

**ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF
HOLY COMMUNION**

INVITATION

Come all ye faithful. Come where bread is broken for the gifts of compassion and wine poured for the healing of all. Come and receive the mystery of Christmas.

COMMUNION PRAYER

May the Child of Bethlehem be born in you.

And in your heart as well.

Children of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the One who came to us that first Christmas morning.

People of God, give thanks to the One who is always with us.

O come, o come Emmanuel, to feed us at your Table.

When you were weary of chaos as your companion, Everlasting God, you whispered to the Word who sang Creation's song: mountains sprang to attention, rivers and oceans splashed your feet, and the dust from the Carpenter's table was gathered up and shaped in your image. Spirit breathed life into us, that we might dance with you forever. But when we looked beyond your glory, and saw the decorative temptations the world dangled before our eyes, we rushed to embrace sin and death.

Yet you looked past our rebellion, seeing the people we could become, and so sent Isaiah and Hannah, Simeon and Anna as your faithful witnesses. When we continued to turn up the world's volume to drown out your pleas, you sent the Word of hope in the silence of a stable.

Therefore, we join with the angels of Bethlehem's skies, and all those who sing of your steadfast love, in every time and place:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, Mighty God, and blessed is the One who comes in your name, our Lord and Savior, your Gift to all the world. You would not keep the Word to yourself, but sent him to tell us of your hopes for us. You did not cling to the Prince of Peace, but poured him out to end our enmity and violence with one another. You

could not hold your Heart in your hands, but allowed him to be broken on the tree of Calvary that we might be made whole forever.

As we gather at your Table, send your Spirit upon the bread and the cup, and upon us, your children. That in our eating we might be nourished with your generosity, that in our drinking we might share in your joy and courage. As the angels song echoed through the Bethlehem's hills, so we lift our voice together now praying...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

(AGNUS DEI)

O Christ, the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us; O Christ, the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us; O Christ the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks Holy God. As you sent Jesus to be born of Mary, send us to bear the burdens of others; as you became One with us in the Child, may we live at peace with all people; as you have brought us out of the shadows of our sin, may we carry the Light of the world to all who live in the darkness of oppression and injustice. Amen

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

REMEMBERING THE PROMISES OF BAPTISM

Do you promise, by the grace of God,
to be a disciple, to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
to resist oppression,
to show love and justice,
and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ,
as best you are able?

(Moment of silence for reflection)

And do you promise, according to the grace given to you,
to grow in your faith and to be a faithful member of the church,
celebrating Christ's presence and furthering God's mission in all the world?

(Moment of silence for reflection)

RITUAL OF AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

- One: Turning to the east, let us pray:
For children and youth, precious in God's sight, and reflections of the
growing Christ child. Renewed by the water of life,
- Many: May we raise them up in faith.**
- One: Turning to the south, let us pray:
For all creation, precious in God's sight, and a living reflection of new
life in Christ. Renewed by the water of life,
- Many: May we continue to work towards earth's renewal.**
- One: Turning to the west, let us pray:
For men and women, precious in God's sight and reflections of God's
widening embrace. Renewed by the water of life
- Many: May we seek and serve Christ in all peoples.**
- One: Turning to the north, let us pray:
For elders and those who have gone before us, precious in God's sight
and reflections of Christ's patience and wisdom. Renewed by the
water of life
- Many: May we continue to be God's story of unending love in both word and
deed.**

PRAYER OF RECOMMITMENT

All: By your Spirit, Almighty God, Grant us
Love for others,
Joy in serving you,
Peace in disagreement,
Patience in suffering,
Kindness toward all people,
Goodness in evil times,
Faithfulness in temptation,
Gentleness in the face of opposition,
Self-control in all things.
Then strengthen us for ministry in your name. Amen.



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Lily Order Form

Please use this form to order your Lilies to be used to beautify the altar for our Easter Worship Services. Return this form to the office.

