

April 8, 2018

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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2nd Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

(+) *Those who are able please stand* **Bold – congregation responds as able**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

T. Kendall

“Christ is the Way, The Truth, The Life”

+CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Hosanna! Blessed is He who is the Christ. Christ is
Risen!

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+HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 169

“Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

CONFESSION OF SIN

~ Silent Prayers ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Hear the Good News in Jesus Christ. We are forgiven;

Thanks be to God.

+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*

+STATEMENT OF FAITH (unison)

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Almighty God, inspire our hearts and minds that we may hear anew your message for us today. Amen

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 221]

1 John 1:1 - 2:2

HYMN Blue Hymnal No. 191

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

GOSPEL LESSON [NT page 110] John 20:19-31

SERMON *"Receive the Holy Spirit"* Mary Etta Mest

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM *"Thine is the Glory"* Budry; Handel

+OFFERING RESPONSE

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord,
from thee. Amen.*

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE (prayers for local and worldwide concerns)

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors) Blue Hymnal page 37

+HYMN *"Peace, Perfect Peace"* Blue Hymnal No. 245

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE J. Mansfield

"At Length There Dawns the Glorious Day"



Welcome Visitors – We warmly welcome you and ask that before you leave today, please make sure to sign the guestbook on the podium out in the Narthex.

Communitas – The weekly Communitas are available for you in the narthex.

Large Print Bulletins – Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

Fundraiser – Contact our sexton, Charles Anhalt, for discounted in-house tile and carpet cleaning. 20% of all proceeds received will be donated to our church in honor of you. Contact Charles at 484-333-1424.

Grocery Gift Cards to Support Missions: Giant, Redner's, & Weis – See Connie Hile

Thank You – Thank you to everyone who helped fill the shelves in the Food Pantry at Boyertown Multi-Service. You collected: 33 bars of soap, 19 sticks of deodorant, 21 hair care products, 1 can of veggies, 17 boxes of pancake mix, 11 jars of jelly, 20 bottles of syrup, 11 cans of Chef Boyardee, 5 cans of Spaghettios.

Pastoral Care – Pastor Mary will be away on vacation this week. If you need pastoral care, please contact Nikki in the office. Pastor Bob Witmyer from Salem UCC in Oley will be available for Hill Church.

Mission: Birdsboro 5K – Ecumenical Day of Service – On April 21st our congregation is partnering with five other local congregations to bless and connect with the people of our wider community. As part of the Beautify Birdsboro celebration we will be painting curbs and supporting Mission Trip Birdsboro through the various *Mission: Birdsboro 5K* events. Additionally the Masonic Lodge is providing a \$3 discount to all registered volunteers for their All You Can Eat breakfast that will be held that same day (7-11am). To signup contact Nikki in the church office or go to stpaulsbirdsboro.org, select the “What We Do” tab for the 5K Run & Fun Walk Volunteer Opportunities. Individuals are requested to sign up by April 17th to ensure all supplies and preparations are made ready. Thank you for your support!

VBS – It is time to think Summer!! VBS is in the works and planning stages. Mark your calendars for June 11-14 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Registration forms are out on the window sills in the sanctuary and is also available online. Tee Shirt order forms are also available on the window sills. *Participants need to Register by May 13th to receive a FREE child size t-shirt.*

VBS Donations – The VBS donation wall is up in the narthex. In addition to the items on the wall we need to ask if you have any items in your home we can borrow. If you have any of the items below, please bring them to church and place them in the primary floor Sunday School rooms and also make sure your name is on them so they can be returned to you. Items needed are:

- Rope (all different weights)
- Old Trunks & Suitcases
- Stuffed Monkeys, Parrots, Snakes
- Large Crates & Wooden Boxes
- Fishing Nets
- Lanterns
- Boat Oars
- Fake Greens/Ferns

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - April 8

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service

Monday - April 9

9 am Small Group Bible
Study

Tuesday - April 10

7 pm Consistory Meeting

Wednesday - April 11

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday - April 14

7 am Men's Breakfast
8 am Work Day

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - April 15

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
Newsletter Deadline

Monday - April 16

9 am Small Group Bible
Study

Tuesday - April 17

7:30 pm Cemetery Board
Meeting at St. Joe's

Wednesday - April 18

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" ~1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for the men and women in the military, your neighbors and community, and our church. Pray for all those celebrating miracles. Prayers for all those who are suffering from violence, fear for their lives, those who have been affected by violent acts, those suffering from wounds and most importantly those who have lost a loved one.

Help us keep our prayer list up to date. To add, remove, or update a prayer request, please contact the church office or place a colored prayer request slip from your pew in the offering plate. Prayer requests are kept on the list for a 4 week period, if you would like the person to remain on the list for an additional 4 weeks, please contact Nikki with an update.

Brad Kolb (Geneva Kolb's Son) ----- disabled

Bradlee Benjamin-----recovering from knee surgery

Wendy Hess (Friend of Cheryl Graber's) -----
----- has burst brain aneurism, stroke, phenomena

Jack Eachus (Connie Hile's Dad) ----- lung & pancreatic cancer

Family of Ruth Mutter ----- Ruth passed away last Sun. night

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for April: Bonnie Helmick & Mark Hile

Worship Assistant: Arlan Schaeffer

Acolyte: Austin Kolb

This week's flowers are are sponsored in memory of Ruth Mutter.

This week's bulletins are sponsored in honor of Ray Kochey's birthday!

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Terry & Mayetta Shane

Flowers: David Mutter

2018 Flower & Bulletin Sign-up sheets are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. If you sponsor flowers for the week, please remember to take them with you after the service; if you do not want to take your flowers home, please let Nikki know and she will make sure they get to a shut-in to enjoy.

Last Week

Last Week's Attendance:

Church: 7 am - 35 9:30 am - 120 Sunday School: 25

Last Week's Offering: \$4,071.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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