

September 1, 2019

+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)

<https://www.rca.org/resources/twelfth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b>

**Gracious God,
We do not live by bread alone,
But by every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
That it may nourish us today
In the ways of eternal life,
Through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON [OT page 662] Jeremiah 2:4-13

GOSPEL LESSON [NT page 73] Luke 14:1, 7-14

SERMON "Cracked Cisterns" 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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

arr. by Ed Childs

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Piano Duet by Eileen Fisher & Elmer Miller

+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

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal pg. 37

COMMUNION HYMN

Faith & Praise No. 552

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

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:

SERAPHIC HYMN (sung)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy Glory, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

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

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

This morning we will receive the Communion Elements by coming to the Communion Table. The servers will escort worshippers to the front of the sanctuary. Note that the outer rings are filled with wine, while the inner rings have grape juice, and are a lighter color. Please partake of each element as you receive it.

+HYMN "The God of Abraham Praise" Blue Hymnal No. 61

+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

"A Psalm of Trust"

D. Paxton



* 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 – Every Sunday at 8:30 am for ages 2 yrs old to 100 years young. We have a seat for you.

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!

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

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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. Time to clean out your closets. 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: 8, 29

Altar Flowers: 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 - September 1

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
with Holy Communion

Tuesday - September 3

7 pm Sunday School
Meeting

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - September 8

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Women's Guild
Meeting

Monday - September 9

9 am Small Group Bible
Study

Tuesday - September 10

7 pm Consistory 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

629 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain (Unison)

You sat-is-fy the hungry heart with gift of fin-est

wheat. Come, give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the

Fine

bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shep - herd
2. With joy - ful lips we
3. Is not the cup we
4. The mys-tery of your
5. You give your-self to

calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice, so that
sing to you our praise and grat-i-tude, that
bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured? Do
pres-ence, Lord, no mor-tal tongue can tell; whom
us, O Lord; then self-less let us be, to

WORDS: Omer Westendorf, 1977 (Jn. 6:34; 10:1-5; 1 Cor. 10:16-17)
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GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT
CM with Refrain

EUCHARIST (HOLY COMMUNION OR THE LORD'S SUPPER)

D.C.

when you call your fam-ily, Lord, we fol - low and re - joi-ce.
 you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heav-en-ly food.
 not one cup, one loaf, de-clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 all the world can - not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char-i - ty.

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for August: Sally Shirk & Ray Kochey.

Worship Assistant: Barb Helbig

Nursery Caregivers: Joel & Nikki Weller

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Dale & Dottie Fronheiser.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins:

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: 52

Last Week's Offering: \$2,495.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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