Name _____

Phone _____

Number of Plants desired: _____ @ \$10.00 each

In memory, honor or celebration of whom or for what occasion:

Lilies will be available to be picked up after the 10:30 Easter service.

Deadline to order is March 28th!



HOLY WEEK

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, March 31, 2010
"Last Supper Tableau" 8:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 1, 2010
Tennebrae Worship Service
Sacrament of Holy Communion 7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2, 2010
Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4, 2010
Worship Services 6:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Children's Service "The Living Cross" 9:15 a.m.

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Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Come to this table and receive the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord is risen!

We have seen the Lord!

Lift up your hearts, people of God.

We lift them to the Risen Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

We offer our thanks and praise to the One who gives us new life.

How good it is on this day of joy to lift our glad songs of praise to you, Redeemer of the lost. You planted your steadfast love in the gardens of creation, but we ate the bitter fruit of idolatry and sin. Prophets came in your name, bringing your gracious word, but we could not hear them call our name. When we were about to perish, when we could have died, you sent the One who could bear that threat away.

Therefore, on this day and every day, with those in heaven and those on earth, we lift our glad cries to you:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, God of Easter, and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, sent by you to bring us salvation. Your right hand, he releases us from sin's grip; walking through the darkness of death, he leads us into the kingdom's light; confounding the practitioners of evil, he did good for others; humbling himself to experience our pain and suffering, he is raised to rule over all.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon the Bread and the Cup, Resurrecting God, and upon us who seek to be your followers. Strengthen us with the Bread of life, nourish us with the Cup of hope, and so fill us with the good news of Easter that we dare not remain silent, but that we might proclaim it with our hands and hearts.

On this first day of the week and in all the days to come, all glory and honor are yours, O God, and in your holy church as we lift our voices as one praying...

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WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All praise and thanksgiving be yours, O God of new life. Refreshed at this Table by the One who freed us from death, send us forth now to feed the hungry; to sustain the weary; to be servants of the poor and oppressed; and to proclaim justice and peace for all people. Through Christ we pray. Amen.



**Don't miss out on the Annual Youth Group
Flower Sale**

Hanging Baskets

\$12.00

Individual Plants

3" pots \$3.50

3 Pack

\$1.50

Flats

\$18.00

Selection of Plants Available

WHERE: UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Date: Sunday, May 2, 2010

Time: 8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

RAIN OR SHINE

**All funds go to SUPPORT the United Evangelical Church Youth Group
Summer Mission Trip**



Choir Dinner
&
Light Entertainment



Sunday, May 16 @ 12 noon

Now's your chance all you budding musicians, vocalists, comedians, etc. Here's your opportunity to show your creative side!!

Ticket price: \$10 per person (under age 5 free) - No Refunds

Only 80 tickets will be sold in advance
No tickets will be sold at the door

Menu:

Salad

Rigatoni with Meat Balls

Bread

Dessert

Coffee & Iced Tea

(You must have a ticket to get a dinner)

See Ursula Jacob (8:00 a.m. service)
or Cass Young (10:30 a.m. service) to buy your tickets on April 18, 25, and May
2, 9

(NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER MAY 9)

Proceeds to benefit the Organ Sound Module Project

For additional details call Darlene Waters @ 410-574-6021 or contact Robert Gundlach at robertgundlach@verizon.net or 410-732-6752.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome And Address

Questions of the Candidate

***Congregational Assent**

One: To all who are members of Christ's church, who witness to and celebrate this sacrament of baptism: Do you promise your love, support and care to this little one about to be baptized as he lives and grows in Christ?

Many: We promise our love, support and care.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

Second Page of Hymnal

Prayer of Baptism

Act of Baptism

Act of Praise

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

#677

Prayer for the Baptized

Benediction



CONFIRMATION RENEWAL LITANY

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord.

Many: Give thanks for the goodness of the Lord.

One Who is your Lord and Savior?

Many: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

One Who has accompanied you on your life's journey?

