

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

139 N. Fourth Street  
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

June 5, 2011

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**8:00 & 10:30 AM**

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

Thought for Meditation: *"Men are born to succeed, not to fail."*  
- Henry David Thoreau

Organ Prelude

*...All May Stand...*

Processional Hymn: *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* #2  
*...Please Be Seated...*

Welcome and Announcements

*...All May Stand...*

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

*Leader:* Sing to God; sing praises to God's name.  
Let all nations bow down to worship God.

**People:** **God is ruler over all creation.**  
**God reigns over earth and the farthest heavens.**

*Leader:* Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over all.  
Listen to hear God's mighty voice.

**People:** **This sanctuary is filled with God's presence.**  
**Here we receive the power and strength from God.**

*Leader:* Here we pray together for God's guidance.  
The Holy Spirit empowers us to witness.

**People:** **God draws us together as one people.**  
**We can experience eternity in the midst of time.**

***The People of God Confess Their Sins***

Act of Confession:

*Leader:* Let us confess our sins to God, seeking God's grace and mercy.

**People:** **O God, if we suffer, it is usually not because of our loyalty to Christ. When we are glad and shout for joy, it is seldom because we want to celebrate your presence with us. We even forget to say thank you when, by the power and strength you give us, we accomplish some cherished goal. Our lives are not focused on realizing your rule of love on earth, as in heaven. O God, receive our confession and help us to discipline ourselves in caring discipleship, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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:

*Leader:* Let the righteous be joyful! The God of all grace cares about you and wants the very best for you, in company with all God's children. God restores, supports, and strengthens you. God establishes you as a person of worth and as a community of faithful, loving people. Individually and together, we are called to eternal glory in Christ, whose love we share.

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*

Loud Offering

A Time to Pass Our Faith Onto Our Children (10:30)

The Holy Scripture:

First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14 Page 884

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 Page 986

Gospel Lesson: John 17:1-11 Page 879

Sermon: "Jesus Prays"

Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

### *The People of God Pray*

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader:* Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

### *Sharing our Tithes and Offerings*

Invitation

The Offering

The Offertory Organ Offertory (8:00)

Senior Choir Anthem: "Come Share the Lord" (10:30)

arr. Christopher

*...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 and Blessing:

*Leader:* The reign of God is being restored among us.  
The Holy Spirit is coming to empower us.

**People: We are together in awe before God.  
Now we carry our worship into our work.**

*Leader:* God cares for us and supports us day by day.  
In all we do and say, God is present.

**People: We see God's power in the skies.  
We realize the power of God's love within.**

*Leader:* Go now and share that love to strengthen others.  
Trust God and be alert to life's possibilities.

**People: God dwells among us and unites us in Christ.  
In this faith is our deepest joy.**

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: *"Be Thou My Vision"*

Silent Moment

Postlude:

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### **Preparation for Worship**

Jesus, our Savior, is the source of eternal life. May we experience this gift — even here on earth!

### **Welcome**

As we gather for worship and fellowship, may we be one, even as Jesus and the Father are one. Welcome, one and all!

### **Stewardship Moment**

Someone said that God looks not for the quantity of the gift but for the quality of the giver. We gain an additional benefit when we put money into God's offering plate each week. We exercise spiritual muscles that help us "let go" of something that Jesus tells us again and again can reduce the quality of our lives.

### **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:* Joshua Dillman, Amber Koehler  
*Lay Reader:* Adele Schaffer  
*Greeters:* Jake and Jo Kleppinger  
*Ushers:* Marty Beers, Jackie Knappenberger, Tom Gable,  
Tom Capehart, Bill Knappenberger, Phil Rhode  
*Sound System:* Brian Dillman

### **10:30 AM**

*Acolytes:* Harrison Ike, Brian Lance  
*Lay Reader:* J. Wesley Bergey  
*Greeters:* Kimberly Ike, Floyd Schmoyer, Les Schoenberger  
*Ushers:* John Hill, Richard Miller, Larry Delhagen,  
Russell Drabick, Wendy-Moyer-Drabick,  
Greg Herbine, Pat Roth, John Zayaitz  
*Sound System:* Don Keck  
*Tape Ministry:* Harold Huber  
*Nursery:* Kris Wentz, Alex Racines  
*Flower Delivery:* Pat Roth  
*Hospitality:* Donna Wert

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

### **Sunday, June 5**

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

### **Monday, June 6**

7:00 pm Board of Christian Education

### **Tuesday, June 7**

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

### **Wednesday, June 8**

5:30 pm Executive Committee  
8:30 am Cemetery Association  
6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #25  
7:00 pm Journeys Through Grief (Parlor)

### **Thursday, June 9**

6:30 pm Cadettes #6678  
6:30 pm Jr. GS Troop #6123  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts – All Dens

### **Saturday, June 11**

8:30 am AA  
8:30 am Al Anon

### **Sunday, June 12**

8:00 am  
9:15 am  
10:30 am

**Pentecost Sunday/Rite of Confirmation**  
Worship Service/Holy Communion  
Sunday school for all ages  
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### ***Church Announcements for Sunday, June 5, 2011***

#### **June Mission**

Our June Mission will again be the Bethel Bible Fellowship Church's Food Pantry – "Plus". We will be collecting food for families with children that are on summer vacation who no longer have the school providing food. Extra food is need at the pantry during these months. We hope you will find it in your heart to pick up one or two items when you do you grocery shopping. Suggestions are in the envelopes on the poster located in the narthex.

