

February 23, 2020

# St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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**Transfiguration Sunday**

**February 23, 2020**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE     “He Reigns in the Light Above”     G. Blake

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN

See Bulletin

“We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding”

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/02/prayer-of-confession-transfiguration.html>

**God of Mercy and Grace,**

**you come to us in Jesus of Nazareth**

**to break down the dividing walls of hostility between  
us:**

**Yet we maintain walls that separate and isolate.**

**You give us the ministry of reconciliation:**

**Yet we nurse our wounds and withhold mercy and  
forgiveness.**

**You invite us to join with Peter, James, and John  
on the mountain of Transfiguration:**

**Yet we deny the wonders you have worked in our  
own lives.**

**You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth:**

**Yet we refuse to recognize and relieve the poverty  
around us.**

**You bless our lives with boundless love:**

**Yet we fail to witness to that love,  
and so keep others from knowing you.**

**Forgive our selfishness, we pray.  
Transform us by your Spirit and your Word  
into that which pleases you,  
the image of Christ. Amen.**

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Something Beautiful”

Faith & Praise No. 571

“Something Beautiful” words by Gloria Gaither, music by William Gaither ©1971 William J. Gaither  
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*Something beautiful, something good; All my confusion  
He understood; All I had to offer Him was  
brokenness and strife, But He made something  
beautiful of my life.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**God, source of all light, by your Word you give light  
to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom  
and understanding that, being taught by you in  
Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be  
opened to know the things that pertain to life and  
holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

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Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON

“Metamorphosis”

Rev. Charles 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 "Lord Thy Glory Fills The Heavens" G. Martin

+OFFERING RESPONSE

"Glorify Thy Name" Faith & Praise No. 77

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*Father, we love You, we worship and adore You.*

*Glorify Thy name in all the earth. Glorify Thy  
name, glorify Thy name. Glorify Thy name in all the  
earth.*

*Jesus, ...*

*Spirit, ...*

+OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN Faith & Praise No. 477

"There Is a Place of quiet Rest"

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER Blue Hymnal pg. 37

PRAYER OF INVOCATION FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

+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 "Thy Kingdom Come " D. Jernigan



- \* Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.
- \* Weekly Communitas are available on our website.

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***March Sponsorship Opportunities***

Altar Flowers: 1, 8, 29

Bulletins: 1, 8, 29

*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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**Scrapbook Saturday** - The Women's Guild will be hosting Scrapbook Saturday on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Minimum table size is 4'x2 ½'. Cost is \$25 payable to St. John (Hill) Women's Guild which includes one meal. Food will also be available for purchase. Registration form available on church website at [www.stjohnhillucc.org](http://www.stjohnhillucc.org). Complete form and return to St. John (Hill) UCC, 620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512 Attn: Scrapbook Saturday by March 1, 2020. For additional information, contact Tracy Kochey at 610.473.0322 or Nancy Weller at 610.367.7704.

**Concert** - The Reading Choral Society will be presenting Roots of Americana with the Hillbillies of Cohesion on Sunday, March 1st at 4 P.M. in the Abraham Lincoln Ballroom, 5th and Washington Streets, Reading, PA. Tickets are \$15 in advance and can be obtained from Eileen Fisher or \$20 at the door. Student tickets are \$10. Come to enjoy a fun afternoon of bluegrass music!

**Community Outreach Collection** – We will be collecting for Operation 143 (formally Operation Backlack) during March. Below is a list of items needed to fill backpacks for kids each weekend. All items should be individual servings and ready to eat. As always, if you wish to donate but don't want to shop, monetary or Giant gift card donations are welcome. If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.

- Tuna To-Go
- Hormel Complete Meals
- Mac & Cheese, SpaghettiOs or Ravioli
- Soup To-Go
- Fruit or Applesauce Cups
- Granola or Cereal Bars
- Pop-Tarts
- Non-Refrigerated Milk
- Snacks/Cracker Packs
- Fruit Snacks
- Juice Boxes
- Water Bottles
- Pudding Cups

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

**“Once Upon a Prom”** will again be hosted by the Boyertown Junior Woman's Club on March 7, 8, and 14, 15 from 12:00 to 4:00. Any junior or senior high school girl in need of a special occasion dress is welcome to come browse our collection of over 600 dresses, in all sizes, plus accessories. Held at the "Miracles in Motion Studio" NOW located at 123 East Philadelphia Ave. in Boyertown. All girls are invited to take a dress or two home at no cost. Donations will be accepted, which benefit our local community. For questions, or to donate dresses/accessories contact Jane Prutzman at 610-763-2128.



**Ash Wednesday at 7 pm**  
*with Holy Communion & Ashes*  
February 26 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

**Midweek Worship at 7 pm**

*Each week we will have an informal worship with hymns, a short video and discussion. Services at Hill Church will take place in the upstairs Sunday School rooms; services at St. Joe's will take place in their fellowship hall. Light refreshments will be available before worship.*

**March 4 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church**

*Matthew 11:25-30 Discussion: How do we use our time?*

**March 11 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.**

*Romans 8:35-39 Discussion: Guilt & Forgiveness, Shame & Love*

**March 18 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church**

*Exodus 3:13-15 Discussion: What's in a name?*

**March 25 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.**

*Deuteronomy 1:31*

*Discussion: What does my relationship with God look like?*

**April 1 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church**

*Matthew 16:24-25 Discussion: What can "I" do? Who am "I"?*

**Maundy Thursday**

*with Holy Communion*

April 9 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

**Good Friday**

April 10 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church

**Easter**

April 12 at 6:30 am & 9:30 am

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Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and  
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the  
 3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some  
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the  
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -  
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with  
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing  
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with  
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.  
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.  
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.



***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - February 23**

8:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Worship Service  
With Annual Meeting

**Monday - February 24**

9 am Bible Study

**Wednesday - February 26**

7 pm Ash Wednesday  
Worship  
8 pm Sr. Choir

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - March 1**

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

**Monday - March 2**

9 am Bible Study  
7 pm Sunday School Meeting

**Wednesday - March 4**

7 pm Lent Worship at St. Joe's  
8 pm Sr. Choir

"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) ----- health issues

Grace Groff----- healing from broken shoulder

## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for February: Dottie Fronheiser & Matt Weller

Nursery Caregivers: Joel & Nikki Weller

This week's flowers are sponsored by Rick & Linda Furches.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Terry & Mayetta Shane in honor of Olivia's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins:

Flowers:

*2020 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: 52

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Last Week's Offering: \$2,5158.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,409.32

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*Nikki's Office Hours:*

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

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