

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. Fourth Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

May 8, 2011
Mother's Day

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *"There were only three on the first walk to Emmaus. Would you go on the next walk with Jesus?"*

Prelude:

...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: *"Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us"* #231
...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements

...All May Stand...

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

Leader: God has called us together for this time of worship.
God is listening to our thoughts and to our speaking.

People: **God inclines an ear to us and hears us.**
God knows us better than we know ourselves.

Leader: Let us open our hearts to the One who gives us life.
Let us set our faith and hope in God.

People: **In one another's presence, we renew our vows.**
Together we offer our thanksgiving sacrifice.

Leader: God's promises to us are ancient and ever new.
God is with us here and on all the roads we travel.

People: **Together we lift our voices in songs of praise.**
Together we recognize we are precious in God's sight.

The People of God Confess Their Sins

Act of Confession:

Leader: Peter preached: "Save yourselves from this crooked generation. Repent...so your sins may be forgiven." We participate in our society's alienation from God. We have joined the "me" generation in putting our own interests before all else. We have much to confess before we can claim the wholeness God offers.

People: **O God, we confess that we rush through our days without recognizing your presence with us. We follow our busy diversions without reference to your will for us. We strive for financial success and personal recognition, while you call for obedience to truth and genuine mutual love. Purify our souls, we pray, and redirect our priorities. May we be born anew through your living and enduring word. 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: The promise of forgiveness is for us and for our children, for everyone whom God calls. The gift of the Holy Spirit is ours to receive. Lift up the cup of salvation every day, and call on God's name. Give thanks for the words and deeds of Jesus, who revealed God's love for us and enlists us as disciples and apostles.

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

Children's Choir Anthems

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

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Page 885

Epistle Lesson: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 Page 491

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35 Page 860

Sermon: "That Other Emmaus" Rev. Curt Sandrock

The People of God Pray

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation: Our offerings are a sacrifice of thanksgiving in the spirit of Jesus, who gave everything, even life, to proclaim God's inclusive love. God calls all people to become children of the promise, and to this end we dedicate our gifts.

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.

Offertory Prayer: Thank you, God, for the privilege of joining with Christ in the proclamation of your love for all people. May the ministries we support serve to unite people across all differences, building up the body of Christ and reaching out to the world with healing energy. Bless

these gifts and all who give in any way to make your love known. Amen.

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, for ever.

Amen.

...Please Be Seated...

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: We have been called away from a corrupt generation.
We have been ransomed from our futile ways.

People: Life's meaning is not to be found in silver or gold.
We have found new life in trusting God.

Leader: We have been born anew through God's enduring word.
We embrace a living faith and hope.

People: We purify our souls through obedience to truth.
We love one another deeply from the heart.

Leader: Christ is alive in our midst.
Christ goes with us along all life's roads.

People: We go out to serve in Christ's name.
May the love of Christ find expression in us.

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn:

Silent Moment

Postlude: "Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant"

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Preparation for Worship

As the Easter Christ walks beside us, may we recognize him as Scripture is proclaimed.

Welcome

Welcome to worship on Mother's Day, as we offer thanksgiving and call on God's name in the presence of our family of faith.

Stewardship Moment

"Breaking Out of Bondage"

"God's Word to us about money is not painful. To the contrary, it is good news. The god of money seeks to dominate and destroy our lives. Many of us live in bondage to money, even as we think we are enjoying the god life. Money is constantly on our minds. However, as we understand God's truth about money and possessions, we are set free from this devastating force." [*Partners With God*, Bobby L. Eklund and Terry Austin] Our offerings to God's work make a difference in the lives of other people, but they also help us break out of bondage and connect our lives to matters that matter.

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: Emily Drabick, Renee Martin
Lay Reader: Linda Roosa
Greeters: Joyce Brey, Adele Schaffer
Ushers: Tom Capehart, Russell Drabick, Mike Ackerman,
Tom Gable, Bill Knappenberger, Phil Rhode
Sound System: Jim Schaffer

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Alexis Hanna, Brian Lance
Lay Reader: Les Schoenberger
Greeters: Jean Bednar, Les Schoenberger, Gloria Steager
Ushers: Linda Hengeveld, John Hill, Richard Miller, Jim
Gardner, Christine Hanna, Sarae Quinn, Pat Roth,
John Zayaitz
Sound System: Don Keck
Tape Ministry: Nancy Wieder
Nursery: Angie Karol, Sue Kibrik
Flower Delivery: Tom Capehart
Hospitality: Fred and Sandra Bartholomew

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ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, May 8

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

Monday, May 9

Tuesday, May 10

9:00 am Quilts For Kids
6:00 pm Daisy Troop #61130
7:00 pm Consistory
7:30 pm Brain Tumor Support Group

