

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. 4th Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

February 5, 2012

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 and 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *“Our Creator has given us five senses to help us survive threats from the external world, a sixth sense, our healing system, to help us survive internal threats.”*

Bernie S. Siegel, M.D.

Organ Prelude

...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: *“There Is a Balm in Gilead”*

#501

...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements

...All May Stand...

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Worship God, who is from everlasting to everlasting!
The God of creation does not faint or grow weary.

People: **How good it is to sing praises to our God!**
How expansive is God’s understanding of us!

Pastor: The whole universe is subject to God’s power.
Creation continues as the universe expands.

People: **God rules all time and space, yet cares about us.**
God is pleased with all who reflect steadfast love.

Pastor: Sing to God with great thanksgiving.
Praise God with the best you have to offer.

People: **We lift up our eyes to see God’s wonders.**
We open our ears to receive God’s message.

Act of Confession:

Pastor: Let us confess our sins.

All: **Who are we to claim equality with you, Ruler of all worlds? Yet we try to order you around when it is we who should be taking orders. At times, we act as if we can get along without you. In our church, we often pretend that we don’t need other congregations. We hoard the gospel as if it were our possession, and thus we do not follow its mandates. We bend your law to our own whims and then excuse our disobedience. Forgive us, God. We are not worthy to carry the name of Christ. Restore us to yourself, we pray. 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 calls each of us by name. Every community of faith is known to God, whose understanding is unlimited. The One who knows our hearts is eager to forgive the truly penitent and to empower those who have grown weary. Your strength is being renewed in these moments. You will mount up with wings like eagles. You will run and not be weary. You will walk and not faint. Praise 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.

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The People of God Share the Word of God

Loud Offering

A Time to Pass Our Faith Onto Our Children

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31 Page 582

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Page 931

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39 Page 813

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

Sermon: “*Lifted Her Up*” Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

The People of God Pray

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation

Organ Meditation (8:00)

Senior Choir Anthem: “*Communion Kum Ba Yah*” (10:30)

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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.**

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.**

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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:

Pastor: Go out to serve. Someone needs you today.
What you have to give will be helpful to someone.

**People: We pray God will open our eyes to needs around us.
We will look for ways to be helpful.**

Pastor: Go in the name of Jesus Christ, who sends us.
Speak a healing word. Do a caring deed.

**People: God binds up wounds of the brokenhearted.
Surely God will empower our ministry.**

Pastor: God strengthens the powerless and helps the weak.
God's power will be in you when you pray.

**People: We shall run and not be weary.
We will serve in the strength God supplies.**

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: "*Strong, Gentle Children*"

#511

Silent Moment

Postlude: "*Postlude in C Major*"

Purcell

Welcome

"How good it is to sing praises to our God!" (Psalm 147:1, NRSV).

Welcome to worship, as we join our voices in song to God our Father.

Preparation for Worship

Lord, may our hearts turn to you, and may we rejoice in fellowship with you today and always.

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

CHURCH STAFF

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TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:00 AM

Acolytes: Olivia DeLong, Nicole Karol
Greeters: Joyce Brey, Curt Fehr
Lay Reader: Curt Fehr
Ushers: Mike Ackerman, Tom Capehart, Jim Beers,
Tom Gable, Barry Miller, John Zayaitz
Sound System: Jim Schaffer

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Emily Drabick, Alexis Hanna
Greeters: Tracy Dell, Ben Powell, Rachel Wentz
Lay Reader: Lauren Stenroos
Ushers: Russell Drabick, Linda Hengeveld, Larry Delhagen,
Wendy Moyer-Drabick, Christine Hanna,
Greg Herbine, Richard Miller, Carolyn Powell
Sound System: Don Keck
Nursery: Heather Gross, Alissa Delhagen
Tape Ministry: Harold Huber
Flower Delivery: Marty Beers
Hospitality: Mary Lou Hilbert

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, February 5

8:00 am Worship/Holy Communion
8:50 am Children's Choir
9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 am Worship/Holy Communion

