

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. Fourth Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

February 6, 2011

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *“The strength and happiness of a man consists in finding out the way in which God is going, and going in that way too.”*

- Henry Ward Beecher

Prelude

...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

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...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements

...All May Stand...

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

Pastor: God sends light to us this day
and invites us to meet one another in this light.

People: **Light beaks forth like the dawn,
drawing us into relationship with one another.**

Pastor: Humble yourselves for the worship of God,
that you may be empowered to serve.

People: **God calls us to trust with steady hearts
and to serve with righteous compassion.**

Pastor: Seek not for lofty words of wisdom,
but for powerful demonstrations of God’s way.

People: **God makes us to be the salt of the earth
and lights to show God’s works to the world.**

The People of God Confess Their Sins

Act of Confession:

Pastor: Let us confess our sins.

People: **Merciful One, hear our cries. Come to us in the midst of our distortions and confusion to lead us to the good you have prepared for us. We confess that we have put our own pleasure ahead of your purposes. We have preferred our limited wisdom to your limitless revelation. We have been more ready to fight with one another than to free the oppressed, more inclined to feed our own egos than to give bread to the hungry. O God, we do not want to continue our oppressive ways. Forgive us, and help us to change.**

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:

Pastor: God, who knows our thoughts, answers our cries and rescues us from darkness. God, who understands our motives, reaches out to heal us and make us righteous. God, who is with us in our weakness, grants strength and power to live as salt and light. No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love 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 Onto Our Children (10:30)
The Holy Scripture:
Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a Page 600
Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 Page 927
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:13-20 Page 786

Sermon: "Blessed Happiness" Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

The People of God Pray

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Let us pray.

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation
The Offering
The Offertory (8:00)
Senior Choir Anthem (10:30)
...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: Walk in humility through another week; walk with God in your work and worship.

People: Our faith is not in human wisdom, but in God's power.

We trust the Spirit to lead us through these days.

Leader: Go with hearts that are steady and unafraid. Deal generously with both friends and foes.

People: God has given light to reassure and empower us. Healing and wholeness are God's gifts to us.

Leader: God equips you to be the salt of the earth. God sends you out as lights to the world.

People: God is gracious and merciful and righteous. Our good works will give God glory.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: *"More Love to Thee, O Christ"*

Silent Moment

Postlude

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Preparation for Worship

Holy Spirit, help direct our thoughts toward worship so we can receive you and your Word now.

Welcome

We welcome each of you to God's house. As we gather to draw near to God, may we also draw near to those worshipping with us.

Stewardship Moment

"What Do We Take With Us?"

"Alexander the Great, that great world conqueror who possessed it all, insisted that when he died – and they did this for him – when he died and lay in state, he insisted that he put his arms out and his hands open...He said, 'I want everyone who marches by me when I die to understand that although I conquered everything, when I left this world I took nothing.'" [*The Benefits of Lifestyle Stewardship*, John Maxwell, audio tape]

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: Harrison Ike, Brian Lance
Lay Reader: Curt Fehr
Greeters: Joyce Brey, Kimberly Ike
Ushers: Marty Beers, Tom Capehart, Jim Beers, Tom Gable,
Don Keck, Barry Miller
Sound System: Brian Dillman

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Emily Drabick, Joscelyn Hengeveld
Lay Reader: Les Schoenberger
Greeters: Jean Bednar, Floyd Schmoyer, Gloria Steager
Ushers: Russell Drabick, Linda Hengeveld, Richard Miller,
Dave Davis, Bill Knappenberger Jackie
Knappenberger, Scott Stenroos, John Zayaitz
Sound System: John Hill
Tape Ministry: Floyd and Doris Schmoyer
Nursery: Kris Wentz, Sarah Demmy
Hospitality: Donna Wert

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ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, February 6

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

Monday, February 7

7:00 pm Board of Christian Education

Tuesday, February 8

9:00 am Quilts For Kids
6:00 pm Daisy Troop #61130

Wednesday, February 9

8:30 am Cemetery Association Meeting
6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #25
6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:45 pm Senior Choir

Thursday, February 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, February 12

**Confirmation Class to Lancaster Theological
Seminary and Bethany Children's Home**

8:30 am AA
8:30 am Al Anon

Sunday, February 13

Boy Scout Sunday

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, February 6, 2011

February Mission – Jenn’s House

For the month of February, our mission will be Jenn’s House. Jenn’s House is a Hospital Hospitality House with 2 locations, in Allentown and Fountain Hill. Jenn’s House was started and is run by our church members Richard & Pat Dillman in honor of their daughter who tragically passed away after an accident. We will help Jenn’s House this month by fulfilling needs they have on their Wish List. Look for the display board with envelopes. Each envelope will have an item that is on the Wish List. These wishes will be in all price ranges. Just remove the item from the envelope you wish to purchase and then return it to the church with the item by the end of February. Or you may write a check (to St. John’s but clearly marked for Jenn’s House) with the dollar value of the item and return it to the church. Let’s show our support this month for this wonderful memorial.

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.

Blood Pressure Screening

Next Sunday, February 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.

Daffodil Sunday

Sunday, March 20th, is Daffodil Sunday at St. John’s! Celebrating Daffodil Days is much more than enjoying beautiful flowers; it’s about sharing hope for a world free of cancer. Your contributions to Daffodil Days will allow the American Cancer Society to save more lives and create more birthdays by helping people stay well, helping people get well, by finding cures and fighting back. Please return to the church office no later than Thursday, February 17th.

White Roses

The White Roses placed on the altar this morning are in memory of **LaRue Eroh** who passed away on January 31 and **Greta Scholl** who passed away on February 3. We offer our prayers and support for their families and friends.

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.

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:

Violet Cope, Pauline Smith, Connor Velez, Pauline Fretz, Priscilla Alderfer

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

The Bulletins are sponsored by Fred and Anna Eisenhard in honor of their 64th wedding anniversary.

The Organ Flowers are sponsored by Sharon Snyder and Family in memory of her parents, Paul and Anna Marie Bieber.

Church Attendance – Sunday, January 30, 2011: 8:30 – 48 10:30 AM -106

Income Report for Sunday, January 30, 2011:

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$786.00
General Fund - \$3,091.25