

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 North Fourth Street

Emmaus, Pennsylvania

April 17, 2011

8:00 & 10:30 AM



The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *“Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing.”*

- Albert Schweitzer

Prelude

Greeting:

Pastor: Hosanna!

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

All: **Praise be to God.**

...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: *“All Glory, Laud and Honor”*

#192

...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements

...All May Stand...

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Hosanna to the one who comes in God's name.
Shout your blessings! Sing your praises!

People: **Christ opens our eyes to better ways of living,
not as haughty rulers, but as humble servants.**

Pastor: Have the mind of Christ among yourselves,
that you may be emptied of pretense and false pride.

People: **In Christ we are freed to be fully human,
to celebrate and use our gifts to God's glory.**

Pastor: Give thanks to God, who has so richly blessed us;
praise God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

People: **This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

...Please Be Seated...

The People of God Share the Word of God

Palm Sunday Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11

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Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessing of the Palms

Pastor: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

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

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: **O God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered
Jerusalem, heralding a week of pain and sorrow, be
with us now as we follow the way of the cross. In
these events of defeat and victory, you have sealed the
closeness of death and resurrection, of humiliation
and exaltation. We thank you for these branches
that promise to become for us symbols of martyrdom
and majesty. Bless them and us that their use this
day may announce in our time that Christ has
come and that Christ will come again. Amen! Come,
Christ Jesus!**

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace.

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Junior Choir and Sunday School Singers K-5 10:30
The Palms (Insert)

The Holy Scripture:
First Lesson: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Page 492
Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11 Page 954

Sermon: “*City in Turmoil*” Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

UCC Statement of Faith Front of Hymnal

The People of God Pray

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

Prayer Versicle:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

The Offering

The Offertory: (8:00)

Senior Choir Anthem

...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

The People of God Go Forth In Mission

Commission:

Pastor: Go out to tell your neighbors:
life is filled with the goodness of a loving God.

People: **In humble thanks, we scatter with good news;
with genuine enthusiasm, we seek to share it.**

Pastor: Go out to live among friends and strangers;
carry the love of God in Christ in all relationships.

People: **Among our closest loved ones and with strangers,
we will risk sharing who we are in Christ.**

Pastor: Go with the blessing of God, who expands our lives,
to see and hear and feel how valued we are.

People: **We reach out as followers of Christ,
knowing we are loved, and chosen for service.**

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: “*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*” #191

Postlude

Palms

Among the Romans the palm frond was traditionally the symbol of victory. This symbolism was carried into the Christian faith. Christ is often shown bearing the palm branch as a symbol of His triumph over sin and death. The palm is associated with Christ’s triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. This Sunday we will all be receiving a palm frond to remind us of Christ’s victory and our salvation.

Welcome

With genuine joy we welcome all who have come to praise our Creator on this Palm Sunday. There are no strangers here – we are all children of the heavenly Father.

Stewardship Moment

We give with a willing heart to build God’s house, and God repays us with His presence in our lives. God’s spirit never inhabits the minds and hearts of “grasping getters,” only generous givers.

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:00 AM

Acolytes: Emily Hartranft, Amber Koehler
Lector: Rev. Lisa Weida
Greeters: Dolores Fioriglio, Jennifer Hartranft
Ushers: Glenn Shingler, Steve Heck, Don Keck, Kevin Krause
Sound System: Jim Schaffer

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Olivia DeLong, Joscelyn Hengeveld
Lay Reader: Marilyn Decker
Greeters: Ben and Carolyn Powell, Floyd Shmoyer
Ushers: Marty Beers, Adam Beers, Kyle Heck, Greg Herbine,
John Hill, John Zayaitz
Flower Delivery: Nancy Wieder
Sound System: Russell Drabick
Tape Ministry: Nancy Wieder
Hospitality: Doris Trumbauer

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Palm Sunday

ST JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 17

8:00 am

9:15 am

10:30 am

Palm Sunday

Worship

Sunday School for all ages

Worship

Monday, April 18

7:30 pm

Budget and Finance Committee

Tuesday, April 19

9:00 am

Quilts for Kids

6:00 pm

Daisy Troop #61130

Wednesday, April 20

6:30 pm

Boy Scout Troop #25

6:30 pm

Bell Choir

7:45 pm

Senior Choir

Thursday, April 21

7:30 pm

Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 22

7:30 pm

Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 23

8:30 am

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8:30 am

Al Anon

Sunday, April 24

Easter

8:00 am

Early Worship Service with Holy Communion

9:15 am

Sunday School/Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 am

Worship Service with Holy Communion

*Hosanna
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Church Announcements for Sunday, April 17, 2011

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!

Penn Northeast Conference Work Camp, Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi

On September 10, 2011, thirty-four people representing eight UCC churches will travel to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS to participate in a work camp that will continue the work of rebuilding homes and hearts after the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. Edgar and Linda Roosa will be representing St. John's Church. The group is responsible for all costs, including: transportation to and from Biloxi, food while there, gas and vans used for transportation to and from the work areas. To help off-set the costs, three fundraisers have been organized: an electronic recycling event, June 4, a benefit fundraiser during the month of July at McDonald's in Hellertown and in May the sale of Wixon shoo-fly pies. If you have any questions, please contact Ed or Linda Roosa at 610-966-1459 or leroosa@ptd.net.

