

August 25, 2019

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “At Peace” arr. by G. Blake

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN “Jesus Shall Reign” Blue Hymnal No. 371

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, Grant us today your pardon and your peace –

For the sins of our lips:

**For words untrue, and words unclean,
and words unkind.**

For the sins of our hands:

**For all careless work, for all wrong deeds,
for any action which hurt another
or which made it easier for another to go wrong.**

For the sins of our minds:

**For blindness to the truth,
for refusal to face facts,
for all dishonest thinking.**

For the sins of our hearts:

**For all pride, all wrong desires,
and all false loves.**

Forgive us, O God. Amen.

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+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.*

(Children K-6th grade may leave for Sunday School)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Shine within our hearts, loving God, the pure light of
your divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our
minds and hearts that we may understand and
embrace the message of the Scripture. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 26:1-32

SERMON

Pastor Chuck Maxfield

“I wish that you were as I am”

+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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

“Not Too Far From Here”
Solo by Clara Shakespeare

T. Lacy & S. Siler

+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

PRAYER HYMN

Faith & Praise No. 552

"Have Thine Own Way"

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal pg. 37

+HYMN

"Pass It On"

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around
 can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love,
 once you've experienced it:
You spread His love to everyone,
 you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring
 when all the trees are budding,
The birds begin to sing,
 the flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love,
 once you experienced it:
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
 you want to pass it on.

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I wish for you my friend,
this happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him,
it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top,
I want my world to know:
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

+COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

+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 "March Onto Zion" C. Nordman



- * Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.
- * Weekly Communitas are available on our website.

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.

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

Remington Ryde Summer Concert – Our last concert for this year. Mark your calendars and spread the word, September 15 Remington Ryde will be in the bandshell at Hill Church. Posters and yard signs are available in the Sunday School hallway & in the Narthex. Music from 4:30 – 6:30 pm and food starting at 3:30 pm.

Sunday School – Next Sunday starts 8:30 am Sunday School for ages 2 yrs old to 100 years young. We have a seat for you.

New Bible Study Series – Join us for a 4-week study!

We will be viewing the movie "I Can Only Imagine". The movie portrays the life of the lead singer of MercyMe, Bart Millard. He suffered a painful childhood and was abused by his father. In the movie Bart shares his redemptive life story. The 4-week study is related to the movie and messages from the Gospels. Each week we will be watching a short clip of the movie, reading scripture and discussing follow up questions and pray. We will be having this on our regular Monday morning Bible Study at 9:00 AM starting Sept. 23rd. (approx. 1hr 15 Min.) Anyone is welcome to join us. If there is an interest, we will plan an evening session. (The day of the evening session will be determined by the leader and participants.) Please contact Elmer Miller if interested in an evening session.

Tower Health Hospice Volunteer Program – Volunteers can brighten the lives of our patients by providing supportive presence through companionship, conversation, activity, helping with errands and more. Volunteers can also provide administrative support by filing, copying, entering data, making phone calls and other similar activities. For more information please call Cassondra Kissinger at 1-855-843-8627 x3115

Back to College – We need your help in getting a list together of names and 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 Nikki at nikki@stjohnhillucc.org. Thanks!

Oley Fair – Saturday, September 21st Hill Church will be joining forces with the Lutheran church and volunteering at the Oley Fair in the hot dog/hamburger stand from 4 pm to close. Please contact Eileen Fisher if you 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 Collection – During the month of September we will be collecting for The Community Clothing Rack at St. Luke Lutheran Church. The Community Clothing Rack provides clothing at no cost to those in need. They serve those in the tri county area including Berks, Chester, and Montgomery counties. They are accepting donations of clean, gently used clothing for women, men, children and babies along with winter hats, coats, gloves and boots. Thank you in advance for your support of this project! If you have any questions, please contact Nikki in the church office.

September Sponsorship Opportunities

Bulletins: 1, 8, 29

Altar Flowers: 1, 8

If you would like to sponsor an upcoming Sunday, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Nikki in the church office.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - August 25

9:30 am Worship Service

Monday - August 26

9 am Bible Study

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - September 1

8:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Worship Service
with Holy Communion

Tuesday - September 3

7 pm Sunday School Meeting

"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

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for August: Sally Shirk & Ray Kochey.

Worship Assistant: Eileen Fisher

Nursery Caregivers: Mayetta & Terry Shane

This week's flowers are sponsored by Donald & Glenna Albitz in memory of Raymond & Luella Albitz.

This week's bulletins are sponsored in honor of Paige Fronheiser's birthday.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Dale & Dottie Fronheiser

Flowers:

2019 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: 62

Last Week's Offering: \$2,858.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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