

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

139 N. Fourth Street  
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

September 4, 2011

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:15 AM**

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

*Thought for Meditation: To look up and not down, to look forward and not back, to look out and not in, and to lend a hand"*

-Edward Everett Hale"

Prelude: "*Because He Lives*" solo, Carl Frantz  
...*All May Stand...*

Hymn: "*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*" #453  
...*Please Be Seated...*

Welcome and Announcements  
Mission Moment Marilyn Egner  
...*All May Stand...*

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

*Leader:* God is here to meet us: glorify God's name.  
God welcomes us: put your trust in God.  
**People: We are here to celebrate God's presence.  
We honor God's steadfast love and faithfulness.**  
*Leader:* God reveals to us the idols that limit us;  
God's governance is our help and our shield.  
**People: We give thanks for God's saving work.  
We rejoice in authorities who seek our highest good.**  
*Leader:* Our Creator seeks to establish community among us.  
God calls us to be a reconciling people.  
**People: Where two or three gather in Christ's name,  
God is present to strengthen and uphold.**

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

Act of Confession:

*Leader:* Let us boldly confess our sins to God.  
**People: Steadfast God, we have doubted your presence and involvement in our lives. We have focused on immediate concerns rather than eternal values. We worship the idols we have made, the things we have accumulated, the successes we have enjoyed, the activities that give us pleasure. We rebel against any authority that challenges our self-interest or bids us to be neighbors to all. We find it hard to believe that your ways are better than our ways. Turn us around, God, for we do not want to be lifeless and unfeeling. 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:* God loves us, even when we do not return that love. God's forgiveness is always available to anyone who is truly sorry for all the wrong that has broken trust with God and fractured community with neighbors. God is our help and shield when we put our trust in God. Live as forgiven people, gathering in Christ's name, consecrated and committed to a new way of life.

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

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament: Exodus 12:1-14 Page 51

Epistle: Romans 13:8-14 Page 923

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20 Page 799

Sermon: “Real People – Real Christians”

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: “*Precious Lord*” solo, Carl Frantz  
...*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:* We are children of God and neighbors to one another; therefore, let us live as God's family.

**People: We are subject to God's authority; therefore, we seek to be listeners and reconcilers.**

*Leader:* We are the church, the body of Christ; Therefore, we bind and loose in Christ's name.

**People: We are a people of prayer and action; therefore, we dare to trust God to lead us.**

*Leader:* God will be our help and our shield; God's steadfast love will sharpen our senses.

**People: We will listen and speak as God empowers; our hands and feet are in God's employ.**

Hymn: "*Here I Am, Lord*"

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Silent Moment

Postlude: "*Rise Up, O Men of God*"

arr. Innes

### **Preparation for Worship**

We've come to rest from our labors, Lord, because your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Refresh us, O Jesus.

### **Welcome**

As summer eases into fall, we're glad you've joined us to praise our timeless God!

### **Stewardship Moment**

We do not give in order to get something back from God. That would be a form of spiritual selfishness likely to damage us more than help us. Yet, the Bible is clear – in both the Old Testament and the New Testament – that we will receive in the same measure that we give. Our offerings each week in worship do more than help with God's work. They also give God a chance to deliver on that promise from Scripture.

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**9:15 AM**

<i>Acolytes:</i>	Amber Koehler, Shania Koehler
<i>Lay Reader:</i>	Floyd Schmoyer
<i>Greeters:</i>	Linda Gardner, Adele Schaffer, Les Schoenberger
<i>Ushers:</i>	Jim Gardner, Phil Rhode, Marty Beers, Dave Davis, Leon Hemperly, Greg Herbine, Sarae Quinn, Pat Roth
<i>Sound System:</i>	Jim Schaffer
<i>Tape Ministry</i>	Floyd Schmoyer
<i>Flower Delivery:</i>	Marty Beers

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

### **Sunday, September 4**

9:15 am      Worship Service/Holy Communion

### **Monday, September 5**

Church Office Closed

### **Tuesday, September 6**

9:00 am      Quilts For Kids

### **Wednesday, September 7**

8:30 am      Cemetery Association

6:30 pm      Confirmation Class Orientation

7:45 pm      Senior Choir

### **Saturday, September 10**

8:30 am      AA

8:30 am      Al Anon

### **Sunday, September 11**

#### **Rally Day/Teacher Installation**

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, September 4, 2011***

#### **September Mission – “Holy Joe’s Café”**

This Coffee House Ministry for soldiers supports military chaplains in over 120 “Boots-On-The-Ground” locations throughout Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. Holy Joe’s Cafés are designated places where troops can go to relax, escape their duties of war, get a fresh cup of coffee, and talk with a chaplain in a casual setting. Please see the bulletin insert for additional information regarding this project. Please give as generously as you are able. Thank you. The Missions Committee

#### **Pork and Sauerkraut News**

The Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the church parlor. Anyone interested in becoming a part of the “sauerkraut family” is welcome. Cabbage shredding day will be Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from noon until 150 heads of cabbage are ready to begin St. John’s 2011 sauerkraut. We will meet at the home of Dick and Janet Snyder, 4171 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Emmaus. A covered dish luncheon will be served. Contributions are welcome. Questions or comments may be directed to Fred Bartholomew at 610-820-8385.

#### **Attention Members of St. John’s**

The Nursery is in desperate need of volunteers to help in the nursery during the 10:30 worship. We have recently lost several helpers who have been involved for many years. If we don’t get the adequate help that we need, we will need to have the nursery available only for parents who wish to watch their own children during the service. Please call Kris Wentz at 610-965-7067 if interested.

#### **Confirmation Classes**

Our 2011-2012 Confirmation classes will begin with an orientation night on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM with the students and parents. If you are in at least 7<sup>th</sup> grade and have not been confirmed, you are welcome to take part in this year’s confirmation program. If interested, please call Colleen in the church office at 610-965-9158.

#### **Altar Flowers**

If you have signed up to sponsor altar flowers in the upcoming months, please call the church office and let us know what you would like the dedication to be in the bulletin.

#### **White Roses**

The White Roses placed on the altar this morning are in memory of **Fred Eisenhard** who passed away on August 18, **Mary Billman** who passed away August 28, and **George Scholl** who passed away August 30, 2011. We offer our prayers and support for their family 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:

**Loretta DeLabar, Anna Eisenhard & Family, Ronald & Shirley Hillegass, Buraldine Mabus**

**The Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Madge Roth in honor of her daughter and son-in-law's wedding anniversary.

**The Bulletins** are sponsored by Diane Ritter in honor of her granddaughter, Tiegan Trach's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Church Attendance** – Sunday, August 28, 2011: 9:15 AM – 0 (Cancelled due to storm.)