

Learning to Trust

October 23, 2011

*Doubt is a state
of openness and unknowing
It's a willingness
to not be in charge,
to not know
what is going to happen next.
The state of doubt
allows us to explore things
in an open and fresh way.*

— Bernard Glassman and Rick Fields,
Instructions to the Cook



Lea Goode-Harris, www.leastudio.com/poetree2

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS AND PRELUDE

*INVOCATION

source: Harriet Kofalk, Life Prayers

One: first... I thank the Source of all life
for this life's meaning
then I can begin

first... I touch my heartstring
and feel its resonance with the harmonics of all beings
then I can share love

first... I taste the morning light
with which to create food from soul
then I can cook

*HYMN 411

"Praise the Source"

words: Thomas Troeger

tune: William Albright

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.

*It is people who make the gods important.
If a spirit [idol] becomes too troublesome,
it will be shown the tree
from which it was carved.*

*African Traditional Religions
Kalabari Proverbs (Namibia)*

*Fools misjudge me when I take
a human form,
Because they do not know my supreme
state as Lord of Beings.
Unconscious,
they fall prey to a beguiling nature
such as belongs to ogres and demons,
For their hopes
[ascribing to God human motives] are vain,
and so are their rituals
and their search for wisdom.*

*Hinduism
Bhagavad Gita 9.11-12*



Dans om het gouden kalf, 1976; by Fritz Heff, in Koningsplein, Arnhem

***LITANY**

source: R.T. Dick

- One: May we be aware of our weaknesses
Many: **and strengthened by that awareness.**
- One: May we be conscious of our shortcomings
Many: **and alerted by that consciousness.**
- One: May we know our limitations
Many: **and be humbled by that knowledge.**
- One: Thus may we come to pay less attention
to our weaknesses, shortcomings, limitations
Many: **And to give greater attention
to possible areas of continuing growth:
awareness, consciousness, knowledge!**

***RESPONSE**

“Heleluyan”

Native American (Muscogee)

* 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.**

Gretta Vosper

One: A Moses story from Judaism:
When Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, ‘Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ Aaron said to them, ‘Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.’ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, ‘Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.’ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. Exodus 32:1-6

A teaching from Jesus’ life:
But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

A teaching from Buddhism:
Who sees Me by form, who seeks Me in sound,
Perverted are their footsteps upon the Way;
For they cannot perceive the (one who has done such). Diamond Sutra 26

- 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

"Ain't-A That Good News"
Youth Music

B. Sellers

11:00AM

"Step By Step"
Chancel Choir

L. Shackley

SERMON

"Idolatry in the Church"

Katherine HawkerSelf

HYMN 451

"Be Now My Vision"

tune: Slane
words: M. Byrne



Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart; noth - ing sur -
Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word; ev - er with -
Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise, you, my in -
Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won. may I reach



pass - es the love you im - part You my best -
in me, my soul is as - sured; Moth - er and -
her - i - tence, now and al - ways; You and you -
heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun! Heart of my



thought, by day or by night, wak - ing or
Fa - ther, you are both to me, now and for -
on - ly are first in my heart, great God, my
own heart, what - ev - er be - fall, still be my



sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
ev - er your child I will be.
treas - ure, may we nev - er part.
vi - sion, O Rul - er of al.

*The parable of those
who take protectors other than God
is that of the spider
who builds for itself a house;
but truly the flimsiest of houses
is the spider's house—if they only knew!*
Qur'an 29.41

*Since you saw no form
On the day that the Lord spoke to you
at Horeb out of the midst of the fire,
beware lest you act corruptly
by making a graven image for yourselves,
in the form of any figure,
the likeness of male or female,
the likeness of any beast that is on the earth,
the likeness of any winged bird
that flies in the air,
the likeness of anything
that creeps on the ground,
the likeness of any fish
that is in the water under the earth.*

Deuteronomy 4.15-18



"I understand, but the order says 'one golden calf' ..."

In our Prayers

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

All Saints Day

At EUCC, we celebrate both births and deaths each year on the Sunday closest to All Saints Day (and Halloween!). This year we will ring bells for those who entered our community by birth (and adoption) and those who left (by death) on October 30. If you have names to add to our list (in our church family and beyond), please notify the church office at churchoffice@evangelicalucc.org. We will publish all names we're given and, as always, make space for silent naming of others.

