The root of joy is gratefulness...It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful.”
~Brother David Steindl-Rast

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words
One: We gather together this morning as a community filled with energy and purpose,
Many: grateful for the journey.
One: We do not know where God is leading but we trust in God’s steadfast love and faithfulness.
Many: We are grateful for the journey.
One: No matter where we find ourselves on the path – rocky or smooth – we know that we are never alone. We belong to God and God will never fail us.
Many: We are grateful for the journey.
One: And so we prepare ourselves for worship with hearts filled with conviction and hope,
Many: grateful for the journey.
OPENING HYMN

“You Are Mine”

David Haas

P RAYER OF INVOCATION

Worship Ways

O Holy One,
you have created us and placed us in community
Complicated, fallible, searching.
Open your words of life for us today
as we gather
to hear your Gospel,
and sing your praises;
show us the way to justice and peace
that we may follow you joyfully
into the future you hope for our world.
In Jesus’ name, Amen.
**RESPONSE**

“What Does the Lord Require” Jim Strathdee

![Musical Notation]

1. What does the Lord require of you?

2. Justice, kindness,

3. To seek justice and love kindness

To families of young children at Peace UCC

When God made children, they were made with a little giggle, a little squirm, and a whole lot of love. When you worship with us your children are invited to sit at the front of the sanctuary. That way they can see what is going on in church and interact better with what Peace UCC has to offer.

When your children are here, our building is filled with a joyful noise. This is something for which we rejoice and praise God. If your children start to get restless please don’t leave. Stay and continue worship because when you do you show them that worship is something important and that their presence is important to us. At times we know this can be a struggle, but thank you for making the effort.

1. There are activity bags for the young children. They are available near the sanctuary doors.
2. There is a rocking chair at the back of the sanctuary that you can use. We also have a nursery just outside of the sanctuary. Ask someone and they will give you directions.
3. We have changing tables in the nursery and downstairs in the bathroom by the fellowship hall.

We understand the difficulty of worshiping with a little one. We hope that you feel we are a Child-Loving church. Please know that when your child gets fussy that we are honored to have you with us today. Thank you for joining us in worship today and I hope that you will join us again.

Peace to you,
Pastor Wendy

**MISSION MOMENT**

Cindi Myers

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

Following the story, young children are encouraged to remain in worship or they may go to the nursery (birth-3). Attendance pads will be passed out at this time; please sign in so that we may celebrate that you were here.

**WORD IN SONG**

“Turn the World Around” Chancel Choir Belafonte/Freedman arr. Farrow

A READING FROM THE HEBREW TRADITION Micah 6:8

Listen here, mortal:

God has already made abundantly clear
What “good” is, and what Yahweh needs from you:
Simply do justice,
Love kindness
And humbly walk with your God.

Fireside Art Gallery

We need artwork or items that members collect to be displayed in the Fireside Room monthly. If you are interested in displaying your talent or collection please contact Brenda Detrick.
Worship Team

Wondering about worship? Do you have ideas to enhance our worship together, or on a persona note? Please come join our Worship Workshop on Saturday, November 17, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Come with ideas, conversations or curiosity about the upcoming seasons of Advent and beyond.

Paint * Write * Create Workshop

Come get lost with us painting paper and creating your own cairn journal. All materials, paint and journals are provided. Sunday, November 11, 1:30-3:30 p.m., at Peace UCC. The cost is $40. Workshop by Jane Miles with music from Jenna Lindbo. www.etsy.com/shop/janemilesart

Seeds of Joy: Growing Gratitude in All Seasons of Life

Saturday, November 10 from 9am-4pm
Location: Mercy Center
Registration Fee: $75
To register: Go to www.mercycenterstl.org and click on “Programs/Upcoming Events” to register online and pay using your credit card. For assistance with registration, call 314-966-4686.

