

# Third Sunday of Easter 26 April 2009

Following the God  
made known in the life  
and teachings of Jesus...

God who is unchanging  
and eternal,  
Keep before us  
the remembrance  
of the sufferings of humanity;  
May we not seek to forget;  
May we learn the lessons  
for the sake of our society  
today,  
And seek to lay  
the sure foundations  
of our future.

Council for Christians and Jews  
Holocaust Day of Remembrance, 2007



## Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Invocation

One: O God,  
In every moment, in every place,  
may we come to recognize you, the author of life,  
to know you as the one who calls us beloved,  
to feel you in our bodies, Godspace,  
to express your being in each of our relationships. Amen.

"Out in Scripture", <http://www.hrc.org/>

### \*Hymn 31

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

tune: Royal Oak  
words: Alexander

**Refrain**

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,  
All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear God made them  
all.  
1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each  
2. The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, the  
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, the  
lit - tle bird that sings, God made their glow - ing  
riv - er run - ning by, The sun - set, and the  
pleas - ant sum - mer sun, The ripe fruits in the  
col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.  
morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.  
gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.

"Compassion", Brian Howlett and John Tarrant  
@ <http://www.dharmadog.net/pages/compassion.html>

## Welcome!

### A word about diversity:

We strive to be a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, sexual orientation or gender identity.

### A word about children:

We love children, babies, and teens and we welcome all ages to share worship with us. Professional childcare is available throughout the morning for those who prefer. Activity folders (available in the Narthex) allow children of all ages to respond creatively to worship. A playtime for preschool age children is offered after the Chancel Steps at the 11:00 a.m. service.

### A word about special needs:

Signing our 11:00am service this morning is Nancy Medaris. Special seating is available as needed. We are happy to provide transportation to worship and special activities. Please let us know how we can help make this worship experience more accessible.

## Welcome Center

New to our community? Please stop by the Welcome Center in center of the Narthex (outside the sanctuary) to learn more about our community, our facility, and our programs.

\*An asterisk next to a section means that we stand for this part of the service as we are able.

### \*Litany

One: Lord, you instill in us ...

The desire to put our own welfare and social comfort above the basic needs of others,

Many: **The opportunities**

to become involved in the lives of those we encounter,

One: The knowledge

that it is better to give than to receive,

Many: **The vision**

to see your image in someone who is different,

One: The ability

to welcome the stranger and live in harmony with our neighbour,

Many: **The power to be a light in the darkness.**

One: Inspire us with your Holy Spirit, we pray,

To live this life to which you have called us;

Many: **That your Way may be known through the wilderness**

**And your Kingdom established throughout the earth.**

### \*Response

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.

### Sacred Texts

*Acts 3:12-19 is our assigned Lection for the day. It is one of many texts in our New Testament which historically have been used to blame the death of Jesus on the Jews. As we gather today In the shadow of the Holocaust Day of Remembrance (April 21), we read reflections from contemporary theologians in lieu of our assigned lections.*

Then came the Jews and announced the victory of time over space.

The command to Abraham to leave the land of his fathers and his father's home meant giving up the gods of blood and soil, of tribe and nation. For Judaism did not teach that its God was more powerful, that He ruled over all gods. It taught that God was unique; that there are no other gods; that God is not bound to any place in the world or space, but that He ruled the time. The Temple could be destroyed - [God] was not affected by this, and His people were not destroyed by it. And the God of time is the God of history, who has given history a goal and a purpose, and who has given a task to [his people]: to fight the belief in the gods of space. For Judaism teaches ethical monotheism; and ethical monotheism means universal justice - one justice, One God, one humanity.

~ Albert Friedlander

A Final Conversation with Paul Tillich, in *Out of the Whirlwind*

"The authentic test of ours and others' and our society's claims to spirituality is creative compassion. By compassion I do not mean the sentimentalized and privatized feeling our aggressive culture defines as compassion. I have in mind the root sense of that word: to suffer with, to stand by, to support, to share solidarity

with, to live on the margin with...that our fellow human beings are truly brothers and sisters with whom it is better always to make love-justice than war; and that gentleness lasts longer and touches more deeply than other kinds of power."  
 ~ Fr. Matthew Fox.

