

**March 8, 2020**

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

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**March 8, 2020**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE     "You Must Be Born Again"     C. Boyles

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" Faith & Praise No. 423

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Almighty and most merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways  
like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices  
and desires of our own hearts.**

**We have offended against your Holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things  
which we ought to have done.**

**And we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done.**

**But you, O Lord,  
have mercy on miserable offenders.**

**Please spare those, O God,  
who confess their faults.**

**Please spare those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to humanity  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake,  
that we may hereafter live godly,  
righteous, and sober lives,  
to the glory of your Holy name. 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.*

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 our desire for information dominate our need for transformation. Let us hear the word and be moved to greater faith and obedience. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON [OT page 547] Psalm 121

GOSPEL LESSON John 3:1-17

SERMON “Nicodemus” 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

“Yes, He Did!”

F. Ritter

+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

PRAYER HYMN

Faith & Praise No. 422

“Spirit of the Living God” (*sing 2x*)

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal pg. 37

+HYMN

“Spirit, spirit of Gentleness”

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

“I Will Praise Him”

M.J. Harris



\* 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.

**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

**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!

## Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Unison, brightly  
Refrain

James K. Manley, 1978; alt.

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm \* E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G D

*Last time, end*

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the  
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the  
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a  
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you  
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their  
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you  
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -  
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -  
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -  
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 *to Refrain*

bers and rise on your wings."  
 ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 ple on the rush of the wind.  
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

*This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waikeola Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth*

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.  
 James K. Manley, 1978  
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

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## ***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.*

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### **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 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  
Prayer Vigil - Sign up in the Narthex

### **Easter**

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



***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - March 8**

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

**Monday - March 9**

9 am Bible Study

**Wednesday - March 11**

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

***HAPPENING NEXT 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. 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.*

Grace Groff----- healing from broken shoulder

## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for March: Sally Shirk & Nikki Weller

Worship Assistant: Matt Weller

Nursery Caregivers: Dennis & Nancy Weller

This weeks bulletins are sponsored by Rodger & Dorothy Wagner.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Cindy Stot

Flowers: Virginia Reichert

*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: 59

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Last Week's Offering: \$3,013.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,409.32

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