

February 9, 2020

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

620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 9, 2020**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

arr. by H Livingston Jr.

*"Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN

*"A Little Bit of Salt"*

*sung to the tune of "The God of Abraham Praise"*

**A little bit of salt will quickly show its worth;**

**A little bit of faithfulness will change the earth.**

**God, make us worth our salt – a church that's glad to be**

**The change that you desire in each community.**

**A lamp that's in a house gives safety, warmth and light;**

**It's set upon a table where it shines so bright.**

**God, make your church a light that bravely takes a stand**

**To bring your love and justice into all the land.**

**A garden is a place where so much beauty grows,**

**Where flowers bloom and food is raised and water flows.**

**When worship leads us out to care for the oppressed,**

**O God, you say we're like a garden at its best.**

**When worship leads us out to love and serve the poor,**

**To welcome in the immigrant\* at our own door,**

**O God, then we'll be called "repairers of the breach,"**

**And we your church will be "restorers of the streets."**

**It's tempting to remain well-hidden, quiet, bland –**

**Yet, God, you make us salt and light to change this land.**

**You send us out to love, to build and to repair,**

**Till peace and justice flourish here and everywhere.**

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Lord, you placed us in the world to be its salt.  
We were afraid of committing ourselves,  
afraid of being stained by the world.  
We did not want to hear what 'they' might say  
and our salt dissolved as if in water.  
Forgive us, Jesus.**

**Lord, have mercy**

**Lord, you placed us in the world to be its light.  
We were afraid of the shadows,  
afraid of the poverty.  
We did not want to know 'difficult' people  
and our light slowly faded away.  
Forgive us, Jesus.**

**Lord, have mercy**

**Lord, you placed us in the world to live in  
community.  
Thus you taught us to love,  
to share in life,  
to struggle for bread and for justice,  
Your truth incarnate in our lives.  
So be it, Lord Jesus.**

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

**"Something Beautiful"**

**Faith & Praise No. 571**

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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)

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON [OT page 652] Isaiah 58:1-12

GOSPEL LESSON [NT page 4] Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON "Let Your Light Shine" 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 "Sabbath Bells" J. Stainer

+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. 692

“Change My Heart O God”

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal pg. 37

+HYMN “This Little Light of Mine”

**This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Hide it under a bushel? No! I’m gonna let it shine,  
Hide it under a bushel? No! I’m gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Won’t let satin blow it out, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Won’t let satin blow it out, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Shine all over Hill Church, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Shine all over Hill Church, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Let it shine till Jesus comes, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine till Jesus comes, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

+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

“The Power and the Glory”

C. Nordman



- \* Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.
- \* Weekly Communias 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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**Inclement Weather** – In the event of inclement weather on Sunday mornings, announcements regarding Sunday schedule will be given in the following ways:

Church website: <http://www.stjohnhillucc.org>

Church telephone answering machine: 610-367-8114

WFMZ TV Storm Center – Broadcast Channel 69

(May be a different channel on your system)

**Community Outreach Collection** – We will be collecting for the Boyertown Multi Service during the month of February.

Below is a list of items needed to fill the shelves in the pantry. 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.

- Instant Potatoes
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Jelly
- Dish Soap
- Crackers/Snacks

\*Note: They are also in need of the sugar free version of items above\*

**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.

**Worship Assistants Needed** – Do you want to help out on a Sunday morning? Nikki is working on a new schedule and would love to add your name to the rotation. Call or see Nikki if you would like to help out or for more details.

**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.

***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - February 9**

8:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Worship Service  
10:30 am Consistory Meeting  
10:30 am Women's Guild Meeting

**Monday - February 10**

9 am Bible Study

**Wednesday - February 12**

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - February 16**

8:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Worship Service  
Joyful Noise Offering  
Newsletter Deadline

**Monday - February 17**

9 am Bible Study

**Wednesday - February 19**

7 pm Sr. Choir 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) ----- health issues



## **Serving Today**

Consistory Helpers for February: Dottie Fronheiser & Matt Weller

Worship Assistant: Eileen Fisher

Nursery Caregivers: Mayetta & Terry Shane

This week's flowers and bulletins are sponsored in honor of Virginia Reichert's birthday.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Paul & Sally Shirk

Flowers: Jan & Eileen Fisher

*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: 72

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Last Week's Offering: \$2,586.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,409.32

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