

**March 10, 2019**

# St. John - Hill U.C.C.

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**March 10, 2019**

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

arr. by G. Peterson

*"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 176

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Eternal God,**

**Whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path,**

**We recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives.**

**Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone.**

**Reconcile us to you and to all people.**

**God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"There is a Green Hill"

Blue Hymnal No. 149

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*He died that we might be forgiven, He died to make us good, That we might go at last to heaven, Saved by His precious blood.*

*O dearly, dearly has He love, And we must love Him too, And trust in His redeeming blood, And try His works to do.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.  
Silence in us any voice but your own, that,  
hearing, we may also obey your will; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

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Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

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SERMON "What Kind of Leader" 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

ANTHEM

"Follow, Serve and Love"

J. Rodgers

+OFFERING RESPONSE

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Blue Hymnal No. 158

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*Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a  
present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

+OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN “Spirit of God” Blue Hymnal No. 193

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

+HYMN “Ask Ye What Great Things” Blue Hymnal No. 239

+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 “Prince of Peace! Control My Will” W. T. Potter



\* Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

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**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

**Community Outreach Collection** – We will be collecting for the Boyertown Multi-Service Food Pantry during the month of March. Below is a list of items needed to help with their Easter Meals. Nikki will also be making a shopping trip for fresh/frozen/refrigerated items prior to dropping off the collection; if you would like to make a donation to this shopping trip, please see Nikki. If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.

- Canned Pineapple
- Box Dessert Mixes
- Icing
- 64 oz Apple Juice
- Money/Giant Gift Cards towards shopping trip for fresh items needed (ham, potatoes, butter, veggies)

**Women's Retreat** – April 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – 3 pm at St. Paul's UCC in Douglasville. Tickets are \$25 and included breakfast & lunch. Theme is "Friendship" Sisters for a Journey with speaker, Jessie Seneca. Contact Connie Hile for more info.

**Cemetery Flowers** – In preparation for Easter, please remove all flowers from grave sites by March 31. Thank you!

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***April Sponsorship Opportunities***

Altar Flowers: 14, 28

Bulletins: 21, 28

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

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### **Midweek Worship at 7 pm**

*Lenten Theme: Perfect Love Casts Out Fear*

March 13 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

*Leviticus 19:1-3, 9-18; Romans 13:8-10*

March 20 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church

*Hosea 11:1-12; Romans 8:35-39*

March 27 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

*Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Luke 6:27-38*

April 3 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church

*1 Corinthians 13:1-13; John 14:15-31*

April 10 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

*Deuteronomy 7:7-13; 1 John 4:7-21*

### **Maundy Thursday at 7 pm**

April 18 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

### **Good Friday**

April 19 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church

Prayer Vigil (*sign up in the Narthex*)

7 pm Joint Cantata "The Living Last Words"

***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - March 10**

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

**Monday - March 11**

9 am Bible Study  
7 pm Christian Ed Meeting

**Wednesday - March 13**

6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal  
7 pm Lent Service  
8 pm Cantata Rehearsal

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - March 17**

8:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Worship Service  
Joyful Noise Offering  
Newsletter Deadline

**Monday - March 18**

9 am Bible Study

**Wednesday - March 19**

6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal  
7 pm Lent Service  
8 pm Cantata 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

Krista Miller -----undergoing testing for health concerns

Vaughn Skoog-----in rehab after bad fall

Debbie Stauffer----- recovering after back surgery

## **Serving Today**

Consistory Helpers for March: Terry Shane & Ray Kochey

Worship Assistant: Matt Weller

Nursery Caregivers: Mayetta & Terry Shane

This week's flowers are sponsored by Virginia Reichert in memory of Homer & Irva Reichert.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Edie Krause & family in loving memory of Charles Krause.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Fronheiser's

Flowers: Rick & Linda Furches

*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: 65

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Last Week's Offering: \$2,957.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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