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.

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

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.*

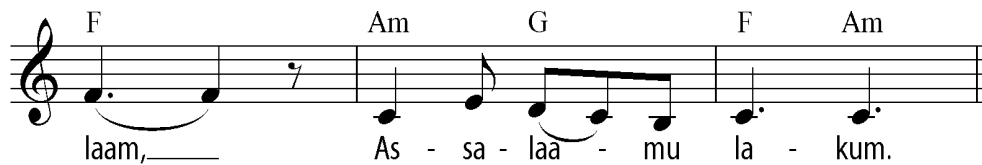
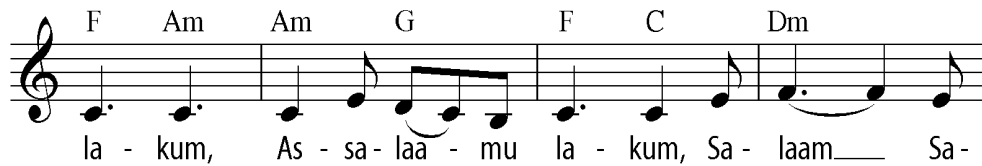
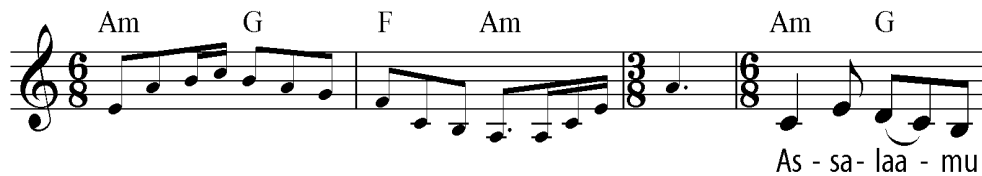
CELEBRATION OF GIVING 11:00AM

*The congregation is invited to share support for the work of this community
and our monthly Special Offering.*

*RESPONSE

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

music: R. Bruxvoort Colligan
Traditional Arabic Greeting



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Go into the world:
dance, laugh, sing and create.

Many: **We go with your encouragement, O God.**

One: Go into the world:
risk, explore, discover and love.

Many: **We go with your encouragement, O God.**

One: Go into the world:
believe, hope, struggle and remember.

Many: **We go with the assurance of your love, O God.**

source: Rex AE Hunt

Report of Your Giving to the Capital Campaign!

As of September 30, 2011, a total of \$487,520 has been given by you to Phase One of our capital improvements. As we have just finished the second year and are three months into the third year, most of you are on target and continue to give as you promised. We are counting on you and are most appreciative. A big "Thank You" to each and every one of you for your faithfulness as we near the downward stretch!

If you have any questions in regard to your pledge, please contact Treasurer, Ken Ulmer, (314-729-7581), Norma Leuthauser (314-821-1731) or Jill Thompson (314-367-8224) of the Capital Campaign Follow-Up Committee. The record of the total gifts to date of the capital campaign is located on the bulletin board in the narthex and changes monthly.

General Fund Finances in Brief

September 2011 -- For the nine-month period ending September 30, 2011 General Fund contributions received were \$217,577, other income was \$10,019 for a total of \$227,596.

Expenses were \$223,695. The result is a surplus of \$3,901. The weekly average of contributions received was \$5,488. The weekly average needed is \$6,010. The difference is a shortfall of \$521 per week.

The 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.

12 Months of Compassion
October—Step 10
Knowledge

*“Overcoming the limitations of the unexamined life and the dangers of habitual tribal thinking”
 Together we become open to learning..*

In Worship:

10/2—Learning to Follow
 (even harder than learning to lead!)

10/9—Learning Forgiveness
 (guest preacher, Rob Hartmann)

10/16—Learning with our Youth
 (guest presenters, Cultural Leadership)

10/23—Learning to Trust
 (skip the golden calves)

10/30—Learning from Utopia
 (no such place)

Church School:

(Beginners—6th grade)

Exploring Wonder (October)

-elementary ages will explore Moses' story

-young ones will explore questions!