Many: Christ has brought us to this time and place. Since we reaffirmed our baptismal vows, God has empowered us with God's Holy Spirit, Christ has filled and sustained us, Christ has shown us grace. Even now, the risen Christ is with us and continues to renew our faith.

One Who is it that stands with you?

Many: Christ has given us to be in loving fellowship with one another. In thanksgiving and joy, we come to share our story and ourselves with Christ's Church.

One Do you promise to continue to be a faithful servant through joy and sorrow?

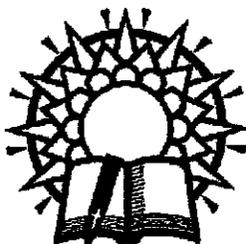
Many: I do, with the help of God.

One Let us pray.

Many: O God, renew us with your Holy Spirit, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds and use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of all.

One Praise the Lord forevermore.

Many: Let us praise the name of the Lord!





Calendar of Prayer

United Church of Christ



Mission Moment—Turn Around

May 23, 2010

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost, the birth of the church! Disciples gathered, empowered, and scattered to spread the love of God made known in Christ. Today it's happening UCC-style through ministries made possible by the Strengthen the Church special mission offering.

In 1854 Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ was the first church established in the Kansas Territory. On April 5, 2009 Plymouth became the first mainline Protestant church in Kansas to offer worship services en español. ¡Bienvenidos y Bienvenidas a Plymouth! Reunión Libertad is a new ministry birthed out of Plymouth's desire to welcome and invite Spanish-speaking persons in Lawrence to come to the church to be "centered in their own journeys of faith and liberation." Free English classes, with free child care, create a bridge across cultural and language barriers as English-speaking volunteers serve as conversation partners. Pastor Shannon Gorres observes, "We know it's been working, first because our students are learning English and telling us of more success in communicating at their jobs and their kids' schools. Our volunteers are also growing their understanding of a different culture and the common community we share."

The spontaneous shared basketball game, the offer to help with a citizenship exam, a shared human experience of computer dating in our "techy" culture, and recent demand by English speakers for Spanish classes are signs of "shared liberation" - another vision for this ministry. The church is becoming known as a safe and warm place where God is still speaking.

Strengthen the Church grows our presence as a vibrant community of extravagant welcome. It builds the UCC's future by funding The Still-speaking Ministry, new and renewing churches, youth and young adult ministries, and lay and pastoral leadership formation - especially among women and people of color. Offerings are directed to Conferences, Local Church Ministries, and The Stillspeaking Ministry.

Act 2:1-21
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17 [25-27]
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Strengthen the Church
Special Mission Offering

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

One: In God we are conceived.
Many: In the stuff of earth we are formed.
One: In hope we are born.
Many: In partnership we are called.
One: In love we live.
Many: In Wisdom we are sent.
All: In faith we go. Amen.

*HYMN

"America the Beautiful"

#727

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

†(Please be seated while the candles are extinguished,
pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Materna"

Koury

Chief Master Sergeant Dale M. Sanders

Chief Master Sergeant Dale M. Sanders distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service to the United States as Superintendent, 376th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron, 376th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, 376th Air Expeditionary Wing, Transit Center at Manas International Airport, Kyrgyz Republic.

During this period, Chief Sanders supported Operation ENDURING FREEDOM combat operations enabling United States and coalition forces to prosecute the Global War on Terrorism. While deployed he expertly led 380 military and civilian contract employees overseeing 13 duty sections, boosting the morale of over 264,000+ transient personnel.

Additionally, Chief Sanders provided quality assurance for a 14 million dollar annual base operating support contract, identifying contract shortfalls and authoring modifications to the performance work statement valued at ten million dollars. These critical modifications corrected severe workload discrepancies and prepared the Transit Center for future lodging and dining expansion projects; lodging to support an addition 1,000 transits and a new Dining Facility that now feeds over 60,000 meals per month, to support 30,000 additional transient personnel ordered into Afghanistan by the President of the United States.

