

September 8, 2019

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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13th Sunday after Pentecost September 8, 2019

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Save Me, O God” R. Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN “Seek Ye First” Faith & Praise No. 555

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/4139/worship-elements-september-8-2019>

**God of our lives,
you search us and know us.
We have refused to take up your cross,
to bear the burdens that are ours to carry.
We have not given up our attachments
to possessions or to self.
We have not counted the cost
of walking into an unknown future with you.
Help us turn away from evil,
that we may walk with you once more.**

+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.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but my every word that comes from your mouth. Mus 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 682] Jeremiah 18:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON [NT page 73] Luke 14:25-33

SERMON Pastor Chuck Maxfield
"Clay in the Potter's hands"

+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 "Meditation On "Thais"" J. Massenet
Violin & Piano Duet by Samantha Anderson & Elmer Miller

+OFFERING RESPONSE

"Glorify Thy Name"

Faith & Praise No. 77

"Glorify Thy Name" words and music by Donna Adkins
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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

"Here I Am Lord"

See Bulletin

+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 "Chorale Postlude" J S Bach; arr by E J Lorenz



* 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 and also on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM starting Sept. 23rd. (approx. 1hr 15 Min.) Anyone is welcome to join us.

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!

VBS Offering – The week of VBS we collected monetary donations for the education fund of Macie Rambo. Carolyn Rambo and Jason's family would like to extend their sincere thanks for the donation and our prayers.

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.

Outdoor Worship – Next Sunday, September 15 we will have our 9:30 am worship outside in the bandshell. Be sure to join us later in the day too for our last summer concert of the season – Remington Ryde.

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 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

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - September 15
8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
Joyful Noise Offering
Newsletter Deadline
4:30 pm Remington Ryde Summer Concert

Monday - September 16
9 am Small Group Bible Study

“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

589 Here I Am, Lord

"Whom shall I send?" I said, "Here am I. Send me." Isaiah 6:8

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo- ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will save.
I have wept for love of them, They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro- vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior

God, to Thee; How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Optional choral ending

f How great Thou art! *rit.* How great Thou art! *ff* How great Thou art!

The end of SING OF HIS GREATNESS - A Worship Sequence
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Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for September: Bonnie Helmick & Terry Shane

Worship Assistant: Ray Kochey

Nursery Caregivers: Nancy & Dennis Weller

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Dennis & Nancy Weller

Flowers: Dennis & Nancy Weller

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: 36

Last Week's Offering: \$2,575.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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