

**9:30 am**

**April 21, 2019**

# St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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**Easter Sunday**

**9:30 am**

**April 21, 2019**

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE        “Fanfare on Easter Hymn”

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ has risen!

**Christ has risen, indeed!**

+HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 167

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**If, at times, we deny you:**

**God forgive.**

**If, at times, when the risks of discipleship are high,  
we are nowhere to be found:**

**God forgive.**

**If, at times,**

**we wash our hands of responsibility:**

**God forgive.**

**If, at times,**

**we cast our lot with powerful oppressors  
and seek to buy freedom with silver:**

**God forgive.**

**If, at times,**

**fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth,  
or prejudice keeps us from believing it:**

**God forgive.**

**In the bright light of Easter morning,**

**our sin is exposed,**

**but your grace is revealed.**

**Tender God,  
we are bold to come before you  
and ask you to forgive us.  
Help us to leave behind our foolish doubt  
so that with joy we may witness  
to your awesome deeds  
in Jesus the Risen One.  
Amen.**

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

**"I Sing the Praise"**

Blue Hymnal No. 17

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***I Sing the praise of love unbounded, Which God in  
Christ has shown to man; I sing of love that hath  
been founded, Ere yet the stars their courses ran; The  
love that offers free salvation, To sinful man of  
every nation***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

<https://www.liturgylink.net/2011/04/21/easter-prayer-of-illumination/>

**O risen Christ, open us to the power of your  
resurrection as we hear it proclaimed anew this  
day, that we too might rise to new life in you.  
Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 65:17-25 [OT page 659]

ANTHEM "Alleluia! He Has Risen" V. Ford

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:1-12 [NT page 85]

SERMON "Looking for the Living" Pastor Chuck Maxfield

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsive)

1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20

This is the good news  
which we have received,  
in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins,  
was buried,  
was raised on the third day,  
and appeared first to the woman,  
then to Peter and the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,  
the Anointed One of God,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
in whom all things hold together,  
in whom the fullness of God  
was pleased to dwell  
by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church,  
and by the blood of the cross  
reconciles all things to God. Amen**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Easter Morn”

E. Higgins

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

+OFFERING RESPONSE

“Take My Life & Let It Be”

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*Take my life and let it be, Consecrated, Lord to Thee;  
Take my hands and let them move, At the impulse  
of Thy love, At the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my love my God, I pour, At Thy feet its treasure  
store; Take myself and I will be, Ever, only all for  
Thee, Ever only all for Thee.*

+OFFERING PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 173

“The Strife is O’er”

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being.

**We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none.**

We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith.

**We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless.**

We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory.

**We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news.**

Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your word, to suffer and die

on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory.

**Because you have done the completely unexpected deed, because you have raised Jesus to eternal life, because you grant us the presence of the risen Christ among us, because you offer eternal life to those who trust in you, we praise and magnify your name.**

We bless you gracious God, for the presence of your Holy spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

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!*

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory.

**We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people.**

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, on our gifts, and on us. Strengthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

**Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. 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                      “He Lives”                      Faith & Praise No. 346

### +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                      “Bells of Easter”                      D. Paxton



- \* 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.

**Holy Communion** – We invite you to join us in sharing Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this church to come to Christ’s Table. All mature believers are welcome to receive the bread and cup of the Lord.

**The Communion Offering** which assists needy members of our Hill Church Family is being received today. Please use brown pew envelopes for your donation.

**Easter Flowers** – If you sponsored flowers for our Easter Services, we thank you! Remember to pick them up on your way home. Each flower has your name on it in case you forgot what you ordered.

**Grocery Gift Cards to Support Missions: Giant, Redner's, & Weis** – See Connie Hile

**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.

**Part Time Help Wanted** – Anhalt Carpet & Tile Cleaning is looking for part-time/per-diem help. If you are interested or want more details please contact Charles at 484-333-1424

**VBS Help Needed** – Volunteer forms are in the Narthex and on the window sills...Please consider helping out with VBS! You can now also sign-up online at [www.stjohnhillucc.org](http://www.stjohnhillucc.org)

**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!

**Mission Trip Sign-up** – See Connie or Mark Hile or visit <https://stpaulsbirdsboro.org/2019-mtb-volunteer-registration.html> There will be a special sign-up Sunday NEXT week.

**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. 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 voting on your favorite African Drum. 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!

**Collection** - VBS needs toilet paper and paper towel rolls! Please place empty rolls in the box marked in the Narthex!

**VBS Donations** - The VBS donation wall is up in the narthex. In addition to the items on the wall we need to ask if you have any items in your home we can borrow. If you have any of the items below, please bring them to church and place them in the primary floor Sunday School rooms and also make sure your name is on them so they can be returned to you. Items needed are:

- Safari/fishing/explorer Vest
- Safari Hat
- Binoculars
- Stuffed or inflatable African animals
- Round baskets

We also need (these items will not be returned):

- Brown Paper Bags
- Grass Skirts
- Bright Green Poster Board

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## May Sponsorship Opportunities

Altar Flowers: 5, 26

*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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### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

#### **Sunday - April 21**

*Easter Sunday*

6:15 am Outdoor Sunrise

Worship Service

8:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Worship Service

Joyful Noise Offering

Newsletter Deadline

#### **Monday - April 22**

9 am Bible Study

#### **Wednesday - April 24**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:**

#### **Sunday - April 28**

8:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Worship Service

2:00 pm Covenant Assoc.

Meeting

#### **Monday - April 29**

9 am Bible Study

#### **Wednesday - May 1**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday - May 2**

5:00 pm Women's Guild Visit  
with Marie Brumbach

"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

Vaughn Skoog-----home, but still recovering from fall

Marie Schollenberger-----at Chestnut Knoll

## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for April: Bonnie Helmick & Arlan Schaeffer.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by in honor of Cindy Stott's birthday.

This week's flowers are sponsored by Mark & Connie Hile in honor of their anniversary.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Bill & Dawn Endy

Flowers: Helen Dotterer

*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: 79

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Last Week's Offering: \$2,914.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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