Furthermore, Chief Sanders assisted with the Mortuary Affairs Team; oversaw nine "Fallen Warriors", and ensured Dignified Transfers were processed and Military Honors rendered.

Finally, Chief Sanders coordinated and planned all Lodging for 280 Embassy and Peace Corps Staff personnel displaced during the Kyrgyz Revolution and ensured Quality of Life maintained.

The singularly distinctive accomplishments of Chief Sanders reflect credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.



U.S. AIR FORCE

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Jesus is the living water. Jesus now pours the best wine. Jesus is waiting for you. So come, knowing that your place is at this table where the best wine is now poured, rich in promise, overflowing with the love of God.

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Here they are **Wonderful God.**

Let us give thanks to our God who has made us.

We give God thanks and praise.

Creator of blades of grass and galaxies, guardian of city streets and oceans, wonder and joy spring forth from our souls, for in creation we see your holiness, engage your mystery, and find ourselves drawn to worship you. So let the universe sing, the earth cry out, and the people laugh with praise, singing:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
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Having created human beings to live by faith on this earth, you sent prophets and teachers to lead us – never ceasing in your love, never stingy in your mercy. And when the time was right a young woman listened closely to you and brought forth the gift of your own heart, Jesus the Christ, your Wisdom in the flesh.

Let this moment be held in the eternity of your being Holy One. Let this bread, wine and all of us be blessed by the wind of your Spirit, which makes the most ordinary things extraordinary. With your people in every time and place we praise and glorify you, praying together in one voice ...

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Nurtured at this Table by your grace O God, we give you thanks. May we go forth with your Spirit, crying out for justice at the crossroads of poverty and oppression; standing with our sisters and brothers in the midst of their suffering; delighting always in the good earth which you have entrusted to our care. In Christ we pray. Amen.

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Children of God, come to the Table of brokenness. Come and be restored to life.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The God of healing be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God who brings joy out of sorrow.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We come to this Table bringing shouts of praise and laughter for your gracious love, Holy One. Your healing river flowed through creation, bringing life and joy to all who would drink from it. But instead we rejected all that you intend for us. Yet, you never grew weary of bearing the burdens of your children. When you could have shaken the dust of our sin from your feet, you chose to lead us out of the pit of our rebellion and sin.

Joining with those who sing your praises, lifting our voices with faithful ones of every time and of every place, we sing our thanks to you forever.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

Holy are you, God of compassion, for when death and sin threatened to turn the universe back over to chaos, you sent your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to heal the brokenness of the world. He did not grow weary of doing the right things, but confronted the wrongs of the world; he endured the violence of sin, that we might receive the gentleness of life with you forever; he carried our sins to the cross, that we might bear the burdens of our sisters and brothers; he went ahead of us into death, that we might walk with him into the kingdom.

Holy Spirit, as we come to the Table to be embraced by hope, flow through us and these gifts of bread and wine. As we drink deeply of Christ's cup transform our brokenness by this meal. Open our eyes that we may see the Risen Lord, open our souls that we may long for His presence, open our hearts so we may follow Him.

For we will not keep silent, but will praise you forever and ever, Holy God, praying together in one voice ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

(AGNUS DEI)

O Christ, the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us; O Christ, the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us; O Christ the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, Gracious God, for feeding us with the Bread of life. As we turn from the Table, send us forth to bring healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, to speak peace into our households, and to carry the kingdom with us wherever you would lead us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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"I will not let you go until you bless me."

GEN. 32:26

Tenacious Hope

Every Wednesday at noon, Mrs. E is there. She sits in front of the Japanese embassy in Seoul, Korea with her friends to ask the Japanese government to apologize for its past treatment of Korean women as sex slaves during the Asia Pacific War. Mrs. E is elderly, as are her friends. Many of the so-called "comfort women" have passed away. Mrs. E hopes that justice will be done before she meets her grave. She is surrounded by a crowd of civilians who support her struggle. Over the loud speaker a statement is read, a song is sung, a prayer is given. The window blinds of the Japanese embassy are shut. Stone faced guards and secret police make sure there is no outright confrontation. This peaceful sit-in has continued for seventeen years.

