

April 28, 2019

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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1st Sunday after Easter

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" J. Calkins

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 176

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

When we do not accept

**as our sisters and brothers in Christ
those who are different from us,
forgive us, O God.**

When we oppose you

**by opposing those who disrupt our routines
and challenge our assumptions,
forgive us, O God.**

When we willfully disobey you

**and lose faith in your future,
forgive us, O God.**

God, in your mercy,

restore us to newness of life.

Bind together your church universal

through the coming of your Holy Spirit.

Empower us to witness with courage

to the presence of Jesus Christ among us.

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*

MISSION TRIP 2019 REPORT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious Lord, like Nicodemus, we come to the word with many questions. Like the Pharisees, we can be captivated by correctness, intent on right answers. As we turn to your word, Spirit of God, do not let your desire for information dominate our need for transformation. Let us hear the word and be moved to greater faith and obedience. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 5:27-32 [NT page 116]

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31 [NT page 110]

SERMON "Touch Him" 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 "Thomas' Song" K. Young

+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

PRAYER HYMN Blue Hymnal No. 191
"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

+HYMN "Peace I Leave with You, My Friends" 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 "Hail the Risen Lord" F. Ritter



* 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

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

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!

Ham Supper – Posters are available. Please take one and hang it up around the community!

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

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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - April 28

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
2 pm Covenant Assoc.
Meeting

Monday - April 29

9 am Bible Study

Wednesday - May 1

7 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday - May 2

5 pm Women's Guild Visit
with Marie Brumbach

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - May 5

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
with Holy Communion

Monday - May 6

9 am Bible Study
6 pm Straighten Tombstones
in cemetery

Wednesday - May 8

7 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday - May 2

6:30 am Men's Breakfast
8 am Work Day

"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

Marie Schollenberger-----at Chestnut Knoll

Thank you from Vaughn Skoog for the cards and prayers!

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for April: Bonnie Helmick & Arlan Schaeffer.

Worship Assistant: Eileen Fisher

Nursery Caregivers: Matt & Kira Weller

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Dawn & Bill Endy in honor of their grandchildren.

This week's flowers are sponsored by Helen Dotterer in memory of loved ones.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Wagner's

Flowers:

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: 6:15 am - 26; 9:30 am - 87

Last Week's Offering: \$2,914.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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