

**March 17, 2019**

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

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**March 17, 2019**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Down to the River to Pray” by Alison Krauss

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 292

“Onward Christian Soldiers”

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Holy God,**

**we confess that we have been brisk in the service of  
self, slack in the service of others;**

**Eager to get, reluctant to give;**

**lofty in our profession, low in our practice;**

**full of good intentions, backwards to fulfilling them;**

**severe with our neighbors, indulgent with ourselves;**

**eager to find fault, resentful at being found fault  
with;**

**little able for great tasks, discontent with small ones;**

**weak in adversity, self-satisfied in prosperity;**

**helpless apart from you,**

**and yet so little willing to be bound to you.**

**Merciful God, grant us yet forgiveness,  
for His Holy name’s sake. 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.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Congregation respond when asked: With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that this child surrounded by steadfast love may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Holy God, Word made flesh,  
let us come to this word open to being surprised.  
Silence our agendas;  
banish our assumptions;  
cast out our casual detachment.  
Confound our expectations;  
clear the cobwebs from our ears;  
penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word.  
We know that you can, we pray that you will,  
and will wait with great anticipation. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

[NT page 186]

Philippians 3:17-4:1

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

[NT page 73]

SERMON

"Citizens of Heaven"

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

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Settled in the Peace of God" L.A. Warriner

+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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 243

"Make Me a Captive Lord"

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

+HYMN

"This is My Song"

See Bulletin

+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 "Little Postlude in G" arr. by S. Scott



- \* Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.
- \* The weekly Communitas are available in the Narthex.

**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.



Being baptized today is Waylon Delong, son of Cory & Stephanie Delong and brother to Wyatt.

**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)

**Cemetery Flowers** – Please remove all flowers from grave sites by March 31. Thank you!

**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.

**Newsletter Deadline** – Today, March 17<sup>th</sup> is the April newsletter deadline. Please submit your information to [nikki@stjohnhillucc.org](mailto:nikki@stjohnhillucc.org) Thank you!

**Fundraiser** – Contact our sexton, Charles Anhalt, for discounted in-house tile and carpet cleaning. 20% of all proceeds received will be donated to our church in honor of you. Contact Charles at 484-333-1424.

**Spring Cleaning** – Think warm thoughts...April 6 will be our annual Spring Cleaning. Please plan on coming out to help keep our beautiful church clean. Many hands will make light work! We will begin cleaning around 8:00 am. Supplies will be available, but please feel free to bring your own.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – The annual community egg hunt is April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Donations of goodies (individually wrapped candy, stickers, toys, etc) to fill plastic egg will be accepted until April 14<sup>th</sup>. Boxes for donations are in the Sunday School hallway and in the Narthex. We will fill the eggs following worship on 4/14.

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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 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 6:30 pm**

April 18 Seder Meal 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 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

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - March 24**

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

**Monday - March 25**

9 am Bible Study

**Wednesday - March 27**

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

Family of David Motz-----David passed away last week



## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for March: Terry Shane & Ray Kochey

Worship Assistant: Rick Furches

Nursery Caregivers: Joel & Nikki Weller

This week's flowers are sponsored by Rick & Linda Furches in honor of Katie's birthday.

This week's bulletins are sponsored in honor of Troy & Paige Reigner's wedding.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Paul & Sally Shirk

Flowers: Elmer Miller

*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: 61

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Last Week's Offering: \$2,658.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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*Mon. 11 am – 3 pm; Tues. & Thurs. 9 am – 3 pm*

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## This Is My Song

1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions,  
 2. My coun-try's skies are blu-er than the o-ccean,  
 3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king-doms:

a song of peace for lands a-far and mine.  
 and sun-light beams on clo-ver-leaf and pine;  
 Thy king-dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is;  
 but oth-er lands have sun-light too, and clo-ver,  
 Let Christ be lift-ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho-ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev-ery-where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u-nit-ed learn to live as one.

but oth-er hearts in oth-er lands are beat-ing  
 O hear my song, thou God of all the na-tions,  
 O hear my prayer, thou God of all the na-tions;

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with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.