JEFFREY
MENSENDIEK

In December 2009, religious leaders from around the world, gathered for the Second Conference on Article Nine and Peace in Asia. There were various Buddhist, Christian and Muslim denominations represented. There was great meaning when we gathered in Seoul, because we were all made aware of the realities of the Cold War which still divide the Korean peninsula. East Asia has not been able to move beyond the dualisms of the Cold War era. What we witnessed was a wall; a remnant from the Cold War. The wall is invisible, but no less as real as the wall being built in Israel.

Part of our program was to join the sit-in, and pray alongside these women who were victimized by war. We were all moved by the experience. I was reminded of the story of Jacob who wrestled all night with the angel of God. Jacob refused to let the angel go until he received a blessing. Mrs. E is one of those Jacobs of our time. I see in her a faith that refuses to let go, trusting that God is a God of love and blessing for all.

Let us pray for the tenacity of Mrs. E and others that their belief in the possibility of justice becomes our call for the enactment of justice.

Jeffrey Mensendiek serves as a Global Ministries missionary with the Council on Cooperative Mission, and as director of the Gakusei (Student) Center in Sendai Japan.



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BLOOD DRIVE FOR BOB OSBURNE

**UEC is sponsoring a Blood Drive to help replace
blood given to Bob Osburne.**

Date:

End of August

Beginning of September

**We need 40 people to sign-up before the Red
Cross will give us a definite date.**

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**If you have a family member, friend, or neighbor
who is willing to donate, please call**

Darlene Waters

410-574-6021

before Noon on Monday, August 2.

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Around this table all are welcome. Called by name and known within the very heart of God, come to this table to eat and drink freely of the bread of life and the cup of forgiveness.

COMMUNION PRAYER

May God be with you.

May God also be with you.

People of God, open up your hearts.

We open them to God and one another.

People of God, give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks to the One who offers us lives filled with grace.

You called the heavens and the earth out of the deep emptiness of chaos: all that we see, hear, and feel have sprung from your imagination, Creating God. All that you thought, dreamed, and wondered was shaped for us that we might live with you in peace and hope.

But we wondered what we would do with your glory and power; we dreamed of being divine and thought we were your equal. So we reached out for wealth and power, those false idols who enticed us even as they ensnared us with their lies. You sent the prophets to remind us of your vision for us, and to assure us of your hope for us. But we took no delight in their words. Then, your Word took on flesh and came to us as Jesus the Christ, to summon us out of the empty lives we had created for ourselves.

Therefore, we gather with your faithful ones, in this time and in this place, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs who sing of your justice and grace:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

Holy are you, God of infinite tenderness, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord and Savior. Breaking the enslaving bonds of sin, he binds our wounds with cords of compassion; walking with us when we had lost our way, he shows us the paths to the kingdom; stripping himself of glory and honor, he clothes us in the new life of faith; leaving aside his equality with you, he became one of us, so we might be one with you.

Compassionate God, pour out your gracious Spirit on us, and on these, your simple gifts. Fill us with the broken bread that we might be made whole; touch our parched lips with the cup of salvation, so we might proclaim your gospel. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in unity with the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, God of love, now and forever. Hear us now as we lift our voices together praying ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, God of Gentleness, for this rich wine of hope and joy that has refreshed our hearts and souls. Send us forth now ready to share all we have been given, to speak up for the voiceless, and to gather the lost into your family. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ORDER FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Behold! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets.

We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved.

We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer

you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. This we pray in Jesus' name, the One who taught us to pray saying...

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We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast. As we gather this morning, we remember our sisters and brothers from above and below the equator, from the North and from Down Under, from every time zone around the globe. As today's sunlight inches across land and sea Christians gather to celebrate their place in God's family. All are invited and all are welcome. Come, for the meal is ready!

