

Never Alone

June 5, 2011

*A dream you dream alone is only a dream.
A dream you dream together is reality.*

John Lemon



Virtue is not left to stand alone. He who practices it will have neighbors.

Confucius



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FANFARE

(read: please come in the sanctuary, announcements now to begin!)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS AND PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

source: K. Hawker

One: *Now faith is
the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.
We come convinced of many things
but trusting very few.
Holy God of limitless surprises,
meet us here
in this place
as we touch that which we can not see
that which we have not dared to hope.*

*HYMN 8

"Praise to the Living God"

tune: Diademata
words: Beach



Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light,
Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive,
Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain,
Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove,



Whose word brought forth the myr - iad__ suns and
Whose Spir - it formed up - on this__ sphere the
Who shares with us our com - mon__ life, the
Be - yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but



set the worlds in flight; Whose in - fi - nite de - sign,
first faint seeds of life; Who caused them to e - volve,
sa - cred and pro - fane. God toils wher - e'er we toil,
whom we know as love. In these tu - mul - tuous days,



which we but dim - ly see. Per - vades all na - ture,
un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till hu - man - kind stood
in home and mart and mill; And deep with - in the
so full of hope and strife, May we bear wit - ness



mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

http://www.eyekons.com/img/SwansonOriginals/Swanson_Daniel-in-the-Lions-Den_0.jpg

Religious conversion is being grasped by ultimate concern. It is other-worldly falling in love. It is total and permanent self-surrender without conditions, qualifications, reservations. But it is such a surrender, not as an act, but as a dynamic state that is prior to and principle of subsequent acts. It is revealed in retrospect as an under-tow of existential consciousness, as a fated acceptance of a vocation to holiness, as perhaps an increasing simplicity and passivity in prayer. It is interpreted differently in the context of different religious traditions. For Christians it is God's love flooding our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. It is the gift of grace...

Bernard Lonergan 1904-1984
Method in Theology p.241



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*"I am the one who makes you to love;
I am the one who makes you to long
I am the one,
the endless fulfilling of all true desires."*

Julian of Norwich

***PRAYER OF AWARENESS**

source: Bede Griffiths

One: "Ultimately a religion is tested by its capacity to waken love in its followers, and, what is perhaps more difficult, to extend that love to all humanity. In the past religions have tended to confine their love to their own followers, but always there has been a movement to break through these barriers and attain to a universal love."

Many: **Awakened to such love,
may our religion
and our lives
break open in response.**

***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.

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

source: Vosper

One: From the ancient Wisdom tradition we read:
Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
'To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.'

(Proverbs 8)

One: With words that illumine

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

ANTHEM 8:30AM

"Bouree"
Jill Thompson, Cello

source: Squire

11:00AM

"Here I Am, Lord"
Summer Choir

source: Schutte/Schrader

FAMILY MESSAGE

"Daniel Meet Lions: Peace"
(inspired by Tom S. Long)

Katherine Hawker

***HYMN**

"A Place at the Table"

tune: Murray
words: Murray/Hawker



For ev - 'ry-one born, a place at the ta - ble, for
With - in or with - out, a place at the ta - ble, ex -
For ev - 'ry one born, a place at the ta - ble, to



ev - 'ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread; a shel - ter, a
pres - sing a view, and still to be - long; a Chris - tian or
live with - out fear, and simp - ly to be; to work, to speak



space, a safe place for grow - ing, for ev - 'ry-one born, a
Jew, Ag - nos - tic or Mus - lim, with - in or with - out, where
out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, for ev - 'ry one born, the



Refrain

star o - ver - head. And God will de - light_ when we are cre -
no - one is wrong.
right to be free.



a - tors of jus - tice and joy, com - pas - sion and peace; yes,



God will de - light_ when we are cre - a - tors of



jus - tice, jus - tice and joy.

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**

*Christian questions question Christians,
so Christians shy away from questions.
Catchphrase Christians carry answers:
The Son-Of-God-Saves-Sinners-Amen
... the cow jumped over the moon.*

*Jesus had a life to live
loving hating eating sleeping dying (rising),
So a boy from (name town) joins a Jew from
Nazareth
on a journey of questions,*

Don't worry about answers, keep asking 'why?'

