

September 16, 2018

St. John - Hill U.C.C.

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17th Sunday after Pentecost September 16, 2018

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “God, the Almighty” G. Davidson

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN “Thou Art Worthy”

“Thou Art Worthy” words and music by Pauline Michael Mills ©1975 Fred Bock Music Company
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Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy
Thou art worthy, O Lord
To receive glory, glory and honor
Glory and honor and power

For Thou hast created,
Hast all things created
Thou hast created all things
And for Thy pleasure
They are created
Thou art worthy, O Lord.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Father, we have done wrong, by not caring when we
should have loved; by our indifference to the cry
of need; by hating and ignoring our neighbors.
We have rejected the way of your Son. Forgive us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"My Tribute"

Faith & Praise No. 36

"My Tribute" words & music by Andraé Crouch, ©1971 Communiqué Music CCLI License #11085161

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "To God be the glo - ry, to God be the glo - ry, To God be the glo - ry for the things He has done. With His blood He has saved me; With His pow'r He has raised me; To God be the glo - ry for the things He has done." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. Chord symbols are placed above the piano part: F, Bb, Dm7, G7, Cm, Cdim7 F7, D7, F#dim7 Gm, C9, C7, C9, F7sus F7, Bb, Dm, G7, Cm, Cdim7 F7, D7, F#dim7 Gm, Bb, Eb/F, Bb.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 3:1-12

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:27-38

SERMON "Taming the Tongue" 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.

PRAYER HYMN "Change My Heart Oh God"

"Change My Heart I God" words and music by Barry Crowe ©1995 Barry Crowe CCLI License #11085161

Change my heart, oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart, oh God
May I be like You.

You are the potter I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

Change my heart, oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart, oh God
May I be like You.

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SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

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

CALL TO OFFERING

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "At Summer's End" G. Blake

+OFFERING RESPONSE

"All Things Are Thine" Blue Hymnal No. 508

"All Things Are Thine" words and music by John Greenleaf Whittier ©1892 CCLI License #11085161

All things are Thine: no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to of - fer Thee;

And hence with grate - ful hearts to - day, Thine own be - fore Thy feet we lay.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "All Things Are Thine". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the next two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

+OFFERING PRAYER

+HYMN "Here I Am, Lord"

"Here I Am Lord" words and music by Daniel L. Schutt © 1981 New Dawn Music CCLI License #11085161

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them,
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
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+COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

+RESPONSE

*God be with you till we meet again. By His counsels
guide uphold you, With His sheep securely fold you.
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+POSTLUDE "Victory Through Christ" L. Smith



Remington Ryde Concert – TODAY at 4:30 pm! RAIN OR SHINE...Be sure to join us in the picnic grove!

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

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 – Pick up September 22 from 11:30 am – 1 pm!

Blood Drive – The November 2018 Miller Keystone Blood Drive will be held on Monday, November 19 in order to accommodate the St. Joseph's Daycare Thanksgiving program. This is a change from the typical third Tuesday schedule.

Oley Fair – Saturday, September 22nd 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!

Pastoral Search Process – We are starting to collect surveys to complete our church profile. See any transition team member, the church office or visit www.stjohnhillucc.org to complete the survey. Responses need to be completed and returned by September 23.

Introduction to the Bible – Pastor Chuck Maxfield will offer a course, “Introduction to the Bible,” on select Monday nights in September and October. This course does NOT go through the Bible verse by verse, chapter by chapter, or even book by book. It is an overview, to help us to understand the Bible as we use it in the future. Class will meet Monday mornings from 9 - 10:30 am and Monday evenings from 7 - 8:30 pm.

T-Shirt Fundraiser – Matt Hinkle has returned from his mission trip and working towards a goal in 2020. T-shirt are 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.

Back to College – We need your help in getting a list together of names, addresses, and e-mail addresses of our new college students, returning students, and military personnel. Once completed, we will post the list in the Narthex so that anyone who would like to keep in touch with them can do so. Please give your information to the church secretary at 610-367-8114 or nikki@stjohnhillucc.org. Thanks!

Apple sauce and Chow Chow Day – Monday, October 8, 7:30 am or when you can help. With many hands we should be finished by 11:00-12:00. Where?: Dining hall. This is a multi gender event. A couple of muscles in this days event are appreciated. This will supply our church for our 3 major church dinners. I don't have a clipboard but let me know if you can help. Thank you for volunteering. Nancy Weller

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 16

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
Joyful Noise Offering
Newsletter Deadline
4:30 pm Remington Ryde
Concert

Monday - September 17

9 am & 7 pm Introduction to
the Bible

Wednesday - September 18

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - September 23

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

Monday - September 24

9 am & 7 pm Introduction to
the Bible
1 pm Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday - September 26

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

John Mauger ----- Prayers for healing

From Martha Snyder -----
---- Thank you to everyone who helped when I fell last week

Serving Today

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

Worship Assistant: Matt Weller

This week's flowers are sponsored in honor of Samantha & Victor Bracey's Anniversary.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Terry & Mayetta Shane in honor of granddaughter Sadie's 13th birthday.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Joel & Nikki Weller

Flowers: Joel & Nikki 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: 47

Last Week's Offering: \$2,587.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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