Monday, February 6

7:30 pm Bible Study

Tuesday, February 7

9:00 am Quilts for Kids
6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #6640
7:00 pm Consistory
7:00 pm Worship and Music Committee (parlor)

Wednesday, February 8

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

Thursday, February 9

10:15 am Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #6123
6:30 pm Cadettes
6:30 pm All Dens

Saturday, February 11

8:30 am AA
8:30 am Al Anon

Sunday, February 12

8:00 am Worship
8:50 am Children's Choir
9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 am Worship

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Church Announcements for Sunday, February 5, 2012

February Mission: Jenn's House

As the February mission begins, on behalf of Jenn's House, I would like to bring all of our St. John's UCC friends up to date with our progress. The site at Cedar Crest Blvd. in Emmaus continues to host families from many different areas. Recently, we hosted a gentleman from Germany who was receiving care for several weeks at Hands On Healing. More recently, we hosted a family of eight Amish people from Kentucky for two weeks whose family member was at Lehigh Valley Hospital. These people were true Amish and were unfamiliar with many of our electrical appliances as well as phones. They never did business of any kind on Sundays! We were host for at least 100 people though 2011. The Fountain Hill site also hosted at least 100 people through the past year. October was our one year anniversary of opening the house. We hosted a couple from Germany who adopted twins that were born through a surrogate. They also stayed with us for several weeks until the infants were healthy enough to travel to their homes. One of the infants stayed with us a few days. We meet a diverse group of people with sad endings, happy endings and sometimes uncertain ones. All our families are reminded of the generosity of people like you who help supply our house with many things to make their stay a welcome one. Your support and prayers are most welcome. Please feel free to pick up a slip from one of the pockets on the Wish List display board in the narthex. Items can be dropped off by the display. Tours of both sites can be arranged at any time by calling us at 610-965-1777.

Yours in Christ, Pat and Richard Dillman.

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.

L&R Cemetery Update

The October snowstorm damaged 16 trees on the L&R Cemetery causing Superintendent Bob and Pastor Fred to remove two trees and 55 truck loads of debris. A few more trees may be in jeopardy.

Gently Used Handbag Sale & Mother's Day Tea

The Mission Committee is planning a gently used handbag sale and tea in conjunction with Mother's Day 2012. All proceeds will go to the Garden Committee for their use in purchasing perennials/shrubs/trees for the church gardens. Details will be forthcoming. Please save your clean gently used purses and tote bags for the 2012 Mother's Day Celebration!

Blood Pressure Screening

Next Sunday, February, 12, representatives of the Health Ministry Task Force at St. John's will be doing blood pressure screening. You are invited to stop by in the Family Room following the 8:00 AM service or before and after the 10:30 AM service to have your blood pressure checked.

Altar Flowers and Bulletins

February 26 is available to sponsor altar flowers. February 5, 12, and 19 are available for bulletins. Please sign up using the chart in the Fourth Street entrance or call the church office.

Church Flowers

Please call the church office if you are sponsoring organ or chancel table flowers so your dedication can be included in the bulletin. You must also call George's Greenhouse to place your order for those flowers at 610-965-4215. For altar flowers, please fill out a card located beneath the sign up poster and submit it to the church office. **Please remember there are no longer ANY standing flower orders from year-to-year. It is your responsibility to sign up and get the information to the church office promptly.**

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.

New Church Office Hours

Please note the office hours have changed to 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday through Friday.

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.

Elizabeth Burian, Cecelia Stephens, Gloria Schlegel, Gerald Heck, Tracy Dell

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:

Ruth Neff-Zellner, Margaret Guerrero, Shirley Benner

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Richard and Patricia Dillman in loving memory of their daughter, Jennifer Joy.

The Organ Flowers are sponsored by Gary and Sharon Snyder in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bieber.

Church Attendance – January 29, 2012: **8:00 AM** - 51 **10:30 AM** – 131

Income Report for Sunday, January 29, 2012:

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$814.00

General Fund - \$5,580.05