Shoe-fly Pies Benefit PNEC Biloxi Workcamp

The pies are from Wixon Bakery. The cost is \$4.00 for an 8" wet-bottom shoo-fly pie. Orders will be taken in the church narthex on the following Sundays: April 17 & 24, May 1, 8, 15 & 22. Delivery is June 5 in the church narthex.

Easter Egg Hunt

We are in need of plastic eggs and wrapped candy (no gum, chocolate or peanut products, please). Please drop off your donations in the white basket in the narthex. Children will go to their Sunday school classroom at the regular time at 9:15. Each class will proceed to the 4th Street side of the grassy area of the church at 9:20 AM for their class to hunt for eggs. When finished, they will return to their classroom until the end of Sunday school. Pre-school to 5th grade will hunt for eggs, the Jr. & Sr. High classes will hide the eggs. No baskets are needed for the egg hunt since the children will decorate a bag in their Sunday school classroom in the next few weeks.

Golf Tournament

St. John's Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at Shepherd Hills Golf Club. \$70.00 per player includes gold, cart, lunch, drinks, prizes, and fellowship. Sponsor a hole for a minimum donation of \$40.00. For more information, contact Carl Wieder at 610-965-5295 or Jack Marsh at 610-965-5189.

Raise the Roof

On May 1st, Anniversary Sunday, we will be inviting back to our pulpit Reverend John Snyder-Samuelson. Pastor John was the Associate Pastor here from 1998 to 2003. As we did last year, collecting \$15,000 for the Building Fund, we will be trying to collect \$10,000 for a new roof! Please give generously to this campaign, and please worship with us on May 1st.

Spaghetti Dinner

Christian Education and Youth Ministries presents an all you can eat Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, May 14th from 4 to 7:00 PM. The menu includes spaghetti with Italian style sauce, meatballs or white clam sauce, Italian salad, garlic and cheese toasted rolls, dessert and beverages. Adults are \$10.00, children 4-12 are \$5.00, children under three eat free. Tickets will be sold before and after each service and in the church office until the event.

Important Cemetery Update

Because of the late day of Easter, April 24th, the Cemetery Association has moved cemetery clean-up and Veteran's Day flag placing to Saturday, May 21, 2011. By this date, all Easter flowers and bulbs that you wish to salvage must be removed or we will remove them for you. If Memorial Day flowers are already on the cemetery, we will try our best to keep them there. If some are accidentally removed, we will keep them at the shed if you would like to replace them. We are sorry if this happens, but we have over 60 volunteers helping us, and many will be youth from both St. John's UCC and Lutheran churches.

Donkey

Our donkey returns for the Palm Sunday Donkey Procession. The procession starts at 9:20 AM. All Sunday school children proceed to their classrooms at the regular time of 9:15. Classes will walk together, parents and family are welcome to join the procession, and will return to their classrooms after the walk. Pictures can be taken after the procession. All are welcome to walk. Support our donkey, drop your donation in the "Donkey Meter" in the narthex to help defray the cost of the donkey.

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.

Kiwanis Club of Emmaus

The Kiwanis Club of Emmaus is holding its annual Walter C. Stoudt Memorial Prayer Breakfast on Good Friday, April 22, 2011 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 5th and Chestnut Streets in Emmaus. The breakfast will begin at 7:30 AM. The speaker will be Rev. Joy Wyler from Unity of Lehigh Valley in Emmaus. Donation will be \$5.00. Tickets are available from Renee Wetherhold, 610-967-3770 or at Business Services Unlimited, 705 Chestnut Street in Emmaus, 610-967-3939, or from any Emmaus Kiwanis Club member.

New Members Class and Reception of New Members

On Tuesday, April 26, at 6:00 PM in the church parlor, we will be holding a new members class for anyone interested in joining St. John's. We will be welcoming new members into our community of faith on Sunday, May 1 at our 10:30 AM worship service. If you are interested in being part of this class, please see Pastor Paul or call the church office.

Carnival

On Saturday, June 25, there will be a special carnival at Jordan UCC to benefit the soup kitchen. Crafters and artisans interested in renting a table to sell items, please call Sue at 610-435-5054.

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.

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.

Recently Hospitalized – Pauline Kummery, Bonnie Walsh

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:

Nancy Samalot, Jake & Jo Kleppinger, Catherine Hillegas

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Wayne and Gloria Schlegel in honor of their grandson's wedding on Saturday at Villanova Chapel.

The Organ Flowers are sponsored by Betty and Lloyd Kemmerer in honor of their wedding anniversary and in memory of Pastor Bill.

The Bulletins are sponsored by Elizabeth Trach and Stephanie Ritter in memory of grandmother, Edna Schlesman.

Church Attendance – Sunday, April 10, 2011: 8:30 – 65 10:30 AM - 158

Income Report for Sunday, April 10, 2011:

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$1,203.00
General Fund - \$7,159.29