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It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Loving and gracious God who summons galaxies into being, we give thanks and blessings to you. We bless you for our world. The diversity of our planet amazes us from the prairies of the Americas to the dusty deserts of Africa and Asia, from the majestic mountains of Europe to the vast outback of Australia. We give you thanks for the multiplicity of humanity with our complexity of color and culture yet called into oneness-of-being through Christ. With many tongues, yet with one voice, we honor you saying:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

Loving and gracious God who surrounds creation with abundant love, we give thanks and blessings to you. We bless you for your love, made known to us through Jesus, which reassures and reconciles us to you, to ourselves and to one another.

Bless by your Holy Spirit this bread and cup, we pray. May this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbors near and far. May this fruit of the vine remind us of the inter-connectedness of people around the world. May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people and your world united in the One Body of Christ.

As one body, we pray together...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal. Thank you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity. Thank you for this day which we worship and serve you. Fed and renewed by Christ's life in us, send us forth equipped with the power of your Spirit to spread the message of your love and mercy to all whom we meet. Amen

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| Mon. 10/25 | | P.A.C.T. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | | | | |
| Tues 10/26 | | P.A.C.T. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | | | | |
| Wed 10/27 | | | Veterans City Retreat 7:00 p.m. | | | Bible Study 10:00 a.m. |
| Thurs. 10/28 | | P.A.C.T. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Veterans City Retreat 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | | Choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. | |
| Fri. 10/29 | | Young Mothers' Co-Op 9:00-11:30 a.m. | Veterans City Retreat 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | | | |
| Sat. 10/30 | | | Veterans City Retreat 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | | | |
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FRIEND-RAISING SUNDAY, NOV. 7th A DAY TO LET OUR UCC LIGHT SHINE



A Guide to Friend Raising Sunday,

1. Think of a friend you want to invite to church.
- *2. Go to ucc.org on November 5th after 9:00 a.m. View the new "Uniquely UCC" Video Commercial that is being released.
- *3. Send it via email or Facebook or MySpace or Twitter to all your friends.
4. Invite them to church with you on November 7th.

*Optional

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

November 7 at 2:00 a.m.



It is time to turn your clocks back. Daylight Savings Time officially ends on Sunday, November 7th at 2 a.m. Please turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on the 6th. Also remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors if you have not replaced them recently. Enjoy your extra hour of sleep next weekend.

Litany Prayer of Dedication

One: Our Creator God calls us to become the servant body of Christ, ministering to the world, and grants us the blessings of membership in the holy, universal church.

Many: **We thank you for our place in the church.**

One: The Spirit of the Lord fills this house. God delights in its beauty, and sings through the music of the faithful. God speaks by the reading and proclamation of the word, stirs in the waters of baptism, nourishes through the gifts of bread and wine. God hears the prayers of the people and rejoices in our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Many: **We thank you for your presence and power among us.**

One: The Lord gathers us into the fellowship of this congregation. Here we share our spiritual gifts and employ them to build up the body. Some of us teach and proclaim, some shepherd and heal, some lead and administer, some serve, prophesy, and evangelize. All of us dwell in God's love, and all pray for one another in the peace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: **We offer our gifts to honor your holy name and to strengthen one another in faith.**

One: God calls us to commit our money and all our resources to the building of the kingdom, to tithe, and to give generously of our wealth in proportion to the blessings we have received.

Many: **Search our hearts and try our ways that we might give to your glory, O God.**

One: Jesus leads us onward in the high mission of the church. We proclaim the gospel to all nations by word and deed, that people everywhere may find new life in God.

Many: **We hear your call. We pledge the best of our labors that your glory may be known in all the earth. Amen.**

Christmas Cookies Order Form

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

| Cookie | # of dozen | \$ subtotal |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Chocolate Chip | _____ | _____ |
| Refrigerator Cookies | _____ | _____ |
| Sugar Cookies | _____ | _____ |
| Peanut Butter Bars | _____ | _____ |
| Variety pack (3 of each) | _____ | _____ |

\$ Total _____

\$4.00 per dozen

All proceeds go to support the youth group summer mission work trip.

