

March 15, 2020

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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3rd Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “You Raise Me Up”

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN “His Name Is Wonderful” Faith & Praise No. 163

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4556/worship-connection-march-19-2017>

God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, seeking to be quenched by your redeeming love. Yet, when that love is offered to us, we again turn away, unable to truly believe that you would actually heal and love us. We have behaved in very unloving ways. We have chosen to ignore those in need or to deal only passively with them. Our hearts are not placed in service to others, but rather in self-serving motives. Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in the living water. Help us be faithful servants. Amen.

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Blessed Assurance"

Faith & Praise No. 480

"Blessed Assurance" words by F. Crosby, music by J. Knapp ©1993 Howard Publishing
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Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

ORDINATION OF DECONS (*congregation respond when asked*)

Do we, the members of this congregation, accept _____ as a deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do

Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is the Head of the Church?

We do

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON [OT page 528] Psalm 95

GOSPEL LESSON John 4:5-42

HYMN "When Like the woman at the Well" See Bulletin

SERMON "The Samaritan Woman" 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

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Forgiveness" D.F. Callender

+OFFERING RESPONSE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Faith & Praise No. 315

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" words by I. Watts; music by G. Chant, L. Mason ©1993 Howard Publishing Co. Inc. CCLI License #11085161

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince
of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss and
pour contempt on all my pride.*

*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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER HYMN Faith & Praise No. 726

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (*sing 2x*)

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal pg. 37

+HYMN "I Would Be True"

Blue Hymnal No. 448

+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 "Go Forth in Triumph"

F. Ritter



* Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

* Weekly Communitas are available on our website.

~All hymns printed using CCLI# 11085161~

Volunteers Needed - See Nikki if you are able to help out!

~**Folders:** As needed to help fold and prepare bulk mailings for newsletter and supper mailings.

~**Readers:** Sunday's in Lent (March 22, 29) readers are needed to help with a dialogue scripture reading during the worship service. A script will be provided.

Scrapbook Saturday - The Women's Guild will be hosting Scrapbook Saturday on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.

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

Cemetery Flowers - Please remove all flowers from grave sites by Sunday March 29 in preparation for Spring. Thank you!

Community Children's Egg Hunt – Our annual children's community egg hunt will be on April 11th at 10 am.

Donations of individual wrapped candy to fill the eggs is needed. Please place candy in the box in the Narthex. Help will be needed to fill eggs after church on April 5th and to hide eggs on April 11th.

Community Outreach Collection – We will be collecting for Operation 143 (formally Operation Backpack) 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

April Sponsorship Opportunities

Altar Flowers: 5, 19

Bulletins: 5, 19

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

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 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

Prayer Vigil - Sign up in the Narthex

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

April 11 at 10 am

EASTER

Sunrise Outdoor Worship 6:30 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.

When, like the Woman at the Well

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Edith Sinclair Downing, 1992

John 4:5-42

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has five lines of lyrics, and the second system has three lines. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is 4/4. The chords are indicated above the staff: D, F#m, FM7, and A9. The lyrics are: 1 When, like the wom-an at the well, I lived with bro-ken dreams, 2 Christ knew my heart, my way-ward ways, yet gave me hope, not fear. 3 I learned I could for-ev-er live and wor-ship God a-right, 4 Each day I lift my cup a-bove, and I a-gain re-ceive 5 Since now I am in grace im-mersed, set free, for-giv-en, whole, Christ came to me, good news to tell, of ev-er-liv-ing streams. The God I once thought far a-way, I could ap-proach, draw near. Could trust the power the Spir-it gives to guide me in truth's light. The liv-ing wa-ter of God's love, re-vealed for my be-lief. I share with those who are a-thirst the well-springs of my soul!

Edith Sinclair Downing began writing hymn texts in 1989, when she and her husband were Associates in Ministry with a pilot project of The Presbyterian Church (USA). Composer Celene Welch named her tune in honor of professor Toni Craven of Texas Christian University.

Tune: CRAVEN C.M.
Celene Welch, 1992

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday – March 15

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

Monday – March 16

9 am Bible Study
10:45 am Worship Team Meeting

Tuesday – March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Wednesday – March 18

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

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday – March 22

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

Monday – March 23

9 am Bible Study

Wednesday – March 25

7 pm Lent Worship at St. John'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.

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for March: Sally Shirk & Nikki Weller

Worship Assistant: Dale Fronheiser

Nursery Caregivers: Matt & Kira Weller

This week's flowers are sponsored by Virginia Reichert in memory of parents, Homer & Irma Reichert.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Cindy Stot in memory of George Mutter.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Elmer & Kathy Miller

Flowers: Rick & Linda Furches

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: 57

Last Week's Offering: \$3,140.00

2020 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,409.32

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