"We are tied together in the single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality. And whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. For some strange reason I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. And you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be. This is the way God's universe is made; this is the way it is structured."  
 ~Martin Luther-King

**Chancel Steps**

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).

**Anthem** 8:30am "True Light"  
 Chancel Choir

**Sermon** "Yom Hashoah" Katherine Hawker

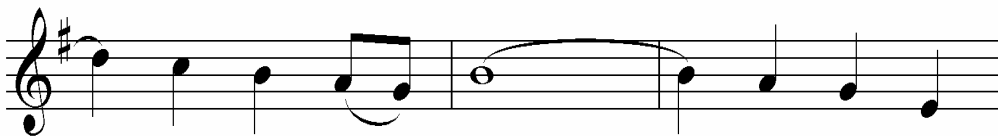
**\*Hymn** "The Gift of Love" tune: O Waly, Waly  
 words: Hal Hopson



Though I may speak with brav-est fire, and have the  
 Though I may give all I pos- sess, and striv-ing  
 Come, Spir- it, come, our hearts con- trol, our spir- its



gift to all in- spire, and have not love,  
 so my love pro- fess, but not be giv'n  
 long to be made whole. Let in- ward love



— my words are vain, as sound- ing  
 — by love with- in, the prof- it  
 — guide ev- ery deed; by this we



brass, and hope- less gain.  
 soon turns strange- ly thin.  
 wor- - ship and are freed.

*Nazi anti-Judaism was the work of godless, anti-Christian criminals. But it would not have been possible without the almost two thousand years' pre-history of 'Christian' anti-Judaism..."*

Hans Küng



Picture from the USHMM, courtesy of Charles and Hana Bruml.

As long as Christianity remained a struggling sect, a reform movement within Judaism, the anti-Judaic passages in the Christian Scriptures were of little importance. They were simply fairly typical examples of inter-faith squabbling. But when Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire in the late 4<sup>th</sup> century CE, these same verses developed a sinister character. Christianity was now in a position of power. The passages supplied the theological justification for the persecution of the Jews. And the rest was history.

[http://www.religioustolerance.org/jud\\_jesu4.htm](http://www.religioustolerance.org/jud_jesu4.htm)

## Welcoming New Members

Amy and Mauricio Sanchez  
608 Woodside Place 63119

### New Member Reception 11:00am

#### Introduction and Questions of the Members

Respecting divine mystery beyond our human knowing,  
revealed but not contained in the stories of our faith,  
will you strive to walk humbly with God?

Celebrating the fullness of Jesus' witness flowing from the baptismal  
waters at the river Jordan and the stories of bread broken and shared,  
do you confess the God made known in the one we call Christ?

Believing Jesus about God and trusting his example,  
will you accept the cost and joy of following him;  
welcoming the unwelcome-able, speaking the unspeakable,  
touching the untouchable, and suffering the insufferable?

Honoring the Spirit revealed in the paradoxical,  
will you live the questions of our faith,  
open to the continuing revelation of our still speaking God?

Discerning strength in vulnerability,  
do you acknowledge your interdependence  
and mutual accountability with all of creation?

Claiming God's grace abundant in our common life, will you covenant to-  
gether to cherish inquiry, embrace diversity, and honor vulnerability?

#### Affirmation of Faith

One: Do you believe in God the Source, the fountain of life?

Many: **I believe in God.**

One: Do you believe in Christ the Servant, embodied in Jesus of Naz-  
areth and in the church?

Many: **I believe in Christ.**

One: Do you believe in the Spirit the Guide, the liberating wellspring of life?

