

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. Fourth Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

March 6, 2011

Transfiguration

Last Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: “*God’s answers are wiser than our prayers.*”
- Anonymous

Prelude: “*Cantilena*” Rheinberger
...*All May Stand...*

Processional Hymn: “*All Things Bright and Beautiful*” #61
...*Please Be Seated...*

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

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

Leader: Listen, God is calling us to worship;
come without fear into God’s presence.

People: **We will listen for God’s voice
and be attentive to God’s revelation.**

Leader: Climb to the mountain where God reigns;
break through all that clouds your vision.

People: **We will look around us to see God in others;
we will let God reach out to us through them.**

Leader: Let yourselves be eyewitnesses of God’s majesty;
enjoy the good earth God has created.

People: **We will not turn from the dawn of a new day,
but will greet the morning star arising within.**

The People of God Confess Their Sins

Act of Confession:

Leader: What have we missed because we closed our eyes to
what was happening around us? Who has cried for our
help and we have not heard? Where has God sought to
lead us, while we turned in another direction? When has
the vision been lost because we were preoccupied with
our own agendas? Let us examine ourselves and confess
our waywardness.

People: **We confess, Welcoming God, that we have cast you in
our own image and been impatient at your silence.
We have missed the awe and mystery because we
cannot be quiet long enough to encounter a
transcendent vision. We climb without pausing to
appreciate the new vistas you reveal. We raise the
wrong questions and ask for things to benefit
ourselves. Then we do not wait for your answers, or
resist them when they come. Forgive us, God, and
stir up a new responsiveness in us. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie:

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Leader: Christ, have mercy upon us.

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

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Leader: Rise and have no fear. We are beloved by God, who
brings new dawns to our lives. Wait for God’s word
with expectancy. Listen once more for God’s
instructions. You will be empowered to respond to
God’s commands. Accept the forgiveness God offers.
Participate in the light God sends.

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

A Time to Pass Our Faith Onto Our Children (10:30)

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18 Page 62

Epistle Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21 Page 987

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9 Page 798

Sermon: "Dazzling White" Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

The People of God Pray

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation

The Offering

The Offertory "Aria" (8:00) Handel

Senior Choir Anthem: "See the Bread" (10:30) Althouse

...All May Stand...

The Offertory Response: "Doxology"

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, for ever.

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

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:

Leader: God has set before us a vision for life, and equipped us to be faithful to that vision.

People: We have seen and heard the works of God, and have been prepared to serve in God's name.

Leader: God has planted in us a prophetic word, and has given us uncommon wisdom.

People: We have listened quietly for God's revelation, and are moved by the Holy Spirit to speak.

Leader: Go forth, unafraid, to witness to God's majesty, for we are eyewitnesses to the light God grants.

People: God has affirmed us and empowers our service. In awe and wonder, we dare to respond.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: "*Transform Us*"

#182

Silent Moment

Postlude: "*Choral Song*"

Wesley

Preparation for Worship

As we remember your Transfiguration, Lord, prepare us to grow closer to you so we may glorify and serve you.

Welcome

"Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise" (Psalm 84:4, NRSV). May all who are present here be joyful before the Lord. Welcome!

Stewardship Moment

The Full Life

"Our Lord's command was, 'Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over...' (Luke 6:38). Yet it was more than a command. It was an invitation to glorious and abundant living. If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area of life." [*Select Stewardship Sermons*, Billy Graham]

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 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

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:00 AM

Acolytes: Joshua Dillman, Renee Martin
Lector: Rev. Edgar Roosa
Greeters: Jo and Jake Kleppinger
Ushers: Mike Ackerman, Phil Rhode, Don Keck, Jim Beers,
Tom Gable, Jonathan Keck
Sound System: Brian Dillman, Jr.

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Alexis Hanna, Amber Koehler
Lay Reader: Floyd Schmoyer
Greeters: Jean Bednar, Linda Gardner, Gloria Steager
Ushers: Jim Gardner, John Hill, Marty Beers, Dave Davis,
Christine Hanna, Leon Hemperly, Greg Herbine, Pat
Roth
Sound System: Richard Miller
Nursery: Kris Wentz, Sarah Demmy
Tape Ministry: Nancy Wieder
Flower Delivery: Marty Beers
Hospitality: Aaron and Lisa Weida

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ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 6

8:00 am Worship Service/Holy Communion
9:15 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion

Monday, March 7

6:30 pm Jr. Girl Scout Troop #6197
7:00 pm Board of Christian Education

Tuesday, March 8

9:00 am Quilts For Kids
4:30 pm Pancake Dinner in Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Daisy Troop #61130

Wednesday, March 9

7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service/Holy Communion

Thursday, March 10

10:15 am Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Junior Choir
6:30 pm All Dens
6:30 pm Jr. GS Troop #6123

Saturday, March 12

8:30 am AA
8:30 am Al Anon
5:30 pm Boy Scout Blue & Gold Banquet

Sunday, March 13

First Sunday in Lent

Girl Scout Sunday

Daylight Saving Time Begins

8:00 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday school for all ages
10:30 am Worship Service

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Church Announcements for Sunday, March 6, 2011

March Mission – One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), is one of the four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. The offering provides hope to people in more than eighty countries. The UCC works with international partners, and together we provide support for health, education, refugee, agricultural and emergency relief initiatives.

Sign the Pew Register

To encourage fellowship at St. John's, please sign the pew register found at the center aisle of your pew. Pass the register on for others to sign it. As it is passed back, read the register and learn the names of those worshipping with you this morning!

Loud Offering

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE...Deposit your loose change (bills are welcome, too) in the cans during the **Loud Offering Collection**. Just by saving a little each and every day, we can make a BIG difference. If you have spare change on other Sundays, the cans will be in the narthex.