Youth: (Still Speaking Center, 212)

Jeanne S and Marie K meeting Jr. High

Lucy A and Darlene HS meeting Sr. High

Adult Options@9:45

- **Parent Group (with Jane M in Room 23)**
- **Topical Offering for adults (across from Katy's office).**
 10/2—*Companioning & Mental Illness*
 (Guest speaker from NAMI)
 10/9—*Companioning & Trauma*
 (Paul Detrick)
 10/16—*Companioning & Substance Abuse*
 (Barbara Harris)
 10/23—*Companioning & Children*
 (Allison LaMont)
 10/30—*Companioning & Aging*
 SAGE Metro St. Louis)

***HYMN 581**

“Lead Us From Death to Life”

words: Haugen/Kumar
 tune: World Peace Prayer

Refrain

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from de-
 spair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to
 love, from war to peace; let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our
 world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse. Still all the an-gry cries,
 So man - y lone - ly hearts,
 Let jus - tice ev - er roll,
 still all the an - gry guns, still now your peo - ple die, earth's sons and
 so man - y bro - ken lives, long - ing for love to break in - to their
 let mer - cy fill the earth, let us be - gin to grow in - to your
 daugh - ters... Let jus - tice roll, let mer - cy pour
 an - guish. Come, teach us love, come, teach us
 peo - ple... We can be love, we can bring
 down, come and teach us your way of com - pas - sion. to Refrain
 peace, come and teach us your way of com - pas - sion.
 peace, we can still be your way of com - pas - sion.

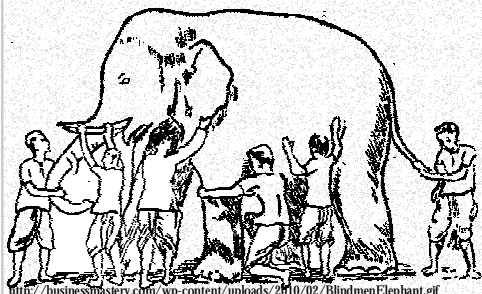
***BENEDICTION**

***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!

PROMISES OF PARTICIPATION: 100% RETURN IS THE GOAL

In late October every EUCC household (members and friends) will receive a brief letter and a one-page "Promises of Participation" form (this form replaces the traditional pledge card) to be completed and returned by mail or put in the offering plate by November 13. You will be invited to check the varied ways you intend to be a participant at EUCC. Our goal is a 100% household response indicating your promise to be an active part of EUCC in 2012.



<http://businessmastery.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/BlindmenElephant.gif>

FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY GROUPS

YOUTH PUMPKIN CARVING! - Today, October 23, 1:00pm
Bring your pumpkin and a carving knife if you have one and join us!

EUCC BRIDGE GROUP - October 30, 7:00pm

The EUCC Bridge Group will meet at Marilyn Stavenger's on Sunday, October 30 at 7:00pm. We'd love to have you join us, but please RSVP to Marilyn at 314-965-7596 or mstavenger@aol.com so that she can organize the tables and treats. Thanks!

EUCC QUILTERS AND ARTISTS - November 2, 9:00am

The Quilters and Artists will meet the morning of Wednesday, November 2 from 9-11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will be embellishing lots of lavender sachets that will be for sale at the Advent Fair. (No sewing! Just glue guns!) For those who prefer needlework, there will of course be prayer quilts to work on. We welcome anyone who enjoys crafts, needlework, or conversation to join us. For more information, contact Gail Saxton at 314-821-7917 or acsaxtonjr@aol.com. *P.S. The sachets are made from some lovely silk fabric samples that were donated to us a while back. We'd love to thank the mystery donor; let us know who you are!*

FAMILY DRUM CIRCLE - November 4, 7:00pm

Please join us for some joyful noise! We all march to our own beat, and when those beats come together their sound and their relief is powerful. Bring a drum or other percussion instrument, or if you need to make one, please arrive early and get creative with some coffee cans and beans! Drum making begins at 6:30 in the Fireside Room, Drum Circle begins at 7pm in the Sanctuary. For any questions, please contact Kelly Archer at 570-2780.

