

Cord,

Help me be quick

TO LISTEN

SLOW TO SPEAK

And slow

To become angry

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Faith”

F. Mendelssohn

+CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

I thank my God every time I think of you.

**And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more
and more.**

+HYMN

“Shout to the Lord”

My Jesus, My Savior,
Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
Let us sing, Power and majesty, Praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, Forever I'll stand,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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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)

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.**

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

James 1:19-27

¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger, ²⁰ for the anger of man does not work the righteousness of God.

²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rank growth of wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who observes his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing. ²⁶ If any one thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this man's religion is vain. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

HYMN

“God on the Mountain”

Life is easy, when you're up on the mountain
And you've got peace of mind like you've never known
But then things change and you're down in the valley
Don't lose faith for you're never alone

For the God on the mountain is still God in the valley
When things go wrong, He'll make them right
And the God of the good times is still God in the bad times
The God of the day is still God in the night

We talk of faith when we're up on the mountain
But talk comes easy When life's at its best
But it's down in the valley of trials and temptations
That's where faith is really put to the test

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 2:14-26

¹⁴What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. ¹⁸But some one will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. ¹⁹You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe – and shudder. ²⁰Do you want to be shown, you shallow man, that faith apart from works is barren? ²¹Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered his son Isaac upon the altar? ²²You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by works, ²³and the scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness"; and he was called the friend of God. ²⁴You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵And in the same way was not also Rahab the harlot justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? ²⁶For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so faith apart from works is dead.

SERMON

"Faith & Deeds"

Pastor Mary

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

“And God Said”
Solo by Brynn Wagner

J. B. Wood

+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

“I Saw the Light”

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin,
I wouldn't let my dear savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness No more night
Now I'm so happy, No sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Just like a blind man I wandered alone
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness No more night
Now I'm so happy, No sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

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+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

“Praise to the Living God”

F. Ritter



Summer Concert TODAY – Join us at 5 pm (food available at 4 pm) today for our last concert of the season...Celtic Martins.

Community Outreach Ministry – We will continue to support our local community through Bethany Children’s home. For the month of September we will collect a few needed items for their kids. Please do not feel like you have to contribute but if you can, know it is greatly appreciated by those who are in need in Bethany! Items needed are:

- Bed pillows
- Tooth brush covers
- Alarm clocks – electric, no radio
- Fidget toys/stress balls
- Card games (ie: uno, skipbo, etc)
- Combination locks

Back to College – We need your help in getting a list together of names, addresses of our new college students, returning students, and military personnel. Please give your information ASAP to the church secretary at 610-367-8114 or nikki@stjohnhillucc.org

Oley Fair – Saturday, September 23rd Hill Church is volunteering at the Oley Fair in the hot dog/hamburger stand from 4 pm to close. Please contact Eileen Fisher if are able to help out for more details. A free parking pass for the night is available if you help out. It is a great night of laughter, fun and work all while helping the community!

Confirmation Class – The confirmation class will meet Sunday mornings starting September 10 at 8:30 am in the upstairs Sunday School room.

Please Note – It was decided not to participate in the Samaritan Purse Shoebox ministry this year, but rather contribute to a more local need at the Bethany Children’s Home. Therefore, we will not need shoeboxes nor items to fill them this season. Watch for more information coming soon about what items are needed for our new Christmas project and how you can help.

Joyful Noise Offering – The joyful noise offering will be collected next Sunday.

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - September 10

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

Monday - September 11

9 am Prayer Group
9:30 am Bible Study
7 pm Sunday School Meeting

Tuesday - September 12

7 pm Consistory Meeting

Wednesday - September 13

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - September 17

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

Monday - September 18

9 am Prayer Group
9:30 am Bible Study
7 pm Sunday School Meeting

Wednesday - September 20

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday - September 23

4 pm Help at Oley Fair

"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 -----In Manatawny Manor
- Marie Schollenberger ----- In Chestnut Knoll
- Kris Endy (Bill & Dawn Endy's Daughter in Law) ----- Battling Cancer
- Marijane Kirby (Anita Brady's Sister) --having surgery beginning of Sept
- Fern Schanely ----- fell again, in rehab
- Franklin Snyder----- Recovering from heart surgery

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for September: Anita Brady & Dottie Fronheiser

Worship Assistant: Rick Furches

This week's flowers & bulletins are sponsored by Dennis & Nancy Weller in honor of their 43rd wedding anniversary.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Kevin & Wendy Schollenberger

Flowers: Rick & Linda Furches

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: 48

Last Week's Offering: \$2,670.00
2017 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,070.65



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