

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. 4th Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

October 2, 2011
World Communion Sunday

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 and 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *“The world is a great stage on which God displays his many wonders.”*

- St Francis of Sales

Prelude: Organ Prelude

...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

#425

...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements

...All May Stand...

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Grace unto you and peace from God, who was and who is, and who is to come,

People: **and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first born of the dead, ruler above all rulers of the earth,**

Pastor: In love Jesus Christ suffered death to free us from our sins,

People: **Making us a nation of priests set aside for God’s service.**

All: **To Jesus Christ be the glory and power forever and ever. Amen.**

Act of Confession:

Pastor: Let us confess our sins.

All: **Eternal God of all people and places, we confess to you our lack of oneness with our human sisters and brothers as we begin this celebration of unity in Christ. We have closed our ears to voices of pain, and of wisdom, when they speak in accents other than our own. We have lacked the vision to see that people living in places we call foreign are as surely your children as we are. Our sensibilities are jarred even by the way our nearest neighbors express their faith in Christ. We cling to the pride of nations and denomination as if we had a special claim on truth and leadership.**

Gracious God, forgive us, and renew a right spirit with us, a spirit of compassion, understanding, and humility. Fill us with the vision of unity in Christ, and enable us to incarnate Christ’s love, so that we may worthily partake in the body of Christ and the wine of the new covenant. 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: The good news in Christ is that God is more willing to forgive our sins than we are to acknowledge them! The God of peace be with you all, keeping you in unity with Christ’s people everywhere.

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: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Page 58

Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14 Page 954

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:33-46 Page 803

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

Sermon: "One World One Church – Love"

Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

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, for ever.

Amen.

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Invitation

The Offering

The Offertory: "*Break Thou the Bread of Life*" (8:00) Lorenz

Senior Choir Anthem: "*In Remembrance*" (10:30) Red

...All May Stand...

The Offertory Response: "*Doxology*"

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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

Invitation

Prayer of Participation:

Pastor: To God be the glory:

Great things God has done!

To prepare ourselves to partake of this Holy Meal, let us pray:

Healing God, we come before you broken, yet seeking wholeness, isolated, yet seeking community, overwhelmed, yet seeking simplicity, shamed, yet seeking grace:

People: God, we yearn for the healing you promise.

Pastor: God of justice, we come before you selfish, yet seeking a generous heart, arrogant, yet seeking humility, responsible for injustices, yet seeking forgiveness:

People: God, we yearn for the justice you promise.

Pastor: God of Peace, we come before you afraid, yet seeking assurance, agitated, yet seeking serenity, angry, yet seeking a forgiving heart:

People: God, we yearn for the peace you promise.

Pastor: Knowing that through Christ all things are made new, we come to this communion table to be recreated through the bread and cup, and to be renewed in our faith and commitment.

All: God, we submit ourselves to renewal through you.

This we pray through Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Thanksgiving

Seraphic Hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth 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.**

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Words of Institution

Blessing of the Elements:

Pastor: God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbors near and far.

People: Bless this bread, we pray.

Pastor: May this fruit of the vine remind us of the inter-connectedness of people around the world.

People: Bless this cup, we pray.

All: May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people and your world united in the One Body of Christ.

Sharing the Elements

...All May Stand...

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Pastor: Praise God from whom all blessings flow! With thanksgiving, let us celebrate our new life in Christ giving thanks to God our creator and sustainer.

All: Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal. Thanks you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity. Thank you for this day which we worship and serve you. Amen.

The People of God Go Forth In Mission

Commission

Benediction

Choral Benediction:

May God give you peace through every trial.

May God give you courage for every mile.

May God give you comfort and be your friend,
and give you life eternal, life without end.

Recessional Hymn: “*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*” #422

Silent Moment

Postlude: “*Postlude in E Major*” Hornsby

Welcome

Christ Jesus has made you his own. Welcome to this time of worship with his family, the church.

Preparation for Worship

We are the “pleasant planting” of our Father, the divine Farmer (Isaiah 5:7, NRSV). May the harvest of our hearts bring God glory.

Stewardship Moment

Ironic, isn't it? The more God blesses us financially, the more difficult our decision to keep putting first in our lives the God who blesses us. What kinds of choices are you making with your money?”

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: Olivia DeLong, Alexis Dries
Greeters: Dolores Fioriglio, Adele Schaffer
Lay Reader: Jean Deischer
Ushers: Tom Capehart, Phil Rhode, Don Keck, Tom Gable,
Jonathan Keck, Barry Miller
Sound System: Jim Schaffer

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Brian Lance, Molly Lance
Greeters: Jean Bednar, Linda Gardner, Rachel Wentz
Lay Reader: Les Schoenberger
Ushers: Scott Stenroos, John Zayaitz, Marty Beers,
Dave Davis, Jim Gardner, Greg Herbine,
John Hill, Sarae Quinn
Sound System: Richard Miller
Nursery: Gena DeLong, Michaela Hill
Tape Ministry: Nancy Wieder
Flower Delivery: Marty Beers
Hospitality: Donna Wert

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ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 2

8:00 am Worship/Holy Communion
9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 am Worship/Holy Communion

Monday, October 3

7:00 pm Board of Christian Education

Tuesday, October 4

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

Wednesday, October 5

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

Thursday, October 6

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

Saturday, October 8

8:30 am AA
8:30 am Al Anon

Sunday, October 9

Pet Blessing/Visitation

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 World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2011

October Mission – Neighbors in Need (NIN)

NIN is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. To learn more about NIN, we will have a Mission Moment by Geoffrey Brace, the assistant moderator of Penn Northeast Conference on Sunday, October 23, 2011. Please give as you are able. Thank you. The Mission Committee.

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.

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.

Basket Bingo

Our Fall Basket Bingo is coming soon! The date is Sunday, October 30th. Doors open at 1 pm and bingo starts at 2 pm. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Tickets will be sold after the 8:00 and 10:30 am services or in the church office during regular business hours. Tickets are \$20 for 20 games and specials will be available for purchase. We are looking for people to sponsor baskets, donate items for the Chinese auction, donate door prizes, volunteer to help the day of the bingo and donate baked goods. If you are interested in any of these, please call Wendy Moyer-Drabick at 610-754-1988.

"Journeys Through Grief"

St. John's is once again hosting "Journeys Through Grief", a six week seminar for those who are grieving. The seminar provides a safe place to learn about the stages of grief and explore the feelings you may have associated with the loss of a loved one in your life. The group meets Wednesdays, October 19 – November 30 [no session on November 23] from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the church parlor. Registration is required. Contact Pastor Kerry W. Smart at 610-770-9205 or www.lutherancongregationalservices.org

Pet Visitation/Blessing of the Pets

All children and youth are invited to bring their pets along to Sunday school for blessing of the pets on Sunday, October 9. All will proceed to their classrooms at the start of Sunday school at 9:15 AM. Everyone will proceed to Fellowship Hall for the program and to meet our “guest animals” from Gress Mountain Ranch in Orefield. Everyone is then invited to stay for the worship serve at 10:30 AM for the blessing of the pets that will take place during the children’s story time. On behalf of the Sunday school, we would like to support our guests from Gress Mountain Ranch who provide care for 44 animals, most with some form of health issue. Some of their animals help provide animal therapy to children with medical and physical disabilities. They also visit nursing homes and groups. You can help support God’s creatures and these dedicated people. Their needs include: bottles of mineral oil for LeRoy the pig and Tide Total Care HE laundry detergent. There are 3 loads of wash daily for LeRoy alone. They also need shredded wheat, Raisin Bran cereal for the goats, large and small bars of soap, Purina horse chow, Equine Senior and Strategy horse foods, pine shavings in big bags for the horse stalls and all the small animals in the house. Timothy hay for the rabbits and guinea pig, applesauce – 6 lbs a day – for Ellie, the big plow horse, peanut butter – both smooth and chunky – for some of the animal’s medications, and of course \$\$\$\$\$. We will be collecting these items from the Wish List and your generous \$\$\$\$ through the month of October.

Blood Pressure Screening

Next Sunday, October 9th, 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 before and after both services.

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 – Robert Burdette, Mae Barto, Michelle Powell, Tracy Dell, Richard Snyder

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:

Agnes Hendricks, Catherine Hillegas

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Mary Lou Hilbert in memory of Ken on their wedding anniversary.

Church Attendance – Sunday, September 25, 2011: 8:00 AM – 62 10:30 AM - 125

Income Report for Sunday, September 25, 2011:

Mortgage Account

(BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$3,837.10

General Fund - \$830.00