#### **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.

#### **Shoofly Pies**

Shoofly pies may be picked up this morning after each service in the lower level of the narthex.

#### **Vacation Bible School**

VBS will be held at 9:15 to 11:30 AM on July 18<sup>th</sup> through July 22<sup>nd</sup> and the VBS Sunday program on July 24<sup>th</sup> for four year olds through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Adult Leaders and Teen Helpers are needed. Visit the display in the narthex and pick up a Leader/Helper registration form. Forms can be returned to the Director of Christian Education office on the fourth floor or dropped off in the church office. Registration for children to attend can be found at the display. Please return those forms to the VBS basket located at the display. Join us for a walk through the "Seasons of Faith."

#### **Summer Sunday School**

Summer Sunday School is planned provided we have enough adult help. Teachers need time off so WE NEED YOUR HELP! Adult Leaders and Teen Helpers are needed. Please sign up any Sundays you are able to help (you do not need to do lesson plans, they are already planned.) Visit the Summer Sunday School display in the narthex. If we do not have enough adult helpers, this program will be cancelled for the summer. Watch for announcements in the next three weeks.

Summer Sunday School will start June 26<sup>th</sup> and take place during the church worship hour starting at 9:15 AM. This will be a combined group, individual classes will begin again in the fall. Children will meet in the Blue Room at the end of the hall on the fourth floor. Join us for stories, crafts, games, and special activities. See Pat Dillman for more information or questions.

### **Blood Pressure Screening**

Next Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Re-Creation**

Re-Creation singers will return to St. John's on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM to conduct our worship service. They were here in September of 2008 to lead us in worship and many members have asked when they will return. The SACRED PROGRAM is designed as a worship service and features both traditional and contemporary styles, sing-a-long hymns and children's songs. This year's program, "Stand Strong", is a live worship experience unlike any other! These college age young singers devote at least one year of their life to travel with Re-Creation at no compensation. Re-Creation operates on a free-will offering all of which is used to present their program to our Hospitalized Veterans throughout the United States at no cost to the hospital or veterans. The Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge cited the young people of Re-Creation as "*America's Ambassadors to Hospitalized Veterans*" for providing the only program of its kind in America.

**\*\*Please note, St. John's has received permission for overflow parking at the Rodale parking lot on Sixth and North Streets.\*\***

### **Re-Creation Patron**

Become a Re-Creation patron by filling out the flyer in the bulletin and give it to the member of the Worship and Music committee at the reception desk in the Narthex after the service this morning. You can also fill out the form and place it with your donation in one of the pew envelopes and place it in the collection plate. Mark the envelope "Re-Creation".

### **For Sale**

White clam sauce is available for sale at \$5.00 per quart. Please see Fred Bartholomew or Wendy Moyer-Drabick to pay and pickup.

### **St. John's Nursery**

There will not be an attendant in the nursery during summer hours starting June 19<sup>th</sup>. The nursery will be open and available for parents to use and watch their own children.

### **"Souper" Carnival**

On Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> a carnival will be held at Jordan UCC, Rt. 309 and Walbert Avenue, to benefit the Lehigh County Conference of Churches Soup Kitchen. In 2010, the Soup Kitchen served 35,500 meals; for many low income people these meals are helping them live a better life. St. John's has six teams of volunteers, each of which serve the meals twice a year. The carnival will be held from noon until 7 PM, and will feature arts and crafts for sale, games for children, food, door prizes and a silent auction. Beginning today, May 22nd, we will be selling tickets for the door prizes; tickets are \$1 for 1 ticket. A sample of the door prizes being offered are an 8GB Walkman Video MP3 player, a 7 inch screen portable DVD player, a 5 hour fishing trip with Backwoods Angler. Please support the Soup Kitchen by buying a few tickets and attending the carnival on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

### **"Think Sauerkraut"**

It's time to start thinking about our annual Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner! Mark the following dates on your calendar: Sauerkraut Production – Sunday, September 11, noon until?, Applesauce Production – Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM, Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner – November 12<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 3 and close at 7 PM. Ticket sales will start September 11<sup>th</sup>. The cost is still \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Toddlers eat free.

## **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 – Mary Hillegass**

## **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:

**Lois Koch, Rev. David Knoebel, Rev. Allan Krammer Moyer, Mrs. Raymond W. Seiling, Jr.**

**The Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Pat and Bob Roth in honor of their wedding anniversary.

**The Organ Flowers** are sponsored by the DeVries, Snyder, Follweiler, and Althouse Families in loving memory of Barbara (DeVries) Althouse.

**The Bulletins** are sponsored by Gloria Steager in honor of her grandson Keegan Eric's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Church Attendance** – Sunday, May 29, 2011: 8:30 – 54    10:30 AM - 88

## **Income Report for Sunday, May 29, 2011:**

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$646.00

General Fund - \$6,655.25