- What fills you with delight?
- Where do you thrive?
- What brings you alive?
These are important questions to ask ourselves and there’s no better time to take stock. As we shift into fall, gift yourself with a workshop created to inspire, energize, and explore what brings you joy and how to cultivate gratitude in every season! With a lively blend of music, personal stories, evidence-based research, space to reflect and connect, this workshop will be more like a mini-retreat for your heart and mind. Come if you’re curious, skeptical, intrigued, or hopeful and leave with “seeds of joy” and strategies to increase and sustain joy and gratitude this fall and beyond.

A Reading From the Christian Tradition

Luke 4:17-19

When the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Jesus, he unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

“The Spirit of our God is upon me:
because the Most High has anointed me to bring Good News to those who are poor.
God has sent me to proclaim liberty to those held captive,
recovery of sight to those who are blind,
and release to those in prison –
to proclaim the year of our God’s favor.”

A Reading From This Time and Place

A Blessing at the Threshold Carrie Newcomer

May you look out from this threshold
to the clean edge of change
Alive with the energy of a good question.

May you step into the Light
of all you did not foresee
or expect
but that was waiting
for you to stop long enough
to notice.

May you embrace something true
and so fine
The thing your heart has leaned into forever
it seems.
One: For the marvelous blend of fact, myth, poetry, and story that is in scripture, we give thanks.
Many: May the Spirit open us to the wisdom we most need to hear.

Sermon

Rev. Wendy Bruner

Word in Song

“I Shall See” Michael John Trotta

Chancel Choir
Soloist: Rob Hartmann

In This House We Believe Signs

If you did not get an “In This House We Believe” yard sign, we now have more available. The cost is $12.00. Please call the church to arrange a time to pick one up.
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Believing that each joy and/or concern expressed is indeed a prayer, after each expression, the worship leader will say: Loving God. And the people may respond: Hear our prayer.

PRAYER This is a time for quiet reflection.

LORD’S PRAYER
Creator, hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your 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 yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

HOW WILL WE DO GOD’S WORK IN THE WORLD?
We will open our ‘How Shall We Do God’s Work In The World’ time with an opportunity to give. The ushers will pass an offering plate to you as you remain in your seats. We invite you to sing along to “This Little Light of Mine” 1. This Little Light of Mine… 2. Everywhere I go… 3. All Around the World….

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
God, we dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.

Peace Talks
Are you considering membership or just want to learn more about Peace UCC? Contact Pastor Wendy at wendybruner@peaceuccstl.org or (314) 968-1727.

Moms’ Group
The Moms’ Group will meet on Tuesday November 13 at noon. We will brainstorm topics for future discussions. Please bring your lunch. Decadent dessert will be provided. If you need childcare call Dee Ban (314-965-1191) ahead of time.

Crib room helpers wanted!
For more information please contact. You can also stop by the crib room on Sunday morning and talk to Alicia.

2018 Empty Bowls Dinner
Join family, friends and neighbors for a community meal to fight hunger on November 4, 4:30-7:00 p.m. Webster Hills Methodist Christian Life Center, 1333 W. Lockwood, Webster Groves. All funds raised support food programs @ Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. Admission to the event in advance or at the door: $15 for adults, $5 for students (k-12), children under five eat free.

Scan and Give
Supporting the work of this church has never been easier. Just scan the QR code with your smartphone and you can make a donation to Peace UCC.
Coffee Hour Hosts Needed
Help us live out our extravagant welcome and hospitality for all by signing up to bring refreshments for our Sunday Morning Coffee Hour. Please see the sign-up board in the church narthex.

The Peace UCC Quilters will meet from 9 - 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 8 in Room 21 at church. We will be sorting some recently donated fabric and working on ideas for future CDF Freedom School fundraisers, as well as finishing a prayer quilt or two. We welcome anyone who enjoys simple hand sewing and good fellowship!

5th - 7th Grade Youth will meet Sunday, Nov. 4 in Room 21, 12:00 - 4:30 p.m. We will have tacos for lunch, participate in some Glorious Gratitude activities, create our own Gratitude Journal, and go bowling from 2-4 p.m. at Shrewsbury Lanes. Parents will need to sign an Event Participation Form for their youth so we have permission to transport. We will arrive back at church by 4:30 p.m.