Many: **I believe in the Spirit.**

#### Welcome and Reception

One: Let us, the members and friends of Evangelical United Church of Christ,  
express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

Many: **We welcome you with joy**

**in the common life of this church.**

**We covenant with you to equip one another**

**for the work to which we feel called:**

**striving for peace and justice among all people,**

**protecting and restoring the integrity of all God's creation,  
and bringing hope to those most vulnerable.\***

*\*This sentence is from the 7th Point of The Center for Progressive Christianity's 8 Points.*

#### Signing of the Membership Book

#### Joys and Concerns

*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.*

#### Our Lord's Prayer

Many: **Father, may your name be holy.**

**May your rule take place.**

**Give us each day our daily bread.**

Pardon our debts, for we ourselves pardon everyone in debt to us.

And do not bring us to trial into a trying situation.

Burton Mack's rendering of the "Q" Source

### Table Fellowship 8:30am

#### Invitation

#### Remembrance and Blessing

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 risen Christ 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,*

*placing an offering in the plates beside the table,*

*lighting a prayer candle on the altar...*

*We sing together our Lord's Prayer as we process.*

### Celebration of Giving 11:00am

*We sing together our Lord's Prayer as we offer our tithes and gifts to support the work of this community in service to God.*

### Response

tune: Nettleton  
words: Sara Klosterboer

It's our time to join the chorus,

It's our time to lift our voice.

Looking down the road before us,

It's our time to make a choice.

Let us hear Your joyful singing,

Help us make Your verses rhyme.

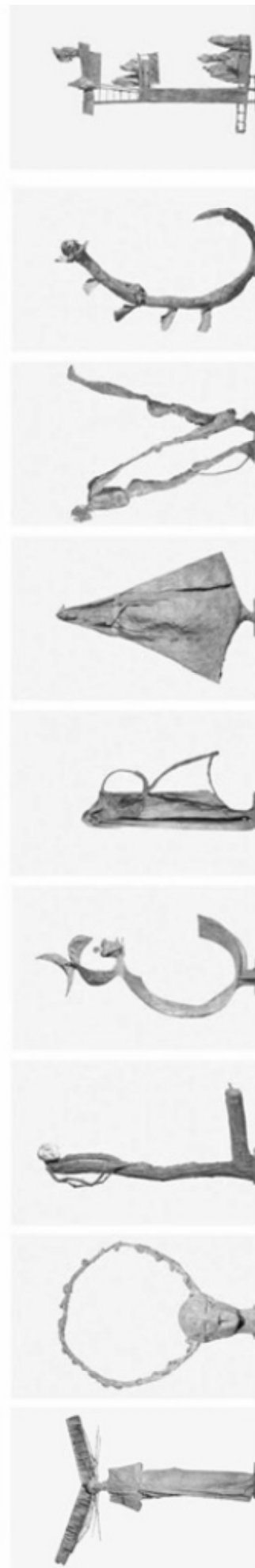
Hope and welcome, we'll be bringing,

Realizing it's our time.

### Moment for Mission

### Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and loving Spirit:  
with appreciation for our past  
joy in our present  
and confidence in our future,  
we who are rooted in faith  
and strong in diversity  
ask You to guide us  
as we share our abundance.



*Pray for all  
 as we consider  
 our commitment*

Lesley Chaney and Lori Singleton  
 Laurie Chrisco and Lisa Smith  
 Mickey Clarke  
 Geno and Lola Contestabile  
 Doug and Kathy Cormack  
 Imogene Criswell  
 Jeff and Jenny Davis  
 Doug and Valerie Detjen  
 Brenda and Paul Detrick  
 Virginia Divincen  
 Stacie and Kevin Dixon  
 Scott and Karen Dodson  
 Susan Dorris  
 Daniel and Amy Dreher  
 Jerry and Jean Dudding  
 David Due  
 Marge Engelsdorfer  
 Laura and Jordy Evans  
 David Faulkner  
 Michael and Danielle Fondaw  
 Jim and Nanette Ford  
 Harriet Frazier  
 Scott Garnholz and Laura Lock  
 Casey and Cathy Geisz  
 Pat Gilham

Over the course of the Capital Campaign, our leaders will ask us to pray for each local, active member of the congregation. This week we ask you to pray for these people.

