

Education: Jesus, a teacher? August 21, 2011



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Jesus asked them,
Who do you say that I am?
Elijah, Prophet, Rabbi. Son of God,
Messiah, Christ. *The Way, The Truth,
The Life* Savior, Shepherd, Friend.
The last, the least, the lost.
Jesus asked Peter.
Jesus asked Pilate.
Jesus asks us.
Who do you say that I am?

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE 11:00AM

"My Computer"

Julie Bardelmeier

GATHERING WORDS

source: K. Hawker

One: Jesus asks his friends,
"Who do you say that I am?"
The preacher sees a preacher,
the mother, a mother.
The one in need of salvation, might see a savior,
the one in need of healing, a healer.
Jesus asked
because he recognized
the one who sees a healer, heals
the one who sees a friend, befriends.
Gathered in community, we ask his question:
"Who do you say that I am?"
knowing that
who we see
informs how we act.

*HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

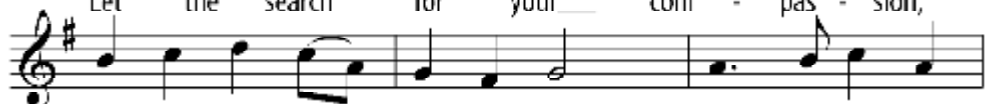
tune: Cwm Rhondda
words: Fosdick, alt
adapted, K. Hawker



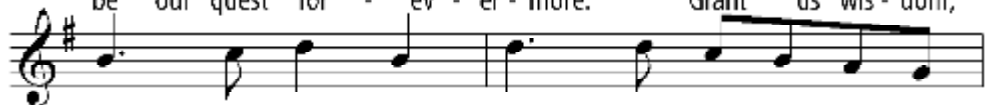
God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple pour your power;
From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail com - pas - sion's way.
Cure your chil - dren's war ring - mad - ness, turn our hearts, to you be - hold.
Save us from weak re - sig - na - tion, to the e - vils we de - plore.



crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
From the fears that long have bound us,
Shame our wan - ton sel - fish glad - ness,
Let the search for your com - pas - sion,



bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
be our quest for - ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age, Make our bro - ken spir - its
grant us cour - age, serv - ing you whom we a -



hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, for the liv - ing of these days.
whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Statement of Believing
(honoring questions, 2006)

*We believe in God
who creates mystery
and revels in ambiguity.
We are inquisitive by nature.*

*We believe in Jesus
whose life and teachings
offered more questions than answers.
We are students of enigma.*

*We believe in the brooding Spirit
who leaves us discontent
offering possibilities.
We are a people on a quest.*



http://ambios.files.wordpress.com/2008/04/picture-5.png?w=268&h=300

*In the national conversation about public
education, our role in the church is special.
We are concerned about our schools as an
ethical and public policy matter. How do
they embody attitudes about race and pov-
erty, power and privilege, and cultural domi-
nance and marginalization, and how do
disparities in public investment reflect these
attitudes?*

<http://www.ucc.org/justice/public-education/>

***LITANY**

adapted: <http://www.ucc.org/justice/public-education>

- One: God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power.
Many: **Give me eyes to see, ears to hear,
a heart to feel and wisdom to grasp today's injustices.**
- One: Help me name the truth.
Many: **Help me discern the reality beneath the rhetoric.**
- One: Give me strength to recognize my obligations
to all of your precious children, my neighbors, and to your creation.
Many: **Give me courage to speak
and to find others who will join their voices with mine.**
- One: Guide me to act on my convictions.
Many: **Let me not be tired or discouraged.
Let me not feel alone.**
- One: Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour.

***RESPONSE**

"Siyahamb' " source: South-African Freedom Song

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(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 asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others
Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

- 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 8:30AM "My Computer" Julie Bardelmeier

11:00AM Denise Stookesberry

SERMON "Jesus on Public Education" Katherine HawkerSelf

***HYMN** "Hymn for Education Sunday" tune: Bunnessan
words: A. Martin
http://www.methodist.org.uk/downloads/FandW_D1.pdf

God of creation, from the beginning
You have declared the universe good,
And you have given into our keeping
Knowledge to learn and use as we should.

Knowledge brings power, knowledge brings freedom;
Knowledge to use, and knowledge to share.
We can control and we can bring changes,
But we must learn to do things with care.

Through work and study, prayer and example,
We can learn how to best use our skill;
Sharing compassion; serving our neighbours,
Building your kindom; doing your will.

Our education – teaching and learning,
Growing and changing, all that we do,
All that we are and all that we will be,
In humble praise we offer to you.

United Church of Christ Justice & Witness Ministries

As Congress reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries asks Congress to:

Address public school inequality by allocating federal resources for equity and pressing states to close opportunity gaps.

Allocate Title I funds to support schools serving children in poverty through a fair formula, not a competition. Poor children should not lose federal support because their state loses a funding competition.

Reduce reliance on standardized tests and test only in ways that improve instruction, measure real performance, and encourage exploration, imagination, and critical thinking

Support and improve, rather than punishing, the public schools in America's poorest communities.

Address issues outside school that affect school achievement such as racial segregation, concentrated poverty, and the need for pre-school that helps children before they fall behind.

Reject market-based, technocratic policies and improve public education as the bedrock of our society and public schools as the anchors of communities. As a people called to love our neighbors as ourselves, we must insist that Congress balances the needs of each particular child and family with the need to ensure a strong public system that secures the rights and addresses the needs of all children.

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(August 2011)

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

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.

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** "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.

Finances in Brief—July 2011

For the seven-month period ending July 31, 2011 General Fund contributions received were \$170,028, other income was \$8,975 for a total of \$179,003. Expenses were \$172,925. The result is a surplus of \$6,078. The weekly average of contributions received was \$5,313. The weekly average needed is \$6,010. The difference is a shortfall of \$697 per week. Although giving lags behind budget, we've successfully adjusted spending.

Ken Ulmer, Finance Team

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Louis Association
Women UCC Fall Gathering
Tuesday, September 27, 2011
Registration deadline is
September 16!

Flyer and registration information on
community board (copies can be made
in the church office). There is also a
link to these documents in
the weekly News and Notes.

Please contact Marge Engelsdorfer for
more information: (636) 225-3128.

Hope to see you there!

*HYMN 411 "Praise the Source of Faith and Learning"

tune: Procession
words: Troeger



Praise the Source of faith and learn - ing
God of wis - dom, we ac - know - ledge
May our faith re - deem the blun - der
As two cur - rents in a riv - er



that has sparked and stoked the mind with a pas - sion
that our sci - ence and our art and the breadth of
of be - liev - ing that our thought has dis - placed the
fight each oth - er's un - der - tow till con - verg - ing



for dis - cern - ing how the world has been de - signed.
hu - man know - ledge on - ly par - tial truth im - part.
grounds for won - der which the an - cient pro - phets taught.
they de - liv - er one co - her - ent stead - y flow,



Let the sense of won - der flow - ing from the won - ders
Far be - yond our cal - cu - la - tion lies a depth we
May our learn - ing curb the er - ror which un - think - ing
Blend, O God, our faith and learn - ing till they carve a



we sur - vey keep our faith for - ev - er grow - ing
can - not sound where your pur - pose for cre - a - tion
faith can breed lest we jus - ti - fy some ter - ror
sin - gle course, till they join as one, re - turn - ing



and re - new our need to pray.
and the pulse of life are found.
with an an - ti - quat - ed creed.
praise and thanks to you their Source.

*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!*

Jesus was Political:

Looking at the Hot Button Issues

HOT **Economy:** Jesus Saves, Will We? (Aug 14)

HOT **Education:** Who Was/Is Jesus? (Aug 21)

HOT **Abortion:** What Will We Do? (Aug 28)

HOT **Immigration:** Coming With Jesus? (Sept 4)

*at the Other Ecumenical
Sundays at 8:30am and 11am
www.theotherecumenical.org*

FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY GROUPS

COMPANIONING INFORMATIONAL MTG - TODAY AT 9:45AM

There will be an informational meeting about the "Companioning Program" today from 9:45 to 10:15 in the old library room across from Katy's office. The Q&A session will be 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 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! - TONIGHT, 5:00pm

Our annual Chancel Choir PARTY/SING! is today at 5pm at Earl and Joyce Brown's home. **If you've been thinking of joining choir but aren't sure, this is the event for you!!!!** Bring a dish to share or just come. Earl and Joyce's address: 2016 Parkridge Avenue, 63144. Phone is (314) 962-3496. For more information, please call Donita and Jill at (314) 367-8224.

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 10am-5pm on Saturday and 10am-4pm 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.

IMAGINE ... WHAT'S POSSIBLE

- IF OUR DECISIONS ABOUT GIVING WERE BASED ON THE QUESTION: "HOW MUCH OF WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN ME CAN I KEEP FOR MYSELF AND MY FAMILY?"
- IF EACH OF US MADE A "3 FOR 3" COMMITMENT:
 - TO BE IN CHURCH 3 SUNDAYS A MONTH
 - TO INVITE 3 FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS, OR NEIGHBORS TO EUCC
 - TO ADD \$3.00 A WEEK TO OUR PLEDGE
- IF WE PRAYED FOR THE GRACE TO CONNECT OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD FOR HEALTH, HEALING AND HOPE TO OUR EXPRESSIONS OF GENEROSITY

Stewardship Circle Chair - Marilyn Stavenger

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

THIS WEEK AT EUCC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

8:30am Worship Service
9:45am Coffee Fellowship
9:45am Companioning Informational Meeting
11:00am Worship Service
3:00pm Korean Drumming Circle
5:00pm Chancel Choir Party/Sing!
(Earl & Joyce Brown's Home)
5:15pm Castlewood Support Group

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

9:15am Job Jar Meeting
7:00pm Worship/Learning Teams Collaborative Mtg

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

9:30am Amy's Yoga

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

No events scheduled

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

12:30pm Staff Meeting
6:45pm St. Louis Equality Dancers
7:00pm Amy's Yoga

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

No events scheduled

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00am WG Mom's Connection Resale Event
9:00am Huppert Lessons
10:00am Woodcarving Show and Sale (Today and Sunday, Kirkwood Community Center)
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: Open 11:00am: Nancy Mack	1. Darcy Swanson 2. Open	8:30am: Sandy Bowe 11:00am: Earl Brown Karen Droege Bob Karr Colleen Gilmore	1. Loretta Haggard 2. Lelia Flagg	Gigi Hill	8:30am: Open 11:00am: Marge Engelsdorfer	Bob Hill Gigi Hill
August 28	8:30am: Lucy Allen 11:00am: Elaine Alexander	1. Darlene HawkerSelf 2. Open	8:30am: Bob & Bobbie Pahmeier 11:00am: Gigi & Bob Hill Wynn Miller Linda Kolley	1. Jennifer Marchi 2. Open	Sandy Bowe	8:30am: Open 11:00am: Susan Morgan	Open

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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!

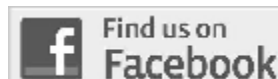


nursing mothers welcome!

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