Allentown Disaster – Banking for the Future

Last month's gas explosion that our neighbors on 13th Street in Allentown experienced has left many of us asking, "What can we do?" The Mission Committee would like to give St. John's members who feel so-moved an opportunity to give to this local emergency. On this Sunday, March 6th, and Ash Wednesday, March 9th and throughout the week, monetary donations will be accepted. Please use the mission envelope in the pew box or your own church envelope and designate "Banking for the Future." All monies will be sent to the Keystone, Nazareth Bank & Trust (KNBT) and they will forward ALL of the donations to the organizations that are handling the gifts for the survivors. All funds must be in by March 10th. Thank you.

Relay for Life - May 13-14, 2011

May 2011 will mark the Relay for Life of Macungie's 10 year anniversary. Relay was started in 2001 by Judy Hoch in honor of her son, Colby. **Relay for Life of Macungie 2011, 10 Years and \$1 Million Dollars!!!!!!** To commemorate hitting this milestone donation benchmark of \$1 million dollars, the relay committee is attempting to collect 1 million pennies. St. John's will again be participating in the Relay for Life and we are asking for your penny donations. If you can spare a few pennies, please place them in the purple containers found all around the church. Also, please consider joining our team. The weekend of the event is a fun time and you will be part of the fight to cure all cancers. Stay tuned for meetings to discuss fund raising, team name and decorating our campsite. I hope you will join us. If you want more information about Relay, please contact Carl Wieder or Teri Demmy.

Chicken Pot Pie Dinner

Emmaus Masonic Lodge #792 is hosting an all you care to eat chicken pot pie dinner April 9, 2011 in Fellowship Hall of St. John's UCC. Tickets are available from Frank Flamisch, Carl Frantz or Fred Bartholomew. Adult tickets are \$8.00, children under 12 \$5.00 and those under 3 years of age eat free. The menu includes chicken pot pie, buttered string beans, pepper cabbage, dessert, and beverages.

AARP Tax-Aide

Free tax help is available at the Emmaus Moravian Church every Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM through April 15th. This is a walk-in service, no appointments are needed.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Come join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 8th at 4:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Pancakes, sausage, fruit cup and beverages will be served. This is a great time for fun and fellowship! There is no cost for the supper. Free will offerings will go to support Christian Education at St. John's.

B-I-N-G-O!!!

It's that time of year again! Time for our Spring Basket Bingo! It will be held on Sunday, April 3rd (snow date, really!) of April 10th. Doors open at 1 PM and bingo starts at 2 PM. Tickets are \$20 for 20 games, with special games available for purchase at the door. Food will be available for purchase in the kitchen. We are in need of basket sponsors, donations for our Chinese auction, bakers, committee helpers, and bingo players. Tickets are available for purchase after the 8:00 and 10:30 worship services or by calling the church office at 610-965-9158 to reserve tickets.

Blood Pressure Screening

Next Sunday, March 13, representatives of the Health Ministry Task Force at St. John's will be doing blood pressure screening. You are invited to stop by the Health Room following the 8:00 AM service or before and after the 10:30 AM service to have your blood pressure checked.

Blood Drive

"You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."
-Kahlil Gibran

St. John's is hosting a Miller-Keystone Blood Drive on Saturday, March 19th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Being the major blood supplier to all area hospitals, Miller-Keystone is always in need of replenishing its supply. Be a blood donor – all it costs is a little love. Please call Colleen in the church office to schedule an appointment.

Friendly's Restaurant in Trexlertown

Tuesday, March 29th – 4:30 to 7:30 PM - St. John's is sponsoring a "**Family Fun Night**" to benefit BOFFT. Mark your calendar, tell your friends and relatives to meet you at Friendly's and help support our Building Fund. Gather up your family, friends and neighbors and come to Friendly's for supper, dessert, etc. **10% of all sales** during that time will go to St. John's Building Fund. (Also includes take-out!) Friendly's will be open to the public; there's no need to mention St. John's.

Confidentiality

It is important that we honor the rights to privacy of medical information for our St. John's members. If someone in the congregation shares a prayer concern, a medical issue, or hospitalization information with you, **please ask their permission** before sharing that information with the pastors, Undershepherd Ministry, Prayer Tree or church office, or for announcement in worship. If you are hospitalized or are sharing any prayer concerns, the pastors will ask your permission before disclosing information to anyone beyond the pastoral staff.

Lenten Bible Study

Pastor Curt will lead a Lenten Bible study called “*Jesus for the 21st Century.*” It’s an adult Christian education series designed by Lancaster Theological Seminary. We will meet in the church parlor from 7 to 8:00 PM on March 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13. Please bring your Bibles.

Church Hospital Code Number is 466!

The pastors visit our hospitalized members. If you, or a member of your family enters the hospital, please ask the hospital to place the patient’s name on church code #466, St. John’s UCC, Emmaus or call the church office to inform us at 610-965-9158.

Greeting Cards

The Undershepherd Ministries give us the opportunity to sign greeting cards for folks on our Home Visitation List, for members of the congregation who need a lift, or just to say “hello”. All cards are in the Narthex. Please take a minute to sign the cards and send these folks our Christian greetings. Today we are signing cards for:

Verna Gilbert, Marlene Zettlemoyer, Loretta DeLabar, Linda & Raymond Hengeveld

The Bulletins are sponsored by Ben and Carolyn Powell, Sean and Terri Powell, Sean and Carrie and Faith Pearson in honor of Anna Jane Kelley’s 83rd birthday.

Church Attendance – Sunday, February 27, 2011: 8:30 – 56 10:30 AM - 147

Income Report for Sunday, February 27, 2011:

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$710.00
General Fund - \$3,158.27