

# Mustard Seeds

## July 24, 2011

*Like mustard seeds, we sometimes feel tiny and insignificant.*

*Like unplanted seeds, we forget that it is our calling to be planted in the warmth of God's earth.*

*May the Great Spirit carry our seeds to fertile ground where the roots of our faith may grow deeply and the branches of our love be broad.*

K. Hawker



<http://www.mostphotos.com/preview/396157/hand-holding-seedling.jpg>

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RINGING OF THE BELLS AND PRELUDE

### GATHERING WORDS

source: Rex Hunt

One: We gather in community  
to rest from our labours,  
to greet our neighbours,  
and to open our being  
to insight and intuition  
of that greater reality of which we are a part.  
Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of this life  
in the presentness of God.

### \*HYMN 17

"To You, O God, All Creatures Sing"

tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen  
words: St. Francis of Assisi

To you, O God, all crea-tures sing, and  
Your wind that blows the tem-pest by, your  
Your flow-ing wa-ters, crys-tal clear, make  
To you, O God, day af-ter day, your

all cre-a-tion, ev-ery-thing sings your prais-es, al-le-  
clouds that sail a-cross the sky sing your prais-es, al-le-  
mel-o-dies for you to hear, sing your prais-es, al-le-  
plan-et earth in ev-ery way, sings your prais-es, al-le-

lu-ia! Your burn-ing sun with gold-en beam, your  
lu-ia! Your morn-ing ris-es with a song, and  
lu-ia! Your fire, boun-ti-ful and bright, re-  
lu-ia, As sa-vory fruit and fra-grant flower show

sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam sing your prais-es, al-le-  
lights of eve-ning sing a-long, sing your prais-es, al-le-  
mem-ber-ing your warmth and light, sings your prais-es, al-le-  
forth your glo-ry and your power, sing-ing prais-es, al-le-

lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-

lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



thousandtyone.com

David Wojnarowicz created a famous photograph of falling buffalo from an existing painting. John Sevigny says, "AIDS meant a slow...death sentence...and Wojnarowicz... watched several of his friends die... He would later die the same way (in 1992 at the age of 37) but not before lashing out ferociously at what Reagan and his guerillas of intolerance... would do to America over eight years.

The buffalo photograph shows that the artist's concerns went beyond the mistreatment of AIDS victims. It is a parable of a nation-turned-nightmare."



statesymbolusa.org

**\*LITANY** (People's response in **bold**)

source: K. Hawker

- One: As the heat of summer burns bright, we turn to the stories that Jesus told:  
 Many: **Parables, familiar stories that we thought we loved;**  
 One: Parables, troubling stories  
 increasing the questions in our hearts and minds;  
 Many: **Parables, flying in the face of social convention, offending those who dare to listen.**  
 One: Parables, offering a new vision;  
 Many: **now the servants dine and the masters serve, now the last becomes first and the first becomes last.**  
 One: Hear the good news of the Story  
 that no sheep is unworthy of rescue,  
 no coin too small to be missed.  
 Many: **Hear the good news that love is stronger than hate and that this power is alive within us.**

**\*RESPONSE 514**

"Over My Head"

source: African-American Traditional

O-ver my head I hear mu-sic in the air.

O-ver my head I hear mu-sic in the air.

O-ver my head I hear mu-sic in the air.

There must be a God some - where.

Verse 2. Singing; Verse 3. Trouble; Verse 4. Jesus

**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.**

Gretta Vosper

One: A reading from Matthew's story of Jesus: Matthew 13:31-32

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

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

## CHILDREN'S STORY

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

Kathy Adair

## SERMON

"Mustard Seeds"

Janet Rundquist

## \*HYMN 528

"You are the Seed"

tune: Id Y Enseñad  
words: Cesáreo Gabarain

1. You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a  
1. You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the  
star that will shine through the day; You are the yeast and a  
wheat that will bear gold-en grain; You are a sting and a  
small grain of salt, a bea-con to glow in the night.  
soft, gen-tle touch, my wit-ness - es wher - e'er you go.

**Refrain**  
Go, my friends, go to the world, pro-claim-ing love to all,  
Be, my friends, a loy-al wit-ness, from the dead I a-rose;  
mes-sen-gers of my for-giv-ing peace,  
"Lo, I'll be with you for-ev-er,  
e-ter-nal love till the end of the world."

## Who we are at the Other Evangelical...

### Our Mission:

Following the God made known in the life and teachings of Jesus, we at Evangelical United Church of Christ gather as an Open and Affirming community to worship, learn and serve.

### Our Values:

As a community, Evangelical United Church of Christ celebrates the values embodied in the ministry of Jesus:

- Inclusiveness in our diversity,
- Intentionality in our commitment to social justice,
- Intimacy in our fellowship together,
- Inspiration in our communal worship and
- Inquisitiveness in our personal spiritual growth.

### Our Vision:

We desire to be a leader in helping the wider community affirm that God is still speaking.

Adopted by the congregation,  
July 2007

## Interested in joining us?

Please be in contact with Al Schon ([aschon@eden.edu](mailto:aschon@eden.edu)) or the church office (314.968.1727).

## Save the Date: Congregational Meeting-Aug 7

Electing leaders, reviewing programs, celebrating community!

## In our Prayers

*(please be in contact with the church office with additions or changes to share)*

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### 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.*

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.**

source: G. Vosper

### \*RESPONSE 501

"We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle"

tune: Jacob's Ladder  
words: Etzler

**We are dancing Sarah's circle,  
We are dancing Sarah's circle,  
We are dancing Sarah's circle, sisters, brothers, all.**

**Here we seek and find our story... sisters, brothers, all.**

**We will all do our own naming... sisters, brothers, all.**

**On and on the circle's moving... sisters, brothers, all.**

### 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.

In our effort to make sure that everyone feels welcome at God's table, we now serve both bread and gluten-free wafers which can be dipped in the grape juice when received.

### TABLE PRAYER AND PROCESSION TO THE TABLE 8:30AM

#### INVITATION

#### 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.**

**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” music: R. Bruxvoort Colligan  
 (Peace Be with You) 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.

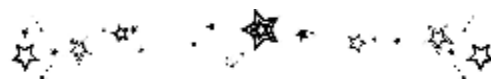
**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

source: K. Hawker

Many: **May the offerings brought this day be used as seeds,**  
**planted faithfully and nurtured lovingly**  
**so that God’s compassion**  
**might be realized anew in this world.**  
**Grant us the humility we need**  
**to plant and tend your precious garden. Amen.**

**July Mission Moment:  
 Back to School Supplies**

The Special Offering for the month of July is Back to School Supplies. The Servant team invites you to help children get ready for school by donating supplies for school. Among the thing which will help children start the year ready to learn are: Notebook paper, rulers, ring binders, pocket folders, pens, pencils, colored pencils, 24 count crayons, spiral notebooks, markers and any thing else which you think a child needs. There will be a box in the narthex for your donations. Items will be sorted and shared with Gordon Bush Elementary School in East St. Louis and Joint Neighborhood Ministry in the Benton Park Neighborhood of St. Louis.



**Congregation  
 Semi Annual Meeting**

**Sunday, August 7 at 9:45 am**

We will elect new Governing Body leadership, affirm our community's hard work and celebrate our abundance!

It will also be an opportunity to learn more about who you "do" church with and what they dream for EUCC.

**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.



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One love  
 One blood  
 One life  
 You got to do what you should  
 One life  
 With each other  
 Sisters  
 Brothers  
 One life  
 But we're not the same  
 We get to  
 Carry each other  
 Carry each other

One...life

One

- Lyrics by U2

faithjohnson.net



**\*HYMN 581**

"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

tune: Dennis  
 words: Fawcett

Musical score for "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" in 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes: F, C, B<sup>7</sup>, F, C<sup>7</sup>, F, C, F, B<sup>b</sup>, F, B<sup>b</sup>, F/C, C, F.

Blessed be the tie that binds  
 To find a sacred peace,  
 We share each other's woes,  
 To lead, we pray for grace;  
 our hearts in Chris- tian love;  
 in Je- sus' life ob- served;  
 our mut- ual bur- dens bear;  
 but not for our own fame.  
 The fel- low- ship of kin- dred minds  
 We gath- er in com- mun- i- ty  
 And of- ten for each oth- er flows  
 May our em- brace ex- ceed this space;  
 is like to that a- bove  
 to wor- ship, learn and serve  
 the sym- pa- thiz- ing tear  
 Still- speak- ing God pro- claim

**\*BENEDICTION**

source: K. Hawker

One: In the name of the God who creates seeds and calls each one good;  
 Many: **In the name of the God who knows the dangers of weeds and thorns;**  
 One: In the name of the God who carries safely to good soil, now and forever;  
 Many: **In the name of this God go forth from this place to blossom and bear fruit. Amen.**

**\*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!*

## FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY GROUPS

### **AROUND THE KITCHEN TABLE - Today, 9:45am**

The Around the Kitchen Table group will meet **today** from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., in the old library room directly across from Katy's office. Poetry — a David Clewell follow up and sharing—is the agenda for the morning, and all are welcome. For those who may be attending ATKT for the first time, you are not obligated to share a poem...but, of course, can if you like.

### **EUCC QUILTERS & ARTISTS - August 3, 7:00pm**

Sharon Hoffman will host the next meeting at her home on Wednesday, August 3 at 7:00pm. Sharon, a retired teacher, teaches a class to St. Louis public school children about the Quilts of the Underground Railroad. She will be sharing with us her collection of patterns and patches that are thought to have been used as coded messages, as well as other quilts. We invite other members of the congregation who are curious about this interesting topic to join us at Sharon's home at 2915 Accomac. Folks who wish to carpool will be meeting at the lower church parking lot at 6:30pm. For more information or to get a map to Sharon's house, please contact Gail Saxton at (314) 821-7917 or [acsaxtonjr@aol.com](mailto:acsaxtonjr@aol.com).

### **EUCC MOMS' GROUP - August 19, 9:30am**

Moms' Group will meet Friday, August 19 at 9:30am in the Fireside Room. Come, relax, and debrief the summer. If you need childcare, please call Dee Ban ahead of time, (314) 965-1191.

### **CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN WRITERS - August 19, 6:30pm**

The Contemporary Christian Writers Book Group will meet August 19 at 6:30pm in the Still Speaking Center. We will discuss *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Discussion Leader: Susan Ulmer. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion.

## EVENTS & NEWS

### **POTLUCK RECEPTION - July 30, 5:30pm - 9:00pm**

There will be a potluck reception in Fellowship Hall at EUCC for Katy and Darlene and all nine couples who were married or renewed their vows in Iowa on July 1. Meat, beverages and table service will be provided. Music is planned and a wedding cake promised. ***Please see sign up sheet in the Narthex!***

### **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](http://www.evangelicalucc.org)) or by contacting the Church Office**

### **CHANCEL CHOIR PARTY/SING! - August 21, 5:00pm**

Please mark your calendars for our annual Chancel Choir PARTY/SING! on Sunday, Aug 21, at 5pm at Earl and Joyce Brown's home. It's a fun time where we all get together to sing some of the new music for the coming year, eat lots of good food, and generally enjoy a great informal time together. **If you've been thinking of joining choir but aren't sure, this is the event for you!!!! No obligation! Just a good time with really good people!! Do come!**

**For a complete, up to date calendar visit our website:**

### **THIS WEEK AT EUCC**

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 24**

8:30am Worship Service  
9:45am Coffee Fellowship  
9:45am Sandwich Ministry  
9:45am Around the Kitchen Table Group  
11:00am Worship Service  
3:00pm Korean Drumming Circle  
3:00pm OLOC  
5:15pm Castlewood Support Group

#### **MONDAY, JULY 25**

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

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 26**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 27**

1:00pm Debbie Kelly Teacher Meeting

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 28**

8:30am YMCA ArtRageous Camp  
12:30am Staff Meeting  
6:45pm St. Louis Equality Dancers

#### **FRIDAY, JULY 29**

8:30am YMCA ArtRageous Camp

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 30**

9:00am Huppert Lessons  
5:00pm Sts C&F Worship  
5:30pm Potluck Reception

**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>
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8:30am:</b> Open <b>11:00am:</b> Roni Branding	1. Kris Lewis 2. Gigi Hill	<b>8:30am:</b> Bob & Bobbie Pahmeier <b>11:00am:</b> Gigi & Bob Hill Colleen Gilmore Susan Morgan	1. Laura Tesch 2. Michael Tesch	Peggy Thater	<b>8:30am:</b> Open <b>11:00am:</b> Susan Morgan	Nick Gilham  Jeremy Meyer
<b>July 31</b>	<b>8:30am:</b> Open <b>11:00am:</b> Open	1. Open 2. Open	<b>8:30am:</b> Paul Kachulis <b>11:00am:</b> Bob Karr Wynn Miller	1. Open 2. Open	Ray Mulligan  Laura Evans	<b>8:30am:</b> Open <b>11:00am:</b> Open	Norma Leuthauser  Sandy Bowe

#### EUCC STAFF

Pastoral Team: Katherine Hawker,  
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#### GOVERNING BODY

President, Janet Rundquist  
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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!

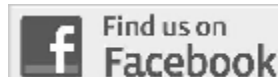


*nursing mothers welcome!*

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