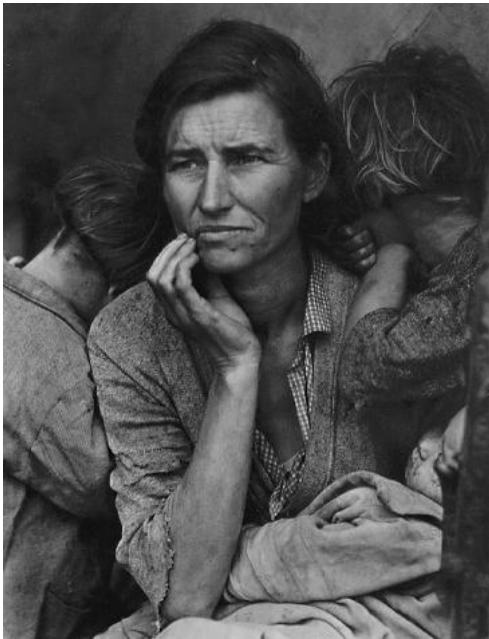


Economy: Jesus Shares, Will We? August 14, 2011



"Migrant Mother", Dorothea Lange
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**Jesus was Political:
Looking at the Hot Button Issues**

HOT Economy: (Aug 14)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS & PRELUDE

GATHERING WORDS

source: K. Hawker

One: She asked, he answered
but in the comma lies a story
persistence, yes
humility, also
openness of heart and mind
hallmarks of real change
she asks,
our answer lies in the comma.

*HYMN 8

"Praise to the Living God"

tune: Diademata S.M.D.
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.

*From the brightest star
Comes the blackest hole
You had so much to offer
Why did you offer your soul?
I was there for you baby
When you needed my help
Would you deny for others
What you demand for yourself?*

*Cool down mama, cool off
Cool down mama, cool off*

*You speak of signs and wonders
I need something other
I would believe if I was able
But I'm waiting on the
crumbs from your table*

"Crumbs from your table", Bono



*O God, grant us Your vision in our time.
Help us to write it so large
that even a runner can see it.
Make it so compelling
that even a cynic will pause,
so convincing that a skeptic
will risk trying to bring hope to others,
And so inspiring
that the committed will stand
courageously in faith,
leaving the results to you.*

Marian Wright Edelman

***LITANY** (People's response in **bold**) adapted from: *African American Heritage Hymnal*
Gia Publications, Chicago, 2001

One: We acknowledge that often the teachings of Jesus
were at the table before, after, or during a meal.
Many: **Whether for food or fellowship,
nourishment and nurture are set at the family table.**

One: As we give thanks for your provision,
may we do our part to respond to human need.
Many: **May we become concerned and involved
in the alleviation of hunger, wherever it is found.
Help us realize there is much more we can do.**

One: May we open our hearts and use our resources to ease pain and hurt.
Many: **May we continue to be participants
in the struggle to end world hunger,
that all may receive sustenance
and their share of God's daily bread.**

***RESPONSE** "Siyahamb' " source: South-African Freedom Song

G

(Phonetic Text) 1. See yah hahm — buh koo kahn
(English) 2. We are march - ing in the

D7

yen kwen kohs, see yah hahm buh koo kahn yen kwen kohs.
light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God.

G C G

— See yah hahm buh — Oo, — see yah
— We are march - ing — Oo, — we are

D7 G

hahm buh koo kahn yen kwen kohs. —
march - ing in the light of God. — (Repeat v.1)

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:
Jesus left and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a
Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have
mercy on me, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.'
But Jesus did not answer her at all. And the disciples came and urged
Jesus, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.'
Jesus answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'

But the woman came and knelt before Jesus, saying, 'Rabbi, help me.'
 Jesus answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'
 She said, 'Yes, Rabbi, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.'
 Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.'
 And her daughter was healed instantly.

Matthew 15:21-28

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

"Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"
 African American Spiritual
 Lola Contestabile and Gary Stalling

SERMON

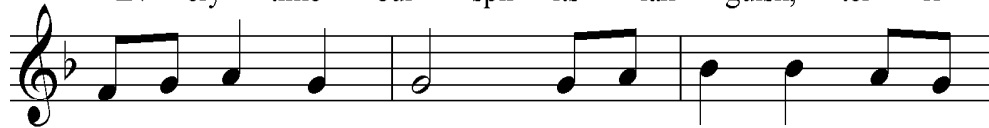
"Jesus Shares, Will We?" Katherine HawkerSelf

***HYMN 552**

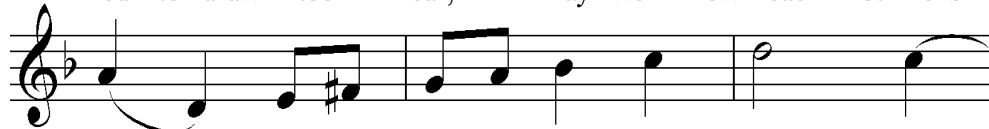
"From the Crush of Wealth and Power" tune: Bridegroom
 words: Gibbons



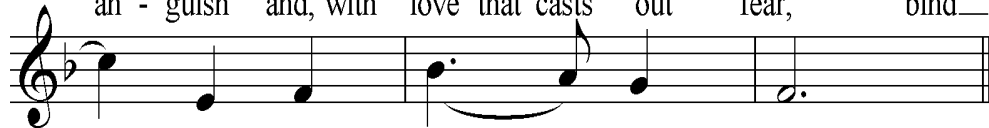
From the crush of wealth and pow - er some-thing
 E - ven now our hearts are wa - ry of the
 When our love for one an - oth - er makes our
 Ev - ery time our spir - its lan - guish, ter - ri -



bro - ken in us all waits the Spir - it's si - lent
 friend we need so much. When I see the pain you
 bur - dens light to bear, find the sis - ter and the
 fied to draw too near, may we know each oth - er's



hour ___ plead - ing with a poi - gnant call, bind ___
 car - ry, shall I, with a gen - tle touch, bind ___
 broth - er, hun - gry for the feast we share; bind ___
 an - guish and, with love that casts out fear, bind ___



___ all my wounds ___ a - gain.
 ___ all your wounds ___ a - gain.
 ___ all their wounds ___ a - gain.
 ___ all our wounds ___ a - gain.



<http://caina.files.wordpress.com/2009/08/motherchild.jpg>

***"It is impossible to live and not fail unless
 you live so cautiously
 that you might as well
 have not lived at all.
 Then you fail by default."***

JK Rowling

***We shall not cease from exploration.
 And the end of all our exploring
 Will be to arrive where we started
 And know the place for the first time.***

T.S. Eliot



"Jesus resisting the Canaanite woman and her sick daughter." Reprinted from Icon: Visual Images for Every Sunday, copywrite© 2000 Augsburg Fortress.

In our Prayers

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

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

"As-salaamu Lakum"
(Peace Be with You)

music: R. Bruxvoort Colligan
Traditional Arabic Greeting

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

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

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**

"Heleluyan"

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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

source: UCC Book of Worship

One: We bring what we have:

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.**

August Mission Moment:

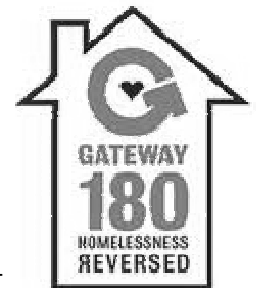
Feed the Hungry

The dog days of summer have affected the availability of food through food pantries. We thank you for your past support of the sandwich and yellow bag ministries. Let's step up to the plate and make a special effort to bring imperishable food items to be placed in the grocery cart in the narthex. It would also be great if you volunteered to make sandwiches for the folks served by Gateway 180. Since 1995, our community has been putting together 60 bag lunches each month. That adds up to 11,520 lunches. Impressive!!!!!! For more information, please call Dee Ban or Gretchen Loudermilk.

Special Guest this Morning:

Martin Rafanan, Gateway 180°

Gateway 180° is the largest 24-hour emergency shelter for women and children in the state of Missouri. The shelter provides safe, nurturing emergency services designed to end homelessness for women and families in 30-days or less.



Gateway 180's vision: to end homelessness in the St. Louis region one family at a time

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.

Celebrating the Life of Paula Lindberg

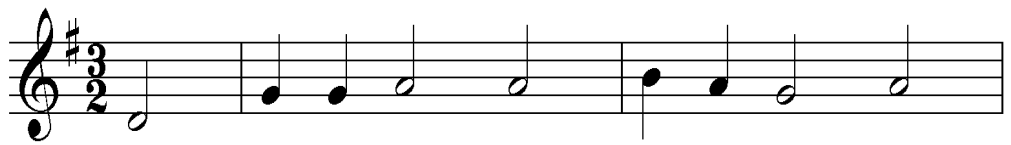
A memorial service will be held for Paula Lindberg on Saturday, August 20 at 1:00pm at EUCC.

A reception will be held in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

*HYMN 575

"O For a World"

tune: Azmon
words: M.T. Winter



1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re -
2 O for a world where goods are shared and
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's



spects each oth - er's ways, Where love is lived and
mis - er - y re - lieved, Where truth is spo - ken,
strug - gle with each choice That o - pens us to
fool - ish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: out -
glo - rious reign of peace, Where time and tears will



all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
be no more, and all but love will cease.

*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!

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IMAGINE... WHAT'S POSSIBLE

- IF EVERY MEMBER TOOK "TELLING THE GOOD NEWS" AND STEWARDSHIP SERIOUSLY AND WE BECAME THE 600 MEMBER CONGREGATION WE NEED TO SUSTAIN THE BUDGET WE ENVISION.
- IF WE REALLY BELIEVED THAT MONEY GIVEN TO EUCC PROVIDES MORE HELP TO OTHERS THAN ALL THE "GLITZY CHARITABLE APPEALS" COMBINED THAT FILL YOUR MAILBOX.
- IF WE GAVE AS MUCH TO THE CHURCH EACH WEEK AS WE SPEND FOR SPECIALITY COFFEES, BOTTLED WATER, AND MEALS OUT.
- IF OUR ACTIONS AND DECISIONS ABOUT MONEY REFLECTED OUR TRUST IN GOD'S ABUNDANCE RATHER THAN OUR FEAR OF THE FEDERAL DEFICIT AND THE SCARY REALITIES OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

Stewardship Circle Chair - Marilyn Stavenger

FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY GROUPS

COMPANIONING INFORMATIONAL MTG - TODAY AT 9:45AM

In the next few weeks, there will be two informational meetings about the "Companioning Program": this Sunday, August 14, and next Sunday, August 21, from 9:45 to 10:15 in the old library room across from Katy's office. The Q&A sessions are hosted by the Wellness Advisory Group who will address this wellness program's compelling design and timely outreach for our church community. Your attendance is encouraged and does not imply commitment. BYOC...bring your own coffee!

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.

EUCC BRIDGE GROUP - August 28, 7:00pm

The EUCC Bridge Group will meet on Sunday, August 28 at 7:00pm at Orchard House with Vickie and Wynn Miller hosting. For directions and to RSVP that you'll be playing, please email Vickie Miller vickiemiller@earthlink.net) or telephone her at 314-961-4648 as soon as you can so that Vickie and Wynn have time to organize the tables and treats. All are invited to play with this bridge-friendly-tolerant group.

EVENTS & NEWS

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!**

WOODCARVING SHOW & SALE - August 27-28

The St. Louis Area Woodcarvers, who meet at EUCC, will be holding their annual Woodcarving Show and Sale on August 27-28 at Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Road. Hours of the show are 10-5 on Saturday and 10-4 on Sunday. There is a \$1 admission charge, which will be waived for members of EUCC, just tell the person working at the entrance that you are an EUCC member. The show will feature carvings for sale, carving demonstrations, wood and tools. This is a great chance to do some early Christmas shopping for a truly unique item. Scouts in uniform are also admitted free of charge. If you have any questions, contact John Panhorst, 314-965-9435 or jpanhorst@prodigy.net.

SCHINDELS' GRATITUDE OPEN HOUSE - August 28, 1:00pm

It's finally time for a real Schin-dig! You have shown us so much love and support throughout the past year and we want to say 'Thank You' by opening our home to you. Free self-guided tours of our newly restored humble abode beginning at 1pm, Sunday, August 28th. We will have sandwiches, drinks, etc. If you would like to bring a side dish to share, you may but it's not necessary. We will have coolers of ice available for other beverages :) **NO GIFTS PLEASE!** 319 Atalanta Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119; (314)920-5953.

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

THIS WEEK AT EUCC

MISSION MOMENT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8:30am Worship Service

9:45am Coffee Fellowship

9:45am Companioning Informational Meeting

11:00am Worship Service

12:00pm Servant Team Meeting

3:00pm Korean Drumming Circle

5:00pm St. Louis Area Woodcarvers

5:15pm Castlewood Support Group

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

9:15am Job Jar Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

9:30am Amy's Yoga

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

7:00pm EUCC Church School

Discussion/Review

7:15pm La Leche League

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

12:30pm Staff Meeting

6:45pm St. Louis Equality Dancers

7:00pm Amy's Yoga

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

Set up for Paula Lindberg Reception

9:30am EUCC Moms' Club

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00am Huppert Lessons

1:00pm Paula Lindberg Memorial

3:00pm Sts C&F Crafters

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 worshippers, 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: Open 11:00am: Open	1. Joyce Brown 2. Open	8:30am: Teri Hillen 11:00am: Bob Risk Ray Mulligan Susan Morgan Yoany Lopez	1. Open 2. Open	Kris Lewis	8:30am: Open 11:00am: Open	Bob Risk Ray Mulligan
August 21	8:30am: Open 11:00am: Open	1. Open 2. Open	8:30am: Sandy Bowe 11:00am: Jan Ittner Karen Droege Bob Karr Colleen Gilmore	1. Loretta Haggard 2. Open	Gigi Hill	8:30am: Open 11:00am: Open	Bob Hill Gigi Hill

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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!

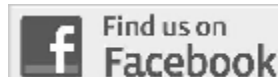


nursing mothers welcome!

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