PICKLES ... AND MORE PICKLES - November 5, 9:00am

Remember those good pickles that Gigi Hill makes? Well, she's going to make them to sell at the Advent Fair to help support the MISSION 1 goal of \$1100.00 at EUCC. Want to help make them? Join us in the church kitchen at 9:00am on Saturday, November 5!

EVENTS & NEWS

THE CROP WALK IS COMING! - October 30, 12:30pm

The CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk is coming! The main St. Louis walk-a-thon is on Sunday, October 30 at 12:30pm in Tower Grove Park. Seventy-five percent of the money raised goes to Church World Service (CWS), an ecumenical relief and development agency. The remainder of the money benefits local Operation Food Search (a food bank). We'd love to have you walk with us! We'd also be delighted to have your financial support. Stop by the CROP table in the narthex or drop a check in the offering plate (to CWS/CROP).

AARON BAN'S ORDINATION - October 30, 4:00pm

Aaron Ban, Eden graduate, will be ordained on Sunday, October 30 at 4:00pm. The service will be held at Eden Seminary's chapel. There will be a reception following the service. He and his family invite you to join in the celebration of his ordination.



In the first 11 days of the 11th month in 2011 all UCC churches will join in a mission project that addresses human hunger. The goal: 1 million healthy food items delivered to local food pantries, \$111,111.00 collected (to be divided between "Neighbors in Need" and the famine in East Africa), and 1100 "Bread for the World" letters sent to Congress.

The Servant Team voted to have EUCC be a full participant in this effort which dovetails with our annual stewardship emphasis the first two weeks of November. Watch for lots of opportunities for you to contribute food items, money, letters and enthusiasm!

Boxes designated for Mission 1 "healthy food" items have been placed in the narthex. You can begin to bring items this Sunday through November 13. They will then be distributed to our food pantries. We're counting on collecting 1100 + items. Let's make this project an overwhelming success. On November 6th we will also be gathering a special offering for Mission 1 -- and hoping for at least \$1100.00.

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

THIS WEEK AT EUCC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:30am Worship Service

9:45am Coffee Fellowship

9:45am Adult Ed

Children's Church School

Jr/Sr High Classes

New Member Class

Parent Group

11:00am Worship Service

12:00am Youth Music

1:00pm Youth Pumpkin Carving

3:00pm Korean Drumming Circle

3:00pm OLOC

5:15pm Castlewood Support Group

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:15am Job Jar Gang

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00am Shining Rivers Parent

Toddler Class

9:30am Amy's Yoga

10:00am Orchard House Bible Study

3:00pm YMCA CPR Training

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00am Shining Rivers Parent

Toddler Class

6:30pm Children's Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00am Shining Rivers Parent

Toddler Class

7:00pm Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:00am Shining Rivers Parent

Toddler Class

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:30am Amy's Yoga

9:00am Shining Rivers

Foundations Studies

9:00am Huppert Lessons

5:00pm Sts C&F Worship

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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!

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

	Today	October 30
Church School <i>Center Helpers</i>	Loretta Haggard	Loretta Haggard
Church School <i>Storyteller</i>	<i>No Storyteller this week</i>	<i>No Storyteller this week</i>
Church School <i>Welcome Table Host</i>	Loretta Haggard	Loretta Haggard
Coffee Hour	Kristen Wamsley Jean Karr	Jenny Beckman
Crib Room	8:30 Shannon Oberkrom 11:00 Gigi Hill	8:30 Rebecca Sommer 10:30 Michelle Helms
Liturgist	8:30 Ann Groner 11:00 Susan Ulmer	8:30 Nancy Reiter 11:00 Matt Groner
Money Counters	Brenda Detrick Ken Ulmer	Paul Kachulis Ken Ulmer
Shepherds	Lucy Allen	Chris Reinhard Jane Miles
Ushers	8:30 Bob & Bobbie Pahmeier 11:00 Wynn Miller Bob Karr Yoany Lopez	8:30 Paul Kachulis 11:00 Earl Brown Gigi & Bob Hill Bob Karr
Welcome Table	Earl Brown	Mickey Clarke

SUNDAY MUSIC

	Today	October 30
8:30am	Youth Music	Solo
11:00am	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir

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