Please return form to Cathy Fifield, Rev. Cathy, any youth, or the church office.

Please pay for your cookies when you receive them on Sunday December 5th.
If paying by check, please make check payable to United Evangelical Church. On
the memo line, write, Youth Fund Raiser.

Please have all of your orders in by 11/28/2010.

***Doxology**

Greensleeves

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.*

Poinsettia Order Form

Please use this form to order your Poinsettias to be used to beautify the altar for our Christmas Worship Services. Return this form to the office or Rev. Cathy.

Name _____

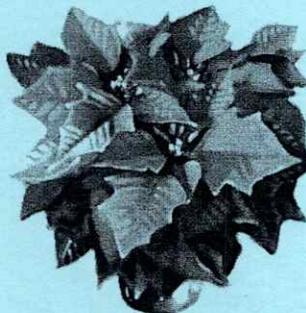
Phone _____

Number of Plants desired: _____ @ \$10.00 each

In memory, honor or celebration of whom or for what occasion:

Poinsettias will be available to be picked up after the 7:30 Christmas Eve service.

Deadline to order is December 12th!



Poinsettias

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

In our Advent waiting, God waits for us. Jesus Christ is here for you. Draw near with faith. Come to the table, for God waits for us.

COMMUNION PRAYER

May the Lord of Advent be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift up your waiting hearts.

We lift them to the One whose heart longs for us.

People of God, give thanks to the One who draws near to us.

Let us go to God's Table to offer our thanks and praise.

It is always good and right to stand in your house of peace with thanksgiving on our lips, Holy God. In the chaos of creation your Spirit did not rest, but transformed the mountains crying 'Glory!' with one voice, the hills echoing the glad refrain. You welcomed us into your garden of peace and hope, but we flocked to sin and death.

The prophets were sent to help us understand our brokenness, but we turned our backs when they sang of your hopes for us. And so, you prepared Jesus to come to us, so we might know the very nearness of your kingdom.

Therefore, we join our voices with those of every time and place, who sing of your glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, God of all creation, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Child, who became our servant to save us. He came, to shower the living waters of grace

upon our hope-parched souls. He came, to sweep death from the bottoms of our hearts, so we might dance in your life forever. Even now, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, and ache for his return, we would keep awake, preparing ourselves to live out that mystery we call faith.

Come to us in these moments, God of Advent. In this time of anticipation, pour out your Spirit upon the bread and the cup that we might be filled by your grace and peace. Then, when we are filled, send us forth to bring joy and hope; prepared to serve all who come to us in their brokenness and despair, and to welcome everyone to your Table, where we can sing 'Glory!' with one voice, just as with one voice we pray ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to you, O God, for renewing, refreshing and sustaining us in this meal by the presence of your love revealed so fully in Jesus Christ. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to be daily revelations of that love – in Jesus' name. Amen

THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS VOTES TO RECOGNIZE UCC, PRESBYTERIAN, RCA AND CHRISTIAN REFORMED BAPTISMS...

Their release follows:

The conference voted Tuesday during its fall general assembly in Baltimore to approve the "Common Agreement on Mutual Recognition of Baptism."

The agreement has been the result of six years of study and discussion between the representatives of the U.S. Catholic bishops and the Presbyterian Church-USA, the Reformed Church in America, the Christian Reformed Church, and the United Church of Christ.

Archbishop Wilton Gregory of Atlanta, chairman of the USCCB Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, noted Tuesday in a statement that this vote was a "milestone on the ecumenical journey."

"Together with our Reformed brothers and sisters" from the four churches, he said, "we Catholic bishops can once again affirm baptism as the basis of the real, even if incomplete, unity we share in Christ."

"Our conference looks forward to seeing all four of the authoritative bodies of the Reformed communities approve the common agreement as we have today," the archbishop said.