Webster Groves High School Jazz Band coming to Peace for a concert in the sanctuary on Monday, Nov. 12, 7p.m. Free-will donation will benefit CDF Freedom School. Support these young musicians and enjoy an evening of jazz music. They come with great reviews!

Grenadilla Celestina Clarinet Quartet Concert – Saturday, November 17, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Come enjoy an evening of wonderful music with these fine musicians including our own John Panhorst. There will be a free will donation taken for the concert. Proceeds will go to Freedom School.

Holiday Bazaar
Annual Holiday Bazaar sponsored by Friends of Open Door Animal Sanctuary will be held on Saturday, November 17 at the Christian Life Center of Webster Hills United Methodist Church (corner of Lockwood & Berry). Time is 9am to 3pm. Holiday items, themed gift baskets, Bingham Street bargains, pet items, holiday picture opportunities, bakery, jewelry and much more for sale. Kirkwood’s canine and police officer to give demonstration at 11 a.m.

*HYMN

“We Are Called”

David Haas

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Santas on the Loose

Once again this year we will be volunteering to help with the race by giving directions to and cheering on runners. The race is on December 1 in Webster Groves. Volunteers will need to be at the race at 7 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We need 25 people to volunteer.

Database, Directory, & Digital Images

Amy O’Brien will be able to snap photos at church on October 21 & 28 between services and following the 11 a.m. service. Meet her in the upstairs hallway in front of the Peace banner.

MCU Phone Banking

There are opportunities for phone banking with MCU coming up for Amendment 1 and Proposition B. They are asking that folks bring their cell phones. If folks will be participating, they should contact Sarah Crosley of MCU at sarahcrosley@mcustl.com or 913-948-3779.

October
Sunday 28 11a.m.-4 p.m. at Ethical Society Mid-Rivers, St. Peters  63376
Monday 29, 5-8 p.m. at Eliot
Tuesday 30, 6-8 p.m. at College Church

November
Saturday 3, 1-4 p.m. at the MCU Office
Sunday 4, 2-5 p.m. at the MCU office
Monday 5, 5-8 p.m. at Eliot Chapel
Monday 5, 6-8 p.m. at College Church

Adult Learning Time during Advent

Advent is just around the corner. We come again to this time of the year with great anticipation for the birth of a child who will change the world. This Advent during Adult Learning Time on Sunday (9:45-10:45a.m.), we will study “The First Christmas” by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. This study is certain to stimulate a lively discussion.

Where can you get a copy of this book you ask? We will take care of ordering books for people who sign up to participate in the Adult study. Beginning this Sunday you will find a signup sheet in the Narthex (the area right outside the sanctuary doors). Please sign up by November 11th so we can be sure to have a copy of the book you.

There is no cost for this wonderful learning opportunity. If, however, you would like to make a gift to the Adult Learning Circle to help defray some of the cost of books we will not deny you the opportunity.

We hope you will join us in the Fireside room on December 2, 9, 16 and 23 to learn more about the Christmas stories written so long ago and the message the writers were trying to convey.

Fall Farewell Revival

On Nov. 28 and 29, Saint John’s (The Beloved Community) will host a Fall Farewell Revival in celebration of Rev. Wilson’s leadership. Special guest preachers will be Rev. Dr. Frederick Douglass Haynes III, pastor of Friendship West Baptist Church in Dallas, TX and chair of the Samuel Dewitt Proctor Social Justice Network and the Rev. Traci D. Blackmon, executive minister for Justice and Local Church Ministries for the United Church of Christ and pastor of Christ the King UCC. Time to be announced later.

The deadline for submissions to our weekly publications, the Sunday Bulletin and News & Notes, is Thursday morning at 10 a.m. If you are not receiving our weekly e-newsletter “News and Notes” and would like to, please contact the church office.

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