

**September 2, 2018**



+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*"Something Beautiful"*

Faith & Praise No. 571

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*Something beautiful, something good; All my confusion  
He understood; All I had to offer Him was  
brokenness and strife, But He made something  
beautiful of my life.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, as  
sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your  
Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your  
Word with truth and grace – so that the good news  
of your love would shine before our eyes and  
delight our senses...so that we cannot help but  
respond with wonder, faith and trust. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

[NT page 213]

James 1:17-27

GOSPEL LESSON

[NT page 40]

Mark 7:1-23

SERMON

*"True Religion"*

Pastor Chuck Maxfield

+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.**

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

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

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM "Andante Religioso" J. Rinck

+OFFERING RESPONSE

"Glorify Thy Name"

Faith & Praise No. 77

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*Father, we love You, we worship and adore You.*

*Glorify Thy name in all the earth. Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name. Glorify Thy name in all the earth.*

*Jesus, ...*

*Spirit, ...*

+OFFERING PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN Blue Hymnal No. 335

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord God!

**It is good that we do!**

We give you thanks, Lord God, creator and Father, for bringing the worlds into being, for forming all persons in your likeness, for recalling us when we rebel against you, and for keeping the world in your steadfast love.

**We praise you especially for Jesus Christ, who was born of Mary and lived as one of us; Who knew exactly the life we know, and yet was obedient to your purposes, even to his death on a cross.**

We thank you that you stamped his death with victory by raising him in power and by making him head over all things.

**We rejoice in the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit, in the church you have gathered, in its task of obedience, and in the promise of eternal life.**

With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your Holy name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy. God of love and majesty, the whole world speaks of your glory, O God, most high!**

Grant O Lord, by your Holy Spirit, that the bread we break and the cup we share may be for us a means of grace; that receiving them we may be made one with Christ and he with us, and remain members of His body, until we feast with Him anew in His kingdom.

**In the strength Christ gives, we offer ourselves to you, giving thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*Please hold the bread and wine until all have received. We will partake together. Note that the outer rings are filled with wine, while the inner rings have grape juice, and are a lighter color. As the elements are distributed, please pass the tray to the center of the pew, and then back again to the Usher.*

+HYMN            “O Brother Man”            Blue Hymnal No. 393

+COMMISSION & BENEDECTION

+RESPONSE

***God be with you till we meet again. By His counsels guide uphold you, With His sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.***

+POSTLUDE            “Epilogue of Praise”            F. Ritter



- \* Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.
- \* The weekly Communitas are available in the narthex.

**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.

**Holy Communion** – We invite you to join us in sharing Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this church to come to Christ's Table. All mature believers are welcome to receive the bread and cup of the Lord.

**The Communion Offering** which assists needy members of our Hill Church Family is being received today. Please use brown pew envelopes for your donation.

**Remington Ryde Concert** – September 16 at 4:30 pm! Yard signs and posters are available for you to take and put out around the community.

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

**T-Shirt Fundraiser** – St. Paul's UCC, Fleetwood fundraiser for 2020 mission trip to Ghana, Africa! Matt Hinkle has returned from his June 2018 trip and working towards a goal in 2020. The t-shirt is available for purchase for \$20 to help raise money for their project. Contact Matt Hinkle for more details or see the poster in the Narthex or Sunday School hallway. Order deadline is September 30.

**Pastoral Search Process** – We are embarking on the process of searching for and calling our next full time pastor. The first task is to update our Hill Church Profile, which is essentially our resume which will be used by future potential candidates to evaluate their interest in pursuing the pastoral position at Hill Church. The Consistory has nominated a “Transition Team” to develop our new profile and the members are Gloria Romig, Bonnie Helmick, Dale Fronheiser, and Rick Furches. We had hoped to have 5 – 6 people participate on this team so if you are interested in helping please let someone from the Consistory or Transition Team know. The Transition Team will be soliciting input from all members of the congregation over the next couple months regarding who we are, where we are, and where to we want to go as a church with our next pastor. This information will be incorporated into the profile so please provide your responses when we ask. After the profile is complete, another group, the “Search Committee”, will be the group to actually interview candidates and select our new pastor: if you are interested in serving on the Search Committee please let the Consistory know.

**Church Treasurer** – We are now accepting applications to fill this position order to allow ample time for any necessary training. Applications can be found in the Narthex or the church office. If you have any questions please feel free to ask a consistory member.

**Hoagie Sale** – Order by September 11; Pick up September 22. More details and order form are in the bulletin.

**Oley Fair** – Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> Hill Church is volunteering at the Oley Fair in the hot dog/hamburger stand from 4 -10 pm. Please contact Eileen Fisher if are able to help out for more details. A free parking pass for the night is available if you help out. It is a great night of laughter, fun and work all while helping the community!

**Community Outreach** - We will be collecting for Operation Backpack during the months of August and September. Below is a list of items needed to fill the backpacks each week. They request that each item be “single serve” if it is within a multi or larger pack. Thank you in advance for your support of this project! If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller. note: items with (\*) are in most need

- \*Tuna To-Go
- \*Complete Meals (like Hormel)
- \*Ready to eat Soup (with a “pop-top”)
- \*Mac and Cheese
- Spaghettios/Beef Ravioli
- Fruit Cups / Applesauce
- Granola / Fruit Bars
- Pop-Tarts
- Cereal
- Non-refrigerated Milk
- Variety Snack Packs
- Fruit Snacks
- Water
- Juice Boxes
- Pudding (pre-made cups)

***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - September 2**  
8:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Worship Service  
with Holy Communion

**Tuesday - September 4**  
7 pm Women's Guild  
Meeting

**Saturday - September 8**  
6:30 am Men's Breakfast  
8 am Work Day

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - September 9**  
8:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Worship Service

**Monday - September 10**  
7 pm Sunday School Meeting

**Tuesday - September 11**  
Hoagie Orders Due  
7 pm Consistory Meeting

**Wednesday - September 12**  
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

Dennis (Dale Fronheiser's Uncle) & Ruth Brooke -----  
----- Ruth is in declining health

Family of Bob Fleming -----Passed away Sunday evening  
*Services will be held here, Saturday, September 8 at 11 am*

## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for September: Ray Kochey, Dottie Fronheiser & Terry Shane

Worship Assistant: Ray Kochey  
Acolyte: Brynn Wagner

This week's flowers are sponsored by Jan & Eileen Fisher in honor of the wedding of Justin Fisher & Connie Lee.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Dennis & Nancy Weller

Flowers: Dennis & Nancy Weller

*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: 52

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Last Week's Offering: \$1,880.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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*Nikki's Office Hours: Wed. 11 am – 3:30 pm;*

*Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 am – 3:30 pm*

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