

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. 4th Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

September 5, 2010

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *"The winds of God are always blowing, but you must set the sails."*

- Anonymous

Prelude: Piano Selections Rachel Knappenberger
...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* #66
...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements
...All May Stand...

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Hear the choices God sets before us:
life and prosperity or death and adversity.
People: **O God, you have searched us and known us.**
You know our thoughts and every move we make.
Pastor: Listen to the ordinances of our God;
Love God and walk in the way God commands.
People: **O God, we will listen for your words.**
We will seek to walk on the paths you intend.
Pastor: Happy are those who delight in God's law;
blessed are all who meditate on God's Word.
People: **Wonderful are all your works, O God.**
We are your creation, we are in your hands.

Act of Confession:

Pastor: Let us confess our sins unto God and one another.
People: **Awesome God, we confess that we have become slaves to our own narrow self-interest. We pay more attention to our possessions than to you. We try to hide from your all-seeing eye, for we are guilty of devotion to false gods. We are attracted to wicked advice and sinful pursuits that direct our steps away from you. We act without thinking or planning or consulting with you. O God, show us the way to a better life. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie:

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.
People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God our Parent. Refresh your hearts in Jesus Christ our Savior, who is the same yesterday, today and forever. Receive the living water God offers to all who come in true repentance and searching faith. The Holy Spirit will never leave us or forsake us. Our helper is ever available and eager to respond to our prayers. Come, there is a place at God's banquet table for you.

Sung Response: "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.
...Please Be Seated...

The People of God Share the Word of God

Loud Offering

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-11 Page 629

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:18-25 Page 984

Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:25-33 Page 849

If you would like to follow the readings, the Bibles are under the hymnal rack.

Sermon: "Dealing With Criticism" Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

The People of God Pray

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

Prayer Response: "*Spirit of the Living God*" #259

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Invitation:

The Offering

The Offertory: Piano Selection Rachel Knappenberger

...All May Stand...

The Offertory Response: "*Doxology*" #46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication and Commitment

We Share the Lord's Supper

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer

Seraphic Hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory; Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord;

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

...Please Be Seated...

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.

Words of Institution

Consecration of the Elements

Pastor: Consecrate, therefore, by Your Word and Spirit, both us and these gifts of bread and wine, that in receiving them at this table, and in offering here our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and one another, and remain faithful to the tasks He sets before us.

People: In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to You, eternal God, and give thanks that You have called us to serve You. Amen.

Pastor: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we participate in the life Christ gives. Come, for all things are ready.

The Communion
Communion Music:
The Blessing

...*All May Stand...*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: We thank You God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all His 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.

The People of God Go Forth In Mission

Commission:

Pastor: God welcomes your partnership in the gospel; accept the cross of Christ and carry it.

People: We have considered the cost of discipleship. We are willing and eager to pay the price.

Pastor: God expects to hold first place in our lives. We put everything we own on the line of faithfulness.

People: We want to be obedient to the law of love. We want to show God's love in all we do.

Pastor: We are held in the thoughts of God. We are shaped and reshaped by the potter's hands.

People: We are finding new patterns of faithfulness. We are discovering new reasons for joy.

Choral Benediction:

(Tune: "Morning Has Broken")

**New life has bloomed here,
God's love has warmed us;
Now the world calls us
To go and spread love.
God's peace go with you.
May it sustain you.
And bring us together
To praise God again.**

Benediction:

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Silent Moment

Postlude

Welcome

Welcome to worship on this Labor Day weekend. We're pleased that you have joined us as fellow workers in God's kingdom.

Preparation for Worship

As we approach you, loving Lord, we ask that we may know your presence. May our time of worship strengthen our spirits and make us eager to serve you.

Stewardship Moment

Achieving a Quality Life

"The question Jesus illustrates so perfectly with the story of the rich barn builder is as current as the morning paper. Each of us asks the same question every day of our lives: *Will I try to achieve a quality life by focusing on money, or by focusing on God?* As we answer that question, we tend to believe yet resist believing Jesus' teaching that money is both material and spiritual. On one hand, we see that Jesus is right. On the other hand, we are constantly tempted to think and behave as if Jesus missed the turn on this issue." [*Money Is/Isn't Everything*, Herb Miller]

Communion

We invite to the Lord's Table "all baptized members of the Christian Church, who look to the Lord Jesus for righteousness and salvation, and who desire to possess His Spirit and walk in His ways." People of any age are welcome to receive communion. When the communion trays are distributed, you will see the cups in the center have white grape juice. The other cups have wine. You may choose whichever one you prefer. It is our custom for members to wait until all have been served, and then the pastor will invite all to commune. Please remember to complete a communion card today.

Children's Bulletins are available for age groups 3 to 6 and 7 to 12.

Large-print Bulletins are available for anyone who requests one.

Church Time Nursery is across the hall from the Family Room.

Please ask our ushers to assist you with any of these needs

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 5

9:15 am Worship/Holy Communion
9:15 am Children's Sunday School

Monday, September 6

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7

9:00 am Quilts for Kids
6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #6640

Wednesday, September 8

6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #25
6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:45 pm Senior Choir

Thursday, September 9

6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #6123
6:30 pm Cadettes
6:30 pm All Dens

Saturday, September 11

8:30 am AA
8:30 am Al Anon

Sunday, September 12

8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School Promotion/Rally Day
10:30 am Worship/Teacher Installation

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

9:15 AM

Acolytes: Abigail Lyons, Rachel Wentz
Greeters: Jean Bednar, Linda Gardner, Gloria Steager
Lay Reader: Floyd Schmoyer
Ushers: Craig Demmy, Larry Delhagen, Don Keck, Jim
 Gardner, Greg Herbine, Jonathan Keck, Barry Miller,
 Pat Roth
Sound System: Jim Schaffer
Nursery: Julie DePhillips, Sarah Demmy
Tape Ministry: Floyd and Doris Schmoyer
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