He explained that once it is approved by the other four denominations, the agreement will "allow Catholic ministers to presume that baptisms performed in these communities are 'true baptism' as understood in Catholic doctrine and law."

Communion

The prelate continued, "The presentation of a baptismal certificate by Reformed Christians who wish to come into full communion with the Catholic Church, or to marry a Catholic, assures Catholic ministers that the baptism performed by a Reformed minister involved the use of flowing water and the biblical invocation of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

Archbishop Gregory affirmed that Catholics and Reformed Christians "have moved one step closer to that fullness of communion which will be realized, in obedience to the Lord's prayer – 'Father, may they be one' – on that day when together we can celebrate in oneness of faith and ministry at the one holy table of the Eucharist."

The conference noted in a press release that the common agreement affirmed that baptism is "the sacramental bond of unity for the Body of Christ, which is to be performed only once, by an authorized minister, with flowing water, using the Scriptural Trinitarian formula of 'Father, Son and Holy Spirit.'"

It noted that the agreement encourages the local Christian communities to keep baptismal records, a practice already held in the Catholic Church.

The press release stated that other bishops' conference around the world have entered into similar agreements with the local Protestant communities, but this document is "unprecedented" for the Catholic Church in the United States.

It explained that the Catholic Church in general has recognized the validity of most major Christian communions since the Second Vatican Council. However, in 2002, the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity encouraged the episcopal conferences to meet with the local Christian communities to study and discuss their mutual understanding of baptism, to clarify doubts and questions about the reciprocity of the practice within the various churches.

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"Serve God with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!"

PSALM 100:2

Simple gifts

When the two of us headed to China for the first time, in 2006, we understood it would likely be for one year and possibly two. As it turned out, we lived and worked in China for four years, and we can say with all our hearts that we have been deeply blessed! It is our hope that we too have been a blessing.

We spent three years as visiting professors at the Nanjing Union Theological Seminary, then last year, took on new assignments, this time in the magnificent city of Shanghai at Shanghai University and at the YMCA. Our work in Shanghai had one aspect that was very different from that at the Nanjing Seminary; most of our students and the people we interacted with were non-Christians and even atheists. In most cases it was not that they had chosen to be "against" religion but only that they did not have a religion! Learning this brought immediately to my mind an old hymn we used to sing as children in Canada. Its second verse went like this.

How kind was our savior to bid these children welcome.

But there are many thousands who have never heard His name.

The Bible they have never read. They know not that the Savior said:

"Suffer little children to come unto me."

In Shanghai, we were living among the people, and seeing them as gentle and kind and giving – but without any religion, many never having heard the name of Jesus. We were not permitted to proselytize, as the Chinese government does not allow it. Still, there was no reason why could not talk about Christianity and, maybe even more importantly, to try to model in as simple and sincere a way as possible just how a Christian behaves. It was easy to love and serve the Chinese people, as they were always so good to us. This gave us pause to think about who we are and what we need to do as Christians in the world.

Let us pray, that in this season of giving we remember what a blessing each individual gift of service and love is to others

Doreen and Michael McFarlane served as visiting professors at the Nanjing Union Theological Seminary. Doreen taught Biblical Hebrew and Greek, and Biblical interpretation, while Michael served as choir director and taught western sacred music. Later, in Shanghai as visiting professor in the history department of the Shanghai University, teaching American Culture and American Religion, and Michael as choir director and concert coordinator of the newest branch of the Shanghai YMCA.



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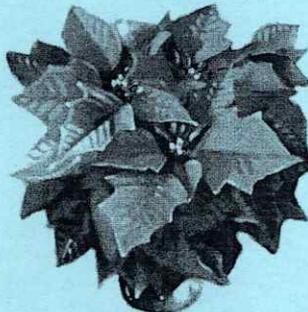
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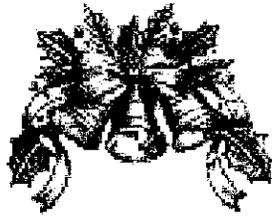
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