

March 24, 2019

St. John - Hill U.C.C.

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3rd Sunday in Lent

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "The Jesus Way" C. Oberholzer

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN Blue Hymnal No. 287
 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**We confess our sin, O Lord,
Our clouded eyes,
that see no further than our own advantage.
Our Dulled imagination
that does not know what others suffer.
Our willingness to profit from injustice
which we have not striven to prevent.
Our selfishness
which is quick to gain and slow to give.
Our unconcern, which makes us cry,
"Am I my brother's keeper?"
Our slackness in seeking your will for ourselves and
others.
For everything in our lives
which may hide your true light,
who are the light of the world.
O you who are ever merciful,
take away the evil of our conscious and
unconscious wrongs.
Forgive us and grant us new faithfulness. 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)

**O God, by your spirit tell us what we need to hear,
and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus
Christ our Savior. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 55:1-9 [OT page 650]

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:1-5 [NT page 72]

SERMON "Whose Fault is It?" 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 "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" F. Ritter

+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 Faith & Praise No. 692
"Change My Heart, O God"

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

+HYMN "Turn Back O Man" Blue Hymnal No. 410

+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 "Sing to the Great Jehovah's Praise" L. Smith



* 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.

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 13th 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.

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 20th at 10 am. Donations of goodies (individually wrapped candy, stickers, toys, etc) to fill plastic egg will be accepted until April 14th. Boxes for donations are in the Sunday School hallway and in the Narthex. We will fill the eggs following worship on 4/14.

Help Wanted! - Would you like to help during the worship service with announcements and reading scripture? See Nikki if you are interested in helping out as a Worship Assistant!

Membership Update - The consistory has decided to go through our membership list to update addresses, phone numbers, & emails. You may receive a phone call or post card to fill out and return to the church. We would like to have the list completed and ready for when we call our new pastor. We are asking for volunteers to form a committee to complete this task. Please contact Terry Shane if you are interested. Thank You for your cooperation.

VBS Fundraiser - We are asking YOU to be a part of VBS this year. Help us by participating in our ROARing contest by making an African Drum. You can use any materials you want and make it any size you want. Please bring your drum to church by April 14 so we can get them displayed and ready to vote on by Easter Sunday. An example is in the Narthex for you to see, but please be creative and use your imagination. To vote you can place money in a jar by the drum you want to win - all "votes" will be used to purchase music CDs for each VBS family. The winning drum maker will receive a VBS t-shirt! Voting will take place from April 21-May 5!

April Sponsorship Opportunities

Altar Flowers: 14, 28

Bulletins: 28

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



Midweek Worship at 7 pm

Lenten Theme: Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

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"

EASTER

Sunrise Outdoor Worship 6:15 am

At the flagpole in the cemetery • Bring your own chair

Easter Worship 9:30 am

in the sanctuary

Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services.

HAPPENING THIS 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
7:30 pm Cantata Rehearsal

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - March 31

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

Monday - April 1

9 am Bible Study
7 pm Sunday School Meeting

Wednesday - April 3

6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
7 pm Lent Service
7:30 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 Beverly Meidinger - Beverly passed away last week

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for March: Terry Shane & Ray Kochey

Worship Assistant: Eileen Fisher

Nursery Caregivers: Dottie & Dale Fronheiser

This week's flowers are sponsored by Elmer Miller in memory of Harold H. Miller

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Paul & Sally Shirk in memory of Linda Grabert.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Fronheiser's

Flowers: Fronheiser's

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: 73

Last Week's Offering: \$1,904.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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Nikki's Office Hours:

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