



Fruit of
the **Spirit**

Joy

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

620 Hill Church Road
Boyertown, PA 19512
610-367-8114 • www.stjohnhillucc.org

August 6, 2017

9th Sunday after Pentecost

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “A Song of Joy” Beethoven

+CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Our help is in the name of the Holy One, who made heaven
and earth

Christ, the lamb of God, has been offered for us.

+HYMN “For the Beauty of the Earth” Faith & Praise No. 67

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth, Over and around us lies

Chorus

Lord of all to Thee we raise This our sacrifice of praise

For the beauty of each hour, Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars
of light

Chorus

For Thy church that evermore, Lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore, Her pure sacrifice of love

Chorus

CONFESSION OF SIN

~ *Silent Prayers* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Hear the Good News in Jesus Christ. We are forgiven;

Thanks be to God.

+GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to The Holy
Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall
be; world without end. Amen*

+STATEMENT OF FAITH (unison) God's Abundant Love

We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he is in God. And so we know and rely on the love of God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The man who fears is not made perfect in love.

BAPTISM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Almighty God, inspire our hearts and minds that we may hear anew your message for us today. Amen

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. ²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." ³The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad. ⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb! ⁵May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy! ⁶He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

PRAISE SONG “Change My Heart O God”

Change my heart, oh God, Make it ever true
Change my heart, oh God, May I be like You.

Chorus

You are the potter I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

Change my heart, oh God, Make it ever true
Change my heart, oh God, May I be like You.

Chorus

Change my heart, oh God, Make it ever true
Change my heart, oh God, May I be like You.

GOSPEL LESSON

Romans 8:31-39

SERMON

Pastor Mary

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM “Down to the River to Pray”

+OFFERING RESPONSE

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; All
that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
Amen.*

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE (prayers for local and worldwide concerns)
PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

Blue Hymnal page 37

+HYMN "Here I Am Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love
alone.
I will speak My word to them, Whom shall I send?

Chorus

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them, Whom shall I send?

Chorus

+BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL 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

M. Willson

"May the Good Lord Bless & Keep You"



Being baptized today is Brynn Wagner, daughter of James & Lisa Wagner.

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.

Communitas - The weekly Communitas are available for you in the narthex.

Music Volunteers - Volunteers are needed to provide music selections during the summer worship services. Contact Elmer Miller.

Ringgold Band Picnic - Thank you to everyone who helped out or enjoyed the picnic yesterday. Volunteers are needed tomorrow evening at 6 pm to do final clean-up.

Confirmation Class - Pastor Mary will be starting a confirmation class in September. If you know of anyone who would like to take part of this class, please let Pastor Mary know or call the church office.

Community Outreach Ministry - August collection for Boyertown Multi-Service. Please do not feel like you have to contribute but if you can, know it is greatly appreciated by those who are in need! Items needed are:

- Tissues
- Paper Towels
- Hand Soap
- Laundry Detergent

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - August 6

9:30 am Worship Service
Outdoor in the bandshell

Monday - August 7

9 am Prayer Group
9:30 am Bible Study
6 pm Clean up from Picnic -
Trash removal and close up
buildings
7 pm Sunday School Meeting

Tuesday - August 8

7 pm Consistory Meeting

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - August 13

9:30 am Worship Service
Family day at Knoebels

Monday - August 14

9 am Prayer Group
9:30 am Bible Study

"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.

Betty Miller ----- Struggling with Alzheimer's;
in Lehigh Valley Hospital with kidney infection

Mae Bauer (Janet Conrad's Mom) -----
Recovering at home from broken bones

Marie Schollenberger -----
At Topton Lutheran Home for rehab and treatment

Brian Conrad (Herm & Judy Conrad's Son) -----
Home recovering with heart problems

Kris Endy (Bill & Dawn Endy's Daughter in Law) -----
Receiving chemo treatments

George Benjamin Jr. ----- prayers for healing

Serving Today

Consistory Helper for August: Ray Kochey

Worship Assistant: Arlan Schaeffer

This week's flowers are sponsored by Steve & Jane Prutzman in honor of their 40th anniversary.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Edie Krause & Family in loving memory of Charlene (Krause) Deery.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Joel & Nikki Weller

Flowers: Edie Krause & Family

2017 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: 91 Sunday School: 4

Last Week's Offering: \$3,142.00
2017 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,070.65



Rev. Mary Lake-Dillensnyder, Pastor

Phone: 484-926-1199

e-mail: pastormary@stjohnhillucc.org

Pastor's Church Office Hours: Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 10:00 am – 1 pm

Elmer Miller, Organist

610-367-5613 e-mail: elmerhm@dejazzd.com

Nikki Weller, Secretary

610-367-8114 e-mail: nikki@stjohnhillucc.org

Nikki's Office Hours: Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 10 am – 4 pm

Wendy Shane, Treasurer

610-468-9772 e-mail: niah4444@dejazzd.com