

**March 4, 2018**

# St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**March 4, 2018**

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

arr. by J. Mansfield

*“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”*

+CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, and all who  
live in it;

**For He founded it upon the sea and established it  
upon the waters.**

+HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 31

*“Father Again in Jesus Name We Meet”*

## 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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON [OT page 67] Exodus 20:1-17

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 88] John 2:13-22

SERMON

Rev. Mary

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Please hold the bread and wine until all have received. We will partake together.*

*Note that the outer rings are filled with wine, while the inner rings have grape juice, and are a lighter color. As the elements are distributed, please pass the tray to the center of the pew, and then back again to the Usher.*

HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 141

*"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"*

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

*"Lord, Here Am I"*

J. N. Beck

*accompanied by Charles Anhalt*

+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 Blue Hymnal No. 247

“Blest are the Pure in Heart”

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE arr. by T. Birchwood

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”



**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.

**Large Print Bulletins** - Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

**Cemetery Flowers** - Please remove all flower arrangements from the cemetery by Sunday, March 18. If not removed by that date, cemetery personnel will remove flowers. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**Altar Flowers & Bulletins** - The **2018** sign ups are in the Narthex. There are many of dates available!

**Fundraiser** - Contact our sexton, Charles Anhalt, for discounted in-house tile and carpet cleaning. 20% of all proceeds received will be donated to our church in honor of you. Contact Charles at 484-333-1424.

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

**Community Outreach Collection** – We will be collecting for Boyertown Multi-Service during the month of March. Below is a list of items needed. Thank you in advance for your support of this project! If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Ladies Deodorant
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Jelly
- Bars of Soap

**Souper Bowl Recipes** – Remember all those yummy soups we enjoyed a few weeks ago? The recipes have been compiled and are available for you in the narthex.

**Scholarship** – The DJ Wetzel Fund was established at Berks County Community Foundation in 2017 to provide scholarships to members of Berks County UCC churches. Scholarships will be awarded to members of Berks County UCC churches who are continuing their education after high school at a college or university, graduate school, vocational school, or in a life enrichment program. To be considered for this scholarship, apply at [www.bccf.org](http://www.bccf.org) between January 15th and March 15th.

**Good Friday Prayer Vigil** – We will be joining in prayer with St. Joseph's Hill Lutheran Church on Good Friday. This will be held at their church. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - March 4**

8:30 am Sunday School  
8:30 am Confirmation Class  
9:30 am Worship Service  
with Holy Communion

**Monday - March 5**

9 am Small Group Bible  
Study  
7 pm Sunday School Meeting

**Tuesday - March 6**

6 pm Women's Guild  
Meeting at Dryville Hotel

**Wednesday - March 7**

7 pm Lent Worship & Study  
7:45 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday - March 10**

7 am Men's Breakfast  
8 am Workday

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - March 11**

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

**Monday - March 12**

9 am Small Group Bible  
Study

**Tuesday - March 13**

7 pm Consistory Meeting

**Wednesday - March 14**

7 pm Lent Worship & Study  
7:45 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) ----- disabled

George Benjamin Sr. -----recovering at home

Bradlee Benjamin-----recovering from knee surgery

Wendy Hess (Friend of Cheryl Graber's) -----  
----- has burst brain aneurism, stroke, phenomena

## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for March: Terry Shane & Dottie Fronheiser

Worship Assistant: Ray Kochey

Acolyte:

Nursery Caregivers: Tracy Kochey & Roxanne Anhalt

This week's flowers & bulletins are sponsored in honor of Carey Anderson's birthday from his loving wife.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins:

Flowers: Virginia Reichert

*2018 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: 86 Sunday School: 24

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Last Week's Offering: \$3,510.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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