

**ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

139 N. 4th Street  
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

October 24, 2010

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

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***The People of God Gather For Worship***

Thought for Meditation: *“Our life is full of brokenness – broken relationships, broken promises, broken expectations. How can we live with that brokenness without becoming bitter and resentful except by returning again and again to God’s faithful presence in our lives.”*

- Henri Nouwen

Prelude: Organ Prelude

*...All May Stand...*

Processional Hymn: *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*                      #56  
*...Please Be Seated...*

Welcome and Announcements

*...All May Stand...*

Call to Worship:

*Pastor:*     This is God’s house, a holy temple.  
                 We are in the midst of God’s dwelling place.

**People:**    **My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of God.  
                 My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

*Pastor:*     Happy are those whom God has chosen to be here.  
                 Blessed are all whom God has forgiven and named.

**People:**    **Our voices rise in praise of God’s awesome deeds.  
                 Mountains and seas bow down before the Creator.**

*Pastor:*     God crowns the year with a bountiful harvest.  
                 Flocks and grain fill the meadows.

**All:**         **God’s presence is felt to the ends of the earth.  
                 All creation is God’s dwelling place, God’s home.**

Act of Confession:

*Pastor:*     No good thing will God withhold from those who walk uprightly. Let us, therefore, acknowledge our wickedness and leave it behind us that we may set our hope in God and walk with confidence into God’s new day.

**People:**    **How easily we have forgotten you, O God of our salvation. We imagine that our prosperity is of our own design. We compare ourselves with those whose sins are public knowledge and consider ourselves better than they. O God, rescue us from the evil inside us that alienates us from others and from you. We humble ourselves before you, seeking forgiveness. 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:*     God justifies those who confess their guilt and forgives their transgressions, The God of our salvation delivers us in awesome ways. Those who put their trust in God and center their hope in Jesus Christ are blessed by an outpouring of the Spirit. God equips us to fight the good fight, to finish the race, to keep the faith. Be glad and rejoice in God.

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: Joel 2:23-32 Page 741

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Page 968

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:9-14 Page 853

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

Sermon: "Some" Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger  
*...All May Stand...*

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hades;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #254  
*...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: Organ Offertory (8:00)

Junior Choir: "He's My Rock of Ages" (10:30) Bailey  
*...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: "*The Old Rugged Cross*" #548

Silent Moment

Postlude: "*Postlude in E Major*" Stanley

**Welcome**

How wonderful it is to join with fellow Christians in worship. Please greet one another with happiness and warmth.

**Preparation for Worship**

You are acquainted with all our ways, God. Guide us today and always as we worship you, our good Shepherd.

**Stewardship Moment**

To Get or Give?

"The key to the selfish, unregenerate person is *get*. The key word for the dedicated Christian should be *give*. The Prodigal Son set off a series of negative events destined for failure when he said to his father, 'Give me the portion of my goods that falleth to me' (Luke 15:12)."

**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:* Amber Koehler, Shania Koehler  
*Greeters:* Marty Beers, Joyce Brey  
*Lay reader:* Tom Capehart  
*Ushers:* Tom Gable, Stephen Graeffe, Don Keck, Deanna Johns  
*Sound System:* Mike Ackerman

**10:30 AM**

*Acolytes:* Olivia DeLong, Brian Lance  
*Greeters:* Anna Jane Kelley, Ben and Carolyn Powell  
*Lay Reader:* Marilyn Decker  
*Ushers:* Craig Demmy, Jim Gardner, Linda Gardner, Greg Herbine  
*Sound System:* John Hill  
*Nursery:* Kristin Wentz  
*Tape Ministry:* Nancy Wieder  
*Hospitality:* Aaron and Lisa Weida  
*Flower Delivery:* Ron and Gerry Mosemann

## **CHURCH STAFF**

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## ***ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR***

### **Sunday, October 24**

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

### **Tuesday, October 26**

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

### **Wednesday, October 27**

- 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, October 28**

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

### **Saturday, October 30**

- 8:30 am      AA
- 8:30 am      Al Anon

### **Sunday, October 31**

#### **Reformation Sunday**

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

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### ***Church Announcements for Sunday, October 24, 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

#### **WANTED – Non-Perishable Food Items!**

Mason Spangler is working to complete his Eagle Project for Boy Scouts by collecting non-perishable food items for Faith Evangelical Free Church of America, a local food pantry in our area. Please help!!! By donating food, you are helping men, women and children in our local community to not go hungry. A little bit can go a long way for people less fortunate or on a fixed income. Thank you for helping! Please place your donations in the white basket in the narthex.

#### **Youth Group**

The Faithful Followers Youth Group is meeting tonight from 6-8:00 PM. Come hungry for mummy meatloaf and swamp juice. We'll be making spirit jugs and playing fun games.

#### **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 – Doris Schmoyer**

#### **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:

#### **Joseph Sadrovitz, Albert Moyer, Lois Koch**

**The Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Marian Wilfinger & Family in memory of parents, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond C. Schaffer.

**The Bulletins** are sponsored by Richard & Nancy Miller in memory of Nancy's sister, Judy.

**Church Attendance** – October 17: 8:00 AM – 45 10:30 AM – 108

**Income Report for Sunday, October 17, 2010:**

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$478.00

General Fund - \$3,369.20

Friendly's Family Night Out - \$131.00

