

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. 4th Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

October 31, 2010

Reformation Sunday

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 and 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *“Faith is a living and unshakable confidence, a belief in God so assured, that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake.”*

- Martin Luther

Prelude: *“Air”* Giuseppe Tartini
“But the Lord is Mindful of His Own”
from the oratorio *“St. Paul”* Felix Mendelssohn
“Adagio” Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)
...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”* #65
...Please Be Seated...

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

Call to Worship:

Pastor: We cry out to God for the help we need.
How will we know we have been heard?

People: **God stands with us through life’s trials and temptations.**
God sends visions of new possibilities.

Pastor: Here we stand watch for God’s appearing.
Together we seek a presence and aspire after truth.

People: **Surely God is in this place and will give us understanding.**
God is recalling us to the values we have neglected.

Pastor: God’s righteousness is everlasting, and God’s law is truth.

Listen to all God would teach us; hear the Word of God.

All: **We seek to grow in faith and in love for one another.**
We would learn to do good and to work for justice.

Act of Confession:

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God.

People: **All-knowing God, we confess our participation in the hatred and evil that is consuming this planet. We gladly accept for ourselves the power and advantages that come our way. We seldom consider the cost to others for our prosperity. We tolerate poverty, hunger and homelessness for people we do not know. We think our small efforts too insignificant to make a difference. Wash away, O God, the evil that paralyzes us, that we may become rescuers of the oppressed and seekers after justice. Create in us a right spirit that prompts us to live by faith and to dare great things for you. 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: In Jesus Christ, God knows and receives us as we are.
Listen, give thanks and live.

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

A Time to Pass Our Faith Unto Our Children

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Page 642

Epistle: Romans 3:19-28 Page 915

Gospel Lesson: John 8:31-36 Page 871

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

Sermon: "A New Reformation" Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger
...*All May...*

Nicene Creed #358

Hymn: "Renew Your Church" #463

...*Please Be Seated...*

The People of God Pray

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

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

Prayer Response: "Let Us Break Bread Together" #425

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Invitation:

The Offering

The Offertory: "Prayer" (8:00) Antonin Dvorak

Senior Choir: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" (10:30)

arr. by Randolph Currie

...*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: Be glad and rejoice in God's wondrous works!
Praise God whose spirit blesses and empowers us!

People: God forgives our transgressions and answers our prayers.

God delivers us from pretense and false pride.

Pastor: God stands by us to grant support and strength.
God is the ever-present source of hope and healing.

People: God rescues us from evil attack, from the lion's mouth.

God is with us in times of suffering and loss.

Pastor: Return to your homes justified, praising God.
Return to your world, proclaiming good news for all to hear.

People: All who trust in God are strengthened and blessed; to God be the glory forever and ever.

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: "*Community of Christ*" #655

Silent Moment

Postlude: "*Allegro Vivace*" from the "*Water Music Suite*" G.F. Handel

Welcome

On this Reformation Sunday, we welcome you all as we worship our gracious God. Greet one another with the good news of God's peace and salvation.

Preparation for Worship

Reformation Sunday God of grace, thank you that our salvation is a free gift we don't have to earn. Remind us of that today as we worship you.

Stewardship Moment

Be Grateful for your Tributaries

"If the life of a river depended only on the rain that falls within the confines of its own banks, it would soon be dry. If the life of an individual depended solely on his own resources, he would soon fall. Be grateful for your tributaries." [Up Words, William Arthur Ward]

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, Alexis Hanna
Greeters: Jo and Jake Kleppinger
Lay reader: Curt Fehr
Ushers: Glenn Shingler, Curt Fehr, Don Keck, Bonnie Walsh
Sound System: Brian Dillman, Jr.

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Emily Hartranft, Harrison Ike
Greeters: Jean Bednar, Les Schoenberger, Gloria Steager
Lay Reader: Diana Holland
Ushers: Marty Beers, Adam Beers, Dave Davis, Leon Hemperly
Sound System: Richard Miller
Nursery: Sarah Demmy
Tape Ministry: Harold Huber
Hospitality: Fred and Sandra Bartholomew
Flower Delivery: Nancy Wieder

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ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 31

- 8:00 am Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday School for all Ages
- 10:30 am Worship

Monday, November 1

- 6:15 pm Cadette Troop #6056
- 7:00 pm Board of Christian Education

Tuesday, November 2

- 9:00 am Quilts for Kids
- 6:00 pm Daisy Troop #61130
- 6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #6640

Wednesday, November 3

- 5:30 pm Executive Committee
- 6:30 pm Confirmation Class
- 6:30 pm Journey Through Grief (Parlor)
- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #25
- 6:30 pm Bell Choir
- 7:45 pm Senior Choir

Thursday, November 4

- 10:30 am Bible Study (Youth Lounge)
- 6:00 pm Cherub Choir
- 6:30 pm Jr. Choir
- 6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #6123
- 6:30 pm Cadettes
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts - All Dens

Saturday, November 6

- 8:30 am AA
- 8:30 am Al Anon
- 9:30 am Confirmation Class to Jenn's House

Sunday, November 7

Blanket Sunday

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

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Church Announcements for Sunday, October 31, 2010

October Mission – Neighbors in Need

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive throughout the month, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local projects. A bulletin insert is included on one of the 2009 NIN grant recipients. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). NIN helps make another world possible. It needs your support. Please give as generously as you are able. "And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

Ten Thousand Villages Festival

Ten Thousand Villages International Gift Festival will be held at the Upper Milford Mennonite Church, Kings Highway & Geissinger Roads, Zionsville, on Friday, November 12th, noon to 8:00 PM and Saturday, November 13th, 8 AM to 4:00 PM. Ten Thousand Villages provide vital, fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. Artisans who would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed are insured income to help pay for food, education, healthcare, and housing. All income from sales will go to Ten Thousand Villages. Come and do your gift shopping knowing you are also providing sustenance for Third World persons. Call 610-966-2733 for more information.

Monthly Food Collection

Please remember that next week is the first Sunday in the new month – time to bring in food donations for the monthly food collection for the local food bank located at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church. Items most needed include cereal, peanut butter & jelly, tuna, pasta, rice, canned meats & stews, canned vegetables & fruit, soup, salt, & sugar. Please place your donations on the designated baskets in the narthex.

All Saints Sunday

A Memorial Service will be held on All Saints Sunday, November 7th at the 10:30 AM worship service. All Saints Sunday commemorates not only the martyrs of the church, but also all the people of God, living and dead, who form the mystical body of Christ. As Christians, we are reminded that we are baptized people of God and that our baptism is not just for this time and this world, but forever. During the November 7th worship service, we will remember by name all of St. John's members who have died since last All Saints Sunday.

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 – Tracy Dell, Jacob Kleppinger

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:

Leonard and Edith Wehr, Grace Markowitz, Avatine Kohler

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Richard and Pat Dillman in honor of their grandsons, Josh, Brian and Brad.

Church Attendance – October 24: 8:00 AM – 51 10:30 AM – 147

Income Report for Sunday, October 24, 2010:

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$1,060.00

General Fund - \$5,475.80

