August 10, 2014
9:30 am

FAITH:
Weathering the Stormy Seas

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OUR WELCOMING STATEMENT
Kirkwood United Church of Christ is called by God to be an open, diverse and caring community of Jesus’ disciples. In following Christ’s commandment to love one another, we welcome all who wish to share in the fellowship, membership, leadership, worship, ministry, sacraments, rites, responsibilities and blessings of our faith community. As we affirm that every person is a child of God, no one is excluded, regardless of race, ethnic or socio-economic background, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, nationality or faith background. We are an Open and Affirming congregation.

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The Whole Congregation
ORDER OF SERVICE

*All who are able, please stand

No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

Prelude

Welcome
Those seated on the aisle, please fill out the welcome sheet on the clipboard in the pew rack, and pass it to the next person. Request: the last person to sign, please put the sheet in the offering plate. Thank you.

*Call to Worship

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
And to your deeds we testify:
You call the worlds into being,
    Create persons in your own image,
    And set before each one the ways of life and death.
You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.
You judge people and nations by your righteous will
Declared through prophets and apostles.
In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
    You have come to us
    And shared our common lot,
    Conquering sin and death
    And reconciling the world to yourself.
You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
    Creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
    Binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
    Tongues and races.
You call us into your church
    To accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
    To be your servants in the service of others,
    To proclaim the gospel to all the world
    And resist the powers of evil,
    To share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table,
    To join him in his passion and victory.
You promise to all who trust you
    Forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
    Courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
    Your presence in trial and rejoicing,
    And eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.
Amen.

~Statement of Faith in the form of a Doxology affirmed by General Synod in 1981.

*Opening Song

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"
*Gathering Prayer*  
God of Eternal Presence,  
as you walked upon the water to meet the disciples,  
meet us in the midst of the storms in our lives.  

God of Endless Renewal,  
as you lifted Peter from the water,  
lift us from despair to hope,  
from distraction to focus,  
from death to life.  

God of the Great Journey,  
direct us in your way,  
work out your purpose in and through our lives.  

We pray in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

Children’s Time

**Scripture**   
Matthew 14:22-33  
Jesus insisted that the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side. Having sent the crowds away, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray, remaining there alone as night fell. Meanwhile the boat, already a thousand yards from shore, was being tossed about in the waves which had been raised by the fierce winds. At about three in the morning, Jesus came walking toward them on the lake. When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, they were terrified. “It is a ghost!” they said, and in their fear they began to cry out. Jesus hastened to reassure them: “Don’t worry, it’s me! Don’t be afraid!” Peter spoke up and said, “If it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water.” “Come!” Jesus said. So Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened. He began to sink, and cried out, “Save me!” Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter. “You have so little faith!” Jesus said to him. “Why did you doubt?” Once they had climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat showed great reverence, declaring to Jesus, “You are indeed God’s Own!”

*Hymn of Response*  
“If You Say Go”  
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**Message**  
“Faith amid chaos”  
Sonya Vann

**Song for Reflection**  
“Peace! Be Still”  
arr. Rev. James Cleveland

*Prayers of the People/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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”
**Invitation to Offering**

With a Faithful God who provides spiritual peace amid storms of chaos, 
We offer ourselves to the work of invitation, community and purpose in this place and 
around the world.

**Offertory**

* *Doxology*  
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending v. 2 #565  
Skills and time are ours for serving, that your will on earth be done:  
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the Church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

* *Prayer of Dedication*  
Merciful God, we believe that you have truly received our labors in faithful service,  
And we offer to you our whole lives as a living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Use us; multiply us and these gifts we have placed at your altar,  
to extend the invitation of life, community and purpose in this place  
and around the world. Amen.  
~ adapted from the Prayers of Invitation and Dedication written by the Rev. Dr. Bob Gross, OCC.

* *Blessing & Commissioning*  

* *Hymn of Recession*  
“This Little Light of Mine”  
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**Postlude**

*We welcome Tim Garcia as our guest musician this morning!*
Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ps. 36:7-9

Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.

1 Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2 Here I pause in my journeying, giving thanks for having come,
3 O to grace how great a debt—daily I am drawn anew!

streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I’ve known:

Praise the mount; I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unfailing love.

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If You Say Go

If you say, "Go," we will go. If you say, "Wait," we will wait. If you say, "Step out on the wa-ter," and they say it can't be done, we'll fix our eyes on you and we will come. If you say, "Go," we will go. If you say, "Wait," we will wait. If you say, "Step out on the wa-ter," and they say it can't be done, we'll fix our eyes on you and we will come. Your ways are higher than our ways and the plans that you have laid, are good and
true____ If you call us to the burning bush in your
mystery we'll trust, we'll gaze into the flames and look for you.

