

# ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. 4th Street  
Emmaus, Pennsylvania  
January 20, 2013

**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

**8:00 and 10:30 AM**

## *The People of God Gather For Worship*

Thought for Meditation: *“Not only do we know God through Jesus Christ, we only know ourselves through Jesus Christ.”* Blaise Pascal

*Please refrain from talking during the prelude as others are in silent meditation.*

Organ Prelude

*...All May Stand...*

Processional Hymn: *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”* #91  
*...Please Be Seated...*

Welcome and Announcements

*...All May Stand...*

Greeting:

*Pastor:* The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Act of Confession:

*Pastor:* Let us confess our sins, repudiating those things that rob us, and those around us, of generosity and joy. Let us pray.

**All: Whenever we have turned our Christianity into dull platitudes, without zest and laughter; Lord have mercy. Whenever we have resented the enthusiasm of the new convert or the excitement of the idealistic person; Christ have mercy. Whenever we have traded the new wine of the gospel for the old beverage of religious laws, anxiety, and self-belittling; Lord have mercy. O dearest Christ,**

**brother and savior, your super-abundant forgiveness is ready ages before we seek it; your love is enfolding us long before we become aware of it. Fill us, we pray, with the peace that the secular world cannot give us, and with the joy that no doubt, failure or fear can steal from us. 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:* Our God does not deal in half measures. Out of God’s fullness, we have received saving grace heaped upon saving grace.

**People: It is Christ who sets us free, therefore we stand free indeed.**

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*

Children’s Sermon (10:30)

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5 Page 604

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 12:1-11 Page 933

Gospel Lesson: John 2:1-11 Page 863

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

Sermon: “Wine and Wow” Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

*...All May Stand...*

Apostle’s Creed:

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and**

**earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hades; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Hymn: *“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”* #95  
*...Please Be Seated...*

### *The People of God Pray*

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern  
Prayers of Intercession

*Pastor:* Called by the Holy Spirit into relationship with a loving God, we pray for the church, all in need, and the whole creation. (Silence)  
Continue to pour your steadfast love upon the church, O God, So that we may share your abundant grace with the whole world. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* You love your creation, O God. Grow our sense of responsibility for animals entrusted to our care. Lord in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* You lavish care on all people, O God. Help leaders to act in ways that spread your peace to all the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* Your Spirit gives gifts to each one of us, O God. Let us use our gifts to care for all who suffer; the homeless or unemployed; those who are ill or in pain (names of those in need). Lord, In your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* Use this congregation, O God, helping us to serve you in whatever way we are called. Help us to share your love with a thirsty world. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* Sustain us in the gift of baptism until we gather around your throne with all your saints from every time and place. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* Into your loving hands gracious God, we place ourselves and all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior, the one who taught us to pray:

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, forever. Amen.**

### *Sharing our Tithes and Offerings*

Invitation

Organ Offertory (8:00)

Anthem: Choir Men (10:30) *“Hand me Down my Silver Trumpet”*  
*...All May Stand...*

The Offertory Response: *“Doxology”* #46

**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

### *The People of God Go Forth In Mission*

Commission

*Pastor:* Today and every day, take care of one another, knowing that each of you is God's gift to this community and to the world.

**People: Amen.**

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional

Hymn: *“Love Divine All Love's Excelling”* #517

Silent Moment

Postlude: *“Trumpet Tune”* Martin

**Welcome!** Jesus Christ is the light of the world! We welcome you, one and all, into the light that no darkness can overcome.

**Preparation for Worship:** We lay our cares before you, Jesus, trusting you to lead us in right paths. Help us sense your guidance in this worship service.

**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:* Sarah Boehm & Gabriella Gormas  
*Greeters:* Jo & Jake Kleppinger  
*Lay Reader:* Tom Capehart  
*Ushers:* Mike Ackerman, Randy Weidner,  
Bill & Jackie Knappenberger  
*Sound System:* Jonathan Keck

#### **10:30 AM**

*Acolytes:* Kenneth Heck & Nicole Karol  
*Greeters:* Marty Beers, Jennifer Hartranft, John Hill  
*Lay Reader:* Ron Heffelfinger  
*Ushers:* Adam Beers, Kyle Heck, Sarae Quinn,  
Rachel Wentz  
*Sound System:* Richard Miller  
*Nursery:* Kris Wentz & Alex Racines  
*Tape Ministry:* Harold Huber  
*Hospitality:* Don & Cindy Kaufman  
*Flower Delivery:* Mary Lou Hilbert

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

### **Sunday, January 20**

8:00 am Worship  
8:50 am Jr. Choir Rehearsal  
9:15 am Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 am Worship

### **Monday, January 21**

6:15 pm Troop 61130

### **Tuesday, January 22**

9:00 am Quilts for Kids  
6:30 pm Evening Worship Service

### **Wednesday, January 23**

9:30 am "Getting Unstuck"  
10:00 am 10-2 Club  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
6:30 pm Bell Choir  
7:45 pm Sr. Choir rehearsal

### **Thursday, January 24**

10:15 am Women's Bible Study  
6:30 pm All Dens

### **Saturday, January 26**

8:30 am AA  
8:30 am Al Anon  
9:45 am Al Anon  
2:00 pm Jefferson Elementary School Bingo

### **Sunday, January 27**

8:00 am Worship  
8:50 am Jr. Choir  
9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages  
10:30 am Worship

## Mission Moment Stillspeaking in the Air

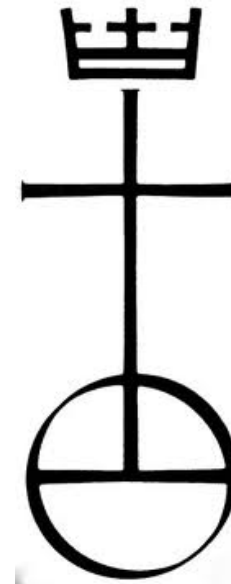
After years of having lyrics “bonking” around in her head, Heather Jerrie has expressed her love for the United Church of Christ the best way she knows how – through song. The member of First Congregational UCC in Menomonie, WI, wrote the song “God is Still Speaking,” and created an accompanying YouTube video.

The song was inspired by the UCC’s “God is Still Speaking” campaign, which Jerrie says really struck a chord with her. “When the UCC came out with that slogan, I was on fire,” she said. “I just thought it was so wonderful, and such a great way to express that our faith is still unfolding and that God is still speaking for the world and for justice.”

A fourth-grade teacher by profession, Jerrie has been a songwriter for most of her life, and has even produced an album. Like one of her idols, folk singer and musical activist Pete Seeger, Jerrie believes that music can help make the world a better place and can bring joy and healing to others. After finishing the song last summer and performing it for her congregation, fellow members encouraged her to make it accessible to others by putting it on YouTube. After trying to film a video of herself performing it, during which she felt “shy and uncomfortable,” she decided to play the song against a backdrop of inspirational images that illustrate the idea that God is indeed still speaking. She contacted friends and relatives who love photography and asked them to send her photos depicting the way God speaks in their lives, and received an amazing variety of images she incorporated into the video, along with some of her own photos and images she found online.



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