**\*Hymn 411**

"Praise the Source"

tune: William Albright  
 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.

**\*Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

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## Special Giving

In celebration of our congregation's outreach in the community, the Servant Team invites you to make a generous contribution to EUCC during this holy Easter season.

## Health Screenings

Parish Nurse Lisa offers blood pressure and weight screenings between worship this Sunday and the fourth Sunday of every month.

## Al Anon

A new Al-Anon meeting will be starting in the Webster area on May 5th and the meetings will take place here at EUCC. The All Are Welcome Al-Anon group will meet every Tuesday from 12:00-1:00pm in the Adult Education/Old Library room. Feel free to bring a bag lunch. Al-Anon is for anyone whose life has been touched by alcoholism either through a friend or loved one. Al-Anon group meetings are based on the spiritual practice of the twelve steps and are a place where people come share their experience strength and hope. If you have any question please contact Lisa von Stamwitz 795-0114.

## Helmet Drive

Our Church Schoolers are sponsoring this outreach project to collect helmets (and cash to buy them) for Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. Collection containers will be in the Narthex from April 19 to May 3. We can accept cash or child-sized NEW helmets.

## EUCC Mothers Group

Attention moms!! Come help jump start the moms' group. On Thursday morning April 30 from 9am-11:30 Miss Carole will kindly tend the crib room while moms meet in the fireside room. Questions call Dee Ban 965-1191.

## Celebrate Spring with SAGE

SAGE Metro St. Louis is Services and Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Elders. This group's benefit concert is at 2pm on April 26 at Clayton on the Park. You can see EUCC member Loretta Haggard on the flute as they delight with music and refresh you with desserts. Info on bulletin board in the Narthex.

## TODAY at EUCC

During our Education Hour:  
Sunday School  
Sandwich Sunday  
Coffee Fellowship  
Health Screenings  
Directory photo opportunity

Also today:  
NO Youth Band  
Youth Group  
New Member Brunch  
Lydia's House Workday

## This Week at EUCC

Children's Choir Rehearsal—  
Wednesdays at 6:00pm

EUCC Mothers Group—Thursday  
at 9am

Chancel Choir Rehearsal—  
Thursdays at 7:30pm

Spring Yoga—Saturdays 9-10:30

Children's Musical Dress Re-  
hearsal—Saturday at 12:30pm

Bread for the World Letter Writ-  
ing Campaign—Saturday at  
6pm (hosted by SC&F)

## Youth Group

Today: A change of plans!  
Lydia's House has been resched-  
uled to May 31st. We will have a  
movie night in the high school  
room from 6-8.

May 3: We will venture over to  
the City Museum! We will leave  
the church at 5:30. Permission  
slips and details will follow soon.

More info on upcoming dates is  
available in the News & Notes!

Sunday Morning  
 Shared Ministry Opportunities — Signups are in the Narthex

Ministry		Today	Next Week
Liturgists	Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers	Mickey Clarke	open
Shepherds	Assist Phiwa with Preschool Playtime (11:00am service)	Miles/Reinhard	Stacey Morris
Crib Room Assistants	Help Carole play with our babies (two shifts)	Heidi Kehle, Ray Mulligan	Linda Brandewiede, Linda Kolley
Ushers	Greet worshippers and (at 11:00am) collect offering	Bob and Bobbie Pahmeier, Karen Acker, Bob Karr, Wynn Miller, Stacey Morris	David Faulkner, Sandy Bowe, Geno and Lola Contestabile
Coffee Hour	Provide finger foods and greet community between services	open	open
Money Counters	Count the weekly offerings and enter into database	Nick Gilham and Jeremy Meyer	Norma Leuthauser, Bobbie Pahmeier

Pastoral Team  
 Katherine Hawker,  
 Marilyn Stavenger, Al Schon

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Worship, Margie West, David Faulkner

Endeavoring to maintain the unity of the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace, we are open to and affirming of each child of God, recognizing that we are called to be as one reconciled Body with members of every race, gender identity, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, class, age and physical or mental health and ability.

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