

May 6, 2018

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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6th Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

arr. by C. Curtis

“Meditation on “Wonderous Love””

+HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 472

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

+CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Hosanna! Blessed is He who is the Christ. Christ is

Risen!

Christ is Risen!

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 123]
Acts 10:44-48

HYMN "O God of Love" Blue Hymnal No. 404

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL LESSON [NT page 104] John 15:9-17

SERMON Rev. George Harpel

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM "I Choose Love" M. Miller & L. Thompson

+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. 471

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "Boundless Love" D. Loewen



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.

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

Church Treasurer – Wendy Shane will be resigning as treasurer of Hill Church at the end of 2018. We are now accepting applications to fill this position in order to allow ample time for any necessary training. Applications can be found in the Narthex or the church office. If you have any questions please feel free to ask a consistory member.

Help Needed – Volunteers are needed to help straighten tombstones on the cemetery Monday, May 7 at 6 pm. Rain date is Tues., May 8.

VBS – It is time to think Summer!! VBS is in the works and planning stages. Mark your calendars for June 11-14 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Registration forms are out on the window sills in the sanctuary and is also available online. Tee Shirt order forms are also available on the window sills. *Participants need to Register by May 13th to receive a FREE child size t-shirt.*

VBS Donations – The VBS donation wall is up in the narthex. In addition to the items on the wall we need to ask if you have any items in your home we can borrow. If you have any of the items below, please bring them to church and place them in the primary floor Sunday School rooms and also make sure your name is on them so they can be returned to you. Items needed are:

- Rope (all different weights)
- Old Trunks & Suitcases
- Stuffed Monkeys, Parrots, Snakes
- Large Crates & Wooden Boxes
- Fishing Nets
- Lanterns
- Boat Oars
- Fake Greens/Ferns

Annual Ham Supper - Saturday, May 19th

Tickets will be sold from 2:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Meals will be served from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Adults \$11.00, Children (3-10 yrs) \$5.50

Take-Out Orders \$1.00 Extra

Dinner Includes:

Ham, Potato Filing, Vegetables, Dessert, & Beverages

****THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED****

The Preparation Schedule:

*Come and help when you can...
a good time and great fellowship will be had!*

- Monday, May 14 at 6 pm – Clean grounds, move supplies from church, prepare building, wash dishes
- Wednesday, May 16 – Rain date for Monday
- Friday, May 18 at 6 pm – Food prep (slice hams, peel potatoes, etc.)
- Saturday, May 19 at 7 am – Begin final preparations
- Monday, May 21 at 6 pm – Clean up, move supplies back to church (*the remaining ice cream needs to be eaten!*)

Summer Sunday School – We are in need of volunteers to do a short children’s lesson during church or teach a Sunday School class for the kids. Sunday School will be held during the 9:30 am worship service