those women who are suffering from fistulas. We have an opportunity to help in this work by contributing to the Worldwide Fistula Fund by writing a check to our church with "Worldwide Fistula Fund" in the memo line.

GOT CHANGE?

Give your child some pennies, nickels or dimes to put in the “stone soup” pot when they come forward for the children’s message on Sunday



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.

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!

**JUNE 5—A SPECIAL DAY
for our community**

**Special
Congregational Meeting
June 5, 2011
9:45am**

There are three facilities items that need to be addressed and there are not sufficient funds in the budget to pay for the work...

- *Electrical work in the Sanctuary (for sound system)*
- *HVAC: Repairs to sanctuary air conditioning*
- *Fellowship Hall Ceiling Repair and Replacement (portion)*

The Governing Body will be asking for authorization to raise and borrow funds so that the Facilities Team can contract for the repair/replacement of these maintenance items.

**Church Picnic
June 5, 2011**

12noon

*Our annual end of year
potluck celebration
will be held on the front lawn
with food and fun for all.
This year will include a special
musical presentation by
Doorei Korean Drumming Circle!
Sign up is available on the clipboard*

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 12, 2011

11:00am

*Join us as we celebrate the spirit
among us as we celebrate
the confirmation of our
8th Grade Youth!
(Regular worship at 8:30am)*

EUCC COMMUNITY EVENTS

FAMILY DRUMMING NIGHT—Friday, June 3, 6:30pm

We will gather in the Fireside Room for a family friendly evening of making and playing drums. Please bring a drum (if you have one) and a snack to share. If you don't have a drum, we will have extras or you can make one. Information contact Kelly Archer at archer.kellyann@gmail.com

CELEBRATING MARILYN STAVENGER—Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26

On Saturday we invite you to celebrate Marilyn Stavenger's 50th Anniversary of Ordination at Eden Commons beginning at 5:30pm. On Sunday, we will honor Marilyn during both worship services.

PRIDEFEST 2011—June 25-26, Tower Grove Park

EUCC representatives are invited to join other UCC Open and Affirming churches as well as Eden Seminary to take part in the Gateway ONA booth. Two hour shifts are available throughout the event.. Please sign up on the ministry clipboard. For more information contact Elaine Alexander at eeavol-coor@gmail.com

PEACE TRAIL—August 1-5, 9:00am-12:00pm

Peace Trail is our annual week of learning and play with children in our wider community. We share yoga, art, songs, and stories and more! **Registration is available online (www.evangelicalucc.org) or by contacting the Church Office**

IOWA WEDDING MEETING—Wednesday, June 1, 7:00pm

If you are among the group who plans to marry or renew wedding vow on July, 1, you are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting in the Fireside Room. We will be signing marriage licenses and reviewing the ceremony at this time. Please contact Al Schon at aschon1@yahoo.com or Marilyn Stavenger at 314-965-7596

WEBSTER GROVES COMMUNITY DAYS PARADE—Monday, July 4, 10:00am

Join other EUCC members and friends for some fellowship on the front lawn as we watch the parade pass by!!

SUMMER MUSIC

So, you'd like to sing in choir, but just can't manage a weekly commitment throughout the year...then join us for **Summer Choir!** We'll meet once a month between services at **9:45am on the 1st Sunday of the month...June, July, August, and September, and voila, we'll learn a piece of music and sing it at the late service!** Hey, you think it can't be done? Well, it can't be done without you, so mark your calendar (don't wait for the reminder, because you'll already have something else planned by that time)...and join us. And stay tuned for more music options this summer!

FELLOWSHIP AND EDUCATION

PARENT GROUP—Sunday, May 29, 9:45am
Join us today for Love and Logic with Allison LaMont

EUCC QUILTERS AND ARTISTS—Wednesday, June 1, 7:00pm
We welcome anyone who enjoys sewing and crafting to join us in Fellowship Hall, and feel free to come and go at whatever times work for your family's schedule. We will have both quilt-related sewing as well as another crafts project going on. For more information, contact **Gail Saxton at 314-821-7917 or acsaxtonjr@aol.com**

YOGA—Tuesdays, 9:30am
All are welcome; no previous experience is required. Please bring a yoga mat and small blanket, all other supplies are provided

CONTEMPORARY WRITERS BOOK GROUP—Friday, June 17, 6:30
This session we will be discussing "Saving Jesus from the Church" by UCC pastor Robin Meyers in the Still Speaking Center. We are pleased to have Marty Holland as our discussion leader. Further questions contact **Marty at martyph@att.net or Bob Karr at karr.bob@gmail.com**

CALLING ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS
The EUCC Bridge Group meets at 7:00 pm on the last Sunday each month in homes of members. The group is very flexible, fluid, and friendly. To wit: you don't have to be a Master Point player; commit to coming to the group every 4th Sunday in the year; or feel that if you don't know anyone in the group, you can't join us for bidding, playing, and fun. Norma Leuthauser and Peg Sant'Ambrogio have taken the contract for this group from Paul Vasterling who moved to Texas a few months ago. If you'd like to join/visit this group, please email Norma (normaleuthauser@juno.com) and Peg (pegssant@aol.com) to let them know you want to be included on the e-blast list. Our next deal will take place at 7:00 pm, Sunday, June 26, at Peg's house (1428 Fawnvalley Drive, Des Peres, 314-835-0675). Come join us! Every skill level welcome in this convivial EUCC group.

CELEBRATE EDEN

Join us in promoting the Celebrate Eden dinner which is scheduled to be held on Friday, September 30th, at the Westin Hotel in downtown St. Louis! Lolly Wehrli has generously supported Eden and now EUCC is a Church Underwriter. This entitles the church to two tickets to the event, plus, members of the church may purchase tickets for the Celebrate Eden event at the reduced cost of \$100 per ticket (20% discount), up to eight tickets. This would enable us to have an entire table at the event! Please direct any questions to Lolly Wehrli at lollywehrli@charter.net or (636) 861-0287

THIS WEEK AT EUCC

SUNDAY, MAY 29
8:30am Worship Service
9:45am Adult Ed (Still Speaking Center)
Parent Group (Classroom 23)
Children's Church School (Lower Level Classrooms)
Jr/Sr High Classes (Still Speaking)
11:00am Worship Service
3:00pm Doorei Korean Drumming Group (Fellowship Hall)
5:15pm Castlewood Support Group (Library)

MONDAY, MAY 30
Memorial Day Holiday

TUESDAY, MAY 31
8:30am YMCA ArtRageous Camp (Fellowship Hall)
9:30am Amy's Yoga Class (Still Speaking Center)
7:00pm Worship Team Meeting (Library)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1
8:30am YMCA ArtRageous Camp (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm Iowa Wedding Meeting (Fireside Room)

THURSDAY, JUNE 2
8:30am YMCA ArtRageous Camp (Fellowship Hall)
9:30am WG Moms' Connection (Lower Level Classrooms)
12:30pm Staff Meeting (Katy's Office)
6:00pm Roberts/Sias Wedding Rehearsal
6:30pm SLED (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm Yoga Class (Still Speaking Center)

FRIDAY, JUNE 3
8:30am YMCA ArtRageous Camp (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm Family Drumming Night (Fireside Room)

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
2:00pm Roberts/Sias Wedding
5:00pm Sts C&F Worship (Sanctuary, Fireside Room, Narthex)

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS: To sign up to help with these (or other ministries), contact the person listed or the church office or use the sign up sheet on the clip board that is passed each Sunday morning.

DATE	LITURGIST	COFFEE HOUR	USHERS	SHEPHERD	CRIB ROOM	WELCOME TABLE	MONEY COUNTERS
	<i>Read the text and prayers in worship</i> (Roni Branding)	<i>Provide snacks for coffee hour</i> (Jenny Davis)	<i>Greet worshippers, collect offering host.</i> (Jean Karr)	<i>Playtime with children during worship</i> (Kelly Archer)	<i>Assist with our babies and toddlers</i> (Carole Janssen)	<i>Greet folks at the welcome table</i> (Roni Branding)	<i>Count the weekly offerings</i> (Bob Hill)
TODAY	8:30am 11:00am	Brenda Detrick	Paul Kachulis Earl Brown Bob Karr		Ray Mulligan	11:00am Marge Engelsdorfer	Babs Schroeder Brenda Detrick
June 5	8:30am 11:00am Bob Karr		David Faulkner Geno and Lola Contestabile			11:00am Susan Morgan	Norma Leuthauser Sandy Bowe

EUCC STAFF

Pastoral Team: Katherine Hawker,
Marilyn Stavenger, Al Schon
Pastoral Assistant: Sue Schindel
Music Team: Donita Bauer, Jill Thompson,
Darcy Swanson
Sunday AM: Julie White
Nursery: Carole Janssen
Campus Minister at Webster: Laurel Hayes

GOVERNING BODY

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People, Paul Mack
Community, Patty Pelikan, Kelly Archer
Servant, Lori Winter, Treasure Williams
Learning,
Worship, Roni Branding
Youth Representative, Erin Schroeder

Joining us for the first time?

In a word: *Welcome*

Whoever you are, wherever you are on the journey, you are truly welcome here. We are human and fallible, but utterly committed to God's extravagant welcome!

Worship Rules: *Enjoy*

Some people clap, some don't. Some babies make noise, some don't. Some people read music, some people look at pictures. We stand and either speak or sing together occasionally, but do what feels right for you. Likewise with clothes; some people wear suits with sneakers, some wear hockey uniforms with ruby slippers. Whatever style is yours, it's safe here.

Enjoy your time with us!

Coffee: *Your choice*

Bring your own or fill up with the pot in the Fireside Room. Bring it in to worship, or not; decaf or regular. *It's your choice!*

Difference: *Bring it on!*

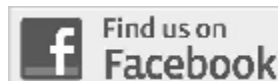
We don't simply tolerate our difference, we celebrate the wonder of the sacred in our differences... not only age, race, gender, ability, and orientation, but politics and theology too!



nursing mothers welcome!

Contact us:

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