If you say "Go," we will go. If you say,

"Wait," we will wait. If you say,

"Step out on the water," and they say it can't be done, we'll

fix our eyes on you and we will come.
549 This Little Light of Mine

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
2. Every where I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Every where I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Every where I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4. Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine....
5. All in my home, I'm gonna let it shine....
EVENTS SPONSORED BY KUCC

SEEKING SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
This spring a group met to discuss what we would like Sunday School to be. We want it to be a welcoming and developing community that is engaging and relevant for our youth; a place that awakens children’s spirituality, teaching them about God’s love and developing their love for God; a place where children develop their curiosity and own ideas about being a part of a faith community. To make this happen, we need your help! We are seeking Sunday School teachers for our preschoolers through middle school youth. If you would like to be a part of supporting our young people in their faith formation by being a Sunday School teacher, please email or call Michelle Tomlin. Tomlinm503@yahoo.com or 314-909-8022.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED
We are in need of Coffee Hour Hosts to prepare coffee, set out treats and clean up afterward. This is a fun way to serve the church and meet new people! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. Thank you to all our volunteers.

PHONE DIRECTORY UPDATES
Anyone who has any changes to their home address, home phone numbers, cell phone numbers, email address, professional listing please contact the church office at 314-822-2240 or email Donna at donna@kirkwooducc.org by Wednesday, August 13th.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:
Summer Movies – Nebraska (August 10); Gravity (August 17, 24, 31)
How do we hear God still speaking to us, especially in the everyday activities of our lives? Is it ever through contemporary media messages? The movies? Or is it in conversation with others? Or could it be in conversation with others about the messages we see and hear around us? During the second half of summer, the Sunday morning Adult Education classes will be held in the KUCC theatre, and we will view and discuss some contemporary movies. While you may have seen the movie already, did you think about what message it may have had for you about your faith? Your daily life? And how does your faith reflect on the contemporary issue brought up in the film? We will explore these and other questions, as well as what we may “hear” being spoken to us.

The first movie, “Nebraska,” began on July 27 and will continue through August 10. Critics say:
From Academy Award® winner Alexander Payne, the director of Sideways and The Descendants, comes the film that critics are calling “An American Masterpiece.” When a father (Bruce Dern) and his adult son (Will Forte) embark on a journey to claim a million-dollar prize, what begins as a fool’s errand becomes a search for the road to redemption. Discover why Nebraska is “one of those movies I’ll watch for the rest of my life.”
**Richard Roeper, Chicago Sun-Times
*Glenn Whipp, LOS ANGELES TIMES

Our second movie, “Gravity”, will be viewed on August 17, 24, & 31:
"Dr. Ryan Stone (Oscar winner Sandra Bullock) is a brilliant engineer on her first shuttle mission with veteran astronaut Matt Kowalski (Oscar winner George Clooney). On a seemingly routine spacewalk, disaster strikes. The shuttle is destroyed, leaving Stone and Kowalski completely alone, tethered to nothing but each other and spiraling out into the darkness. As fear turns to panic, every gulp of air eats away at what little oxygen is left. But the only way home may be to go farther out into the terrifying expanse of space."
THE PRACTICE OF ECUMENISM: September 7, 14, 21, 28
Harmoniously Interacting with Others While Maintaining Our Own Integrity
Father Frank Krebs, Pastor of Sts. Clare & Francis ECC Community in Webster Groves will be with us again on the Sundays of September. He is going to explore some of the practical skills of interacting with others who are different from us. Although these skills could apply to those who are culturally different or different by personality type, we are going to explore specifically how to relate harmoniously with those who are religiously different from us.

UPCOMING NEW BOOK STUDY
Hot Dogs and Hamburgers: Unlocking Life’s Potential by Inspiring Literacy at Any Age
“Reading Changes Lives”, the United Church of Christ’s all-church literacy initiative that starts in Fall 2014, acknowledges that literacy is essential to end the cycle of poverty, to close the school-to-prison pipeline, and to create inclusive, healthy communities where all can be active and advocate for themselves.

Kirkwood UCC will be participating in this literacy campaign by participating in "One Read", an all-church read of the inspirational book: Hot Dogs and Hamburgers: Unlocking Life’s Potential by Inspiring Literacy at Any Age by Rob Shindler. In this heartwarming story, the author tells how he offered his time, unflagging energy, and unconventional teaching techniques to help a boy with serious learning differences and adults suffering from low literacy levels. He learned firsthand how ridiculous the common misconceptions are about learning disabilities and adult illiteracy. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers demonstrates that literacy issues reside in all neighborhoods and that its victims are committed to finding dignity and life’s possibilities through learning to read.

A discussion of the book will be held on Sunday, Sept. 21st at 6:30 PM in the Adult Education room. A limited number of books are available for purchase from Donna in the KUCC office for $10 each. The book is also available in paperback or e-book at online book retailers.

GUATEMALA IMMERSION VISIT
Ana Paxtor and Luis Sarpec, two CEDEPCA staff members, will be arriving in St. Louis in early October. During the month they are here, they will be meeting with local organizations and individuals involved in disaster relief, learning about the people and culture of St. Louis, sharing information about Guatemala and increasing their proficiency in speaking English. We want to extend an extravagant welcome to Ana and Luis and need the assistance of members and friends of KUCC. Here are some ways you can help:
• Serve as a host family – providing housing for Ana or Luis for one week (Oct. 8-15, 15-22, 22-29). This would include daily breakfasts, including them in other meals and family activities as possible and providing transportation when possible. A $100 stipend per person per week is available.
• Provide transportation to and from various activities.
• Invite Ana and Luis to participate in a family activity or meal.

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. If you have questions you can contact Judy Kamper, Emily Kuttingulker, Theresa Goetz or Pastor Betsy.
KIRKCARE
The need for food assistance continues to grow in our community. In June KirkCare provided assistance to over 100 families. Although any and all food donations are appreciated, the greatest shortages in the pantry are currently canned fruits, beets, spinach, and canned meats. Also in short supply are non-sweetened cold cereal and oatmeal. Providing healthy foods to those in need is one of the primary goals of KirkCare. In addition, Kirkcare provides utility assistance and in rare cases rent assistance is provided when a situation is desperate. Monetary support for Kirkcare is always helpful. Thanks to all for remembering those caught in the hard times we are experiencing.

ST. PHILIPS LUTHERAN CHURCH PERSONAL CARE ITEMS SPECIAL REQUEST
St. Philips is in need of sample sized deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Please place your items in the designated basket in the Gathering Area. Our Breakfast Teams will deliver them to Janis Hutchison at St. Philips. THANK YOU!

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT HUNGER/FOOD INSECURITY?
- **LEARN** – Attend “Fight Hunger Night” at Eden Seminary on Sep. 10 at 7:00 p.m. The movie, “A Place at the Table,” which documents the realities of hunger in the U.S. will be shown. (Meet at KUCC at 6:15 if you want to carpool.)
- **WALK** – Participate in the 2014 CROP Walk on October 12 or sponsor someone who is walking. Contact Judy Kamper (jkamper@sbcglobal.net) for information.
- **SHARE** – Contribute nonperishable food or donate to KirkCare, a food pantry serving individuals in the Kirkwood School District attendance area.
- **PURCHASE** locally produced products.
- **WASTE LESS**

EAGLE PROJECT AT CAMP MO-VAL
I, Jacob Humphrey, am beginning the building phase of my eagle project at Camp Mo-Val. I am therefore asking for volunteers to help me on Saturday August 9. The plan for that day is to lay a cinder block foundation. If you are willing to help please contact me at 314-409-3647 or at jacob.ryan.humphrey@gmail.com. If you would like to help out but can not make August 9, please still contact me to see if you can help on another date. I greatly appreciate all the support this church has given me. Thank you.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
*Names in italics with an asterisk are community groups which use our facilities.*

**August 4-11 Pastor Betsy will be on vacation.**  
Any pastoral care concerns that arise during that time can be directed to our student minister, Sonya Vann (314-276-3623 or sonya.vann@charter.net)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
- 9:30 am  Worship
- 10:30 am  Coffee Hour
- **10:30 am**  Stewardship & Finance
- 10:45 am  Adult Ed
- 11:45 am  Lectio Divino

### MONDAY, AUGUST 11
- 10:00 am  Al-Anon*
- 7:00 pm  SLAA*
- 7:00 pm  COSA*

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 12
- 11:15 am  Al-Anon*
- 7:00 pm  Recovering Couples Anon.*
- 7:30 pm  Church Council

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13
- 6:30 pm  Al-Anon*

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 14
- 7:00 pm  EnTeam*

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 15
- Newsletter Deadline

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 17
- 7:15 am  Group leaves to cook food for St. Philips
- 9:30 am  Worship
- 10:30 am  Coffee Hour
- 10:45 am  Adult Ed
- 11:45 am  Lectio Divino