*"A journey of questions"
Edward Cox (Dare to Dream)*

http://mommonmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/06/hands-reaching-for-a-higher-power3_medium.jpeg



*Love is invisible, but it is the most powerful
force in human nature. Jesus spoke of the
Spirit which he would send as Truth but
also as Love. "If anyone loves me, my Fa-
ther will love him and we will come to him
and make our abode with him." This is the
love, the prena and bhakti, which was pro-
claimed in the Bhagavad Gita, the compas-
sion (karuna) of Buddha, the rapturous love
of the Sufi saints.*

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to waken love in its followers, and, what is
perhaps more difficult, to extend that love to
all humanity. In the past religions have
tended to confine their love to their own fol-
lowers, but always there has been a move-
ment to break through these barriers and
attain to a universal love.*

*-Bede Griffiths 1906-1993
Universal Wisdom quoted from Pathways to Peace*

IN OUR PRAYERS

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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.

RESPONSE

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

music: R. Bruxvoort Colligan
Traditional Arabic Greeting

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef. The first staff has a 6/8 time signature and includes chords Am, G, F, Am, Am, G. The second staff has a 3/8 time signature and includes chords F, Am, Am, G, F, C, Dm. The third staff has a 6/8 time signature and includes chords F, Am, G, F, Am. The lyrics are: As - sa - laa - mu la - kum, As - sa - laa - mu la - kum, Sa - laam Sa - laam, As - sa - laa - mu la - kum.

TABLE PRAYER AND PROCESSION TO THE TABLE

INVITATION AND REMEMBRANCE

One: We remember the stories that Jesus' friends tell,

Many: **stories of bread broken and shared,
feeding a multitude,**

One: stories of being gathered together, enemy and friend, around tables,

Many: **stories of unlikely guests
revealing the face of the sacred.**

One: They say that that it was on a night of both celebration and betrayal
that he took the bread leftover on the table,

Many: **blessed it and broke it and shared it;**

One: reminding them that it is
in the breaking that we become whole,

Many: **in losing our lives that we find them,
in serving that we are served.**

One: As the grain scattered becomes one in the loaf,

Many: **when we eat this bread,
we become one with one another.**

One: They say that he took the cup also leftover on the table,

Many: **poured out and sharing,**

One: remembering with them, the life-giving breath
even now pounding a rhythm through our veins,

Many: **the breath of life from whence we come,
the breath that precedes and follows
all that we can see.**

One: As the grapes find life in the vine,

Many: **when we drink this cup,
we become at one with the source of life itself.**

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.

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.*

*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

source: Dalai Lama

One: May we become at all times, both now and forever

Many: **A protector for those without protection**

One: A guide for those who have lost their way

Many: **A ship for those with oceans to cross**

One: A bridge for those with rivers to cross

Many: **A sanctuary for those in danger**

One: A lamp for those without light

Many: **A place of refuge for those who lack shelter**

One: And a servant to all in need.

Many: **Amen.**

JUNE MISSION MOMENT

Our mission moment in June is for Strengthen the Church, a special offering for the United Church of Christ, our national denomination. Money donated to this offering can be used to fund new church starts, invigorate existing congregations, nurture lay and pastoral leadership, and build youth and young adult ministries. Churches receiving this aid have started music programs, created community gardens, and started a playgroup ministry to families with young children. Funds may also be used to send youth and adults to conference or national events, where they learn more about the UCC and return to their communities with new ideas and energy. Please support this offering by writing a check to EUCC and writing Strengthen the Church in the memo line or donating on line at ucc.org. Thank you for your support!

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 mornings!!



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.

**TODAY!—A SPECIAL DAY
for our community**

**Special
Congregational Meeting
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
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

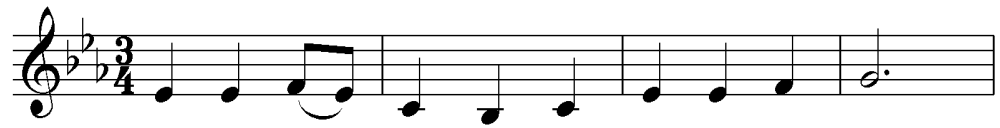
Doorei Korean Drumming Circle!

Sign up is available on the clipboard

***HYMN**

"Wake Now My Senses"

tune: Slane
words: Mikelson



Wake, now my__ sens - es, and hear the earth call;
Wake, now com - pas - sion, give heed to the cry;
Wake, now my__ con - science, with jus - tice your guide;
Wake, now my__ vi - sion of min - i - sty clear;



feel the deep pow - er of be - ing in all;
voic - es of suf - fer - ing fill the wide sky;
join with all peo - ple whose rights are de - nied;
bright - en my path - way with ra - di - ance here;



keep, with_ the_ web of cre - a - tion your vow,____
take as_ your_ neigh - bor both strang - er and friend,____
take not_ for_ grant - ed a priv - i - leged place;____
min - gle_ my_ call - ing with all who will share;____



giv - ing, re - ceiv - ing as_ love shows us how.
pray - ing and striv - ing their_ hard - ship to end.
God's love em - bra - ces the_ whole hu - man race.
work toward a plan - et trans - formed by our care.

DRUMMING 11:00AM

Doorei Korean Drumming Circle

The Doorei Korean Drumming Circle will share more drumming at the picnic following the 11am service.

***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!

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 12, 2011

11:00am

**Join us as we celebrate
the confirmation of our**

8th Grade Youth!

(Regular worship at 8:30am)



FELLOWSHIP AND EDUCATION

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 (normalleuthauser@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.

FACILITY/JOB JAR

The flower bed on the south wall needs preparing for planting. We are looking for members who have tillers we can borrow for this project. Please contact Paul Kachulis if you can help us out: (314) 691-2749 or packmo01@aol.com. Thanks!

EUCC COMMUNITY EVENTS

CELEBRATING MARILYN STAVENGER - JUNE 25 & 26

Please be my guest on Saturday, June 25th, in the Schroer Commons at Eden Theological Seminary, 5:30 - 9:30pm. On Sunday, June 26th, you are invited to worship at EUCC as I renew my promises in the Vows of Ordination from the UCC Book of Worship. Enjoy PRIDE St. Louis in the afternoon at Tower Grove Park and visit the Gateway ONA (open and affirming) UCC churches booth.

"Your presence will be a special gift to me, but I invite your contribution to Eden Theological Seminary for the Marilyn Stavenger Contextual Education Endowment Fund that will support small rural or urban churches that cannot fund the yearly stipend for a student." - *Marilyn Stavenger*

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 eeavolcoor@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**

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

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

THIS WEEK AT EUCC

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

8:30am Worship Service
9:45am *Cong'I Meeting (sanctuary)* and Children's Church School
11:00am Worship Service
12:00pm All Church Picnic (Fellowship Hall/Lawn)
3:00pm Korean Drumming Circle
5:15pm Castlewood Support Group
Pickle Sales!

MONDAY, JUNE 6

8:30am YMCA ArtRageous Camp
9:15am Job Jar

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

8:30am YMCA ArtRageous Camp
9:30am Amy's Yoga Class

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

8:30am YMCA ArtRageous Camp

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

8:30am YMCA ArtRageous Camp
12:30pm Staff Meeting
6:00pm Girl Scout Leaders
6:45pm SLED
7:00pm Sts C&F Interplay

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

8:30am YMCA ArtRageous Camp
10:00am LaLeche

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

9:00am Huppert Lessons
12:30 Worship Team Meeting
5:00pm Sts C&F Worship

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 (Roni Branding)</i>	<i>Provide snacks for coffee hour (Jenny Davis)</i>	<i>Greet worshipers, collect offering host. (Jean Karr)</i>	<i>Playtime with children during worship (Kelly Archer)</i>	<i>Assist with our babies and toddlers (Carole Janssen)</i>	<i>Greet folks at the welcome table (Roni Branding)</i>	<i>Count the weekly offerings (Bob Hill)</i>
TODAY	8:30am 11:00am Bob Karr	1. 2.	8:30am David Faulkner 11:00 am Geno & Lola Contestable	Children are needed in worship this morning!	Matt & Michelle Helms	8:30sm 11:00am Susan Morgan	Norma Leuthauser Sandy Bowe
June 12	8:30am Mickey 11:00am	1. Loretta Haggard 2. Colleen Gilmore	8:30am Paul Kachulis 11:00 am Bob Risk Ray Mulligan Linda Kolley Yoany Lopez	1. Loretta Haggard 2. Colleen Gilmore	Kris Lewis	8:30am 11:00am Susan Morgan	Bob Risk Ray Mulligan

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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!

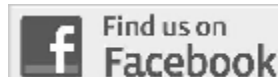


nursing mothers welcome!

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