Wednesday, May 11

6:30 pm Confirmation Class
6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #25
7:00 pm Journeys Through Grief (Parlor)
7:45 pm Senior Choir

Thursday, May 12

6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Junior Choir
6:30 pm Cadettes #6678
6:30 pm Jr. GS Troop #6123
6:30 pm Cub Scouts – All Dens

Saturday, May 14

8:30 am AA
8:30 am Al Anon

Sunday, May 15

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

Mother's Day

Worship Service/Holy Communion
Sunday School for all ages
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Teacher Appreciation Sunday

Worship Service
Sunday school for all ages
Worship Service

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Church Announcements for Sunday, May 8, 2011

May Mission - Strengthen the Church

During the month of May, we will be receiving this special mission offering for the United Church of Christ. It grows the UCC by funding new church starts and invigorating existing congregations by nurturing lay and pastoral leaderships and builds youth and young adult ministries. All gifts are directed to activities and programs of your local conference as well as the UCC's national ministries.

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.

Penn Northeast Conference Work Camp, Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi

On September 10, 2011, thirty-four people representing eight UCC churches will travel to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS to participate in a work camp that will continue the work of rebuilding homes and hearts after the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. Edgar and Linda Roosa will be representing St. John's Church. The group is responsible for all costs, including: transportation to and from Biloxi, food while there, gas and vans used for transportation to and from the work areas. To help off-set the costs, three fundraisers have been organized: an electronic recycling event, June 4, a benefit fundraiser during the month of July at McDonald's in Hellertown and in May the sale of Wixon shoo-fly pies. If you have any questions, please contact Ed or Linda Roosa at 610-966-1459 or leroosa@ptd.net.

Shoe-fly Pies Benefit PNEC Biloxi Workcamp

The pies are from Wixon Bakery. The cost is \$4.00 for an 8" wet-bottom shoo-fly pie. Orders will be taken in the church narthex on the following Sundays: May 8, 15 & 22. Delivery is June 5 in the church narthex.

Golf Tournament

St. John's Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at Shepherd Hills Golf Club. \$70.00 per player includes gold, cart, lunch, drinks, prizes, and fellowship. Sponsor a hole for a minimum donation of \$40.00. For more information, contact Carl Wieder at 610-965-5295 or Jack Marsh at 610-965-5189.

Spaghetti Dinner

Christian Education and Youth Ministries presents an all you can eat Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, May 14th from 4 to 7:00 PM. The menu includes spaghetti with Italian style sauce, meatballs or white clam sauce, Italian salad, garlic and cheese toasted rolls, dessert and beverages. Adults are \$10.00, children 4-12 are \$5.00, children under three eat free. Tickets will be sold before and after each service and in the church office until the event.

Youth Group

The Faithful Followers Youth Group will meet tonight from 6 to 8:00 PM.

Relay for Life - May 13-14, 2011

CALLING ALL BAKERS!! The Macungie Relay for Life is quickly approaching. To raise money for the fight against cancer, Team Hope, St. John's UCC Emmaus, is having a bake sale. We are calling on all the great bakers of St. John's to bake their favorite recipe for pies, cakes, cookies, or anything else you want to share. The items for the bake sale can be brought to church on Friday, May 13th up until 2:00 PM or you can bring them to Macungie Park on Saturday, May 14th. We will also be making hot dogs and having various other items for sale. In addition to baking, we need your help in other ways. Register to walk, this is a 24 hour event and we should have someone on the track at all times, volunteer to help set up and take down our campsite, volunteer to make hot dogs, or sell baked goods. We hope that you will consider joining us to CELEBRATE, REMEMBER and FIGHT BACK! For more information, please contact Carl Wieder at 610-965-5295 or Teri Demmy at 610-967-6035 or Teridemm@aol.com

Carnival

On Saturday, June 25, there will be a special carnival at Jordan UCC to benefit the soup kitchen. Crafters and artisans interested in renting a table to sell items, please call Sue at 610-435-5054.

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 – Thomas Durich, Rayneld Schlegel, Bill Racines

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:

Russell Kerstetter, June Bokeko, Larry Ortt & Family, Esther Baum

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by the Altar Guild of St. John's in honor of all the mothers of St. John's.

The Organ Flowers are sponsored by in loving memory of Pauline Prechtel by her family.

The Bulletins are sponsored by Dolores F. Sell and Family in memory of Kenneth F. Sell.

Church Attendance – Sunday, May 1, 2011: 8:30 – 10:30 AM -

Income Report for Sunday, May 1, 2011:

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$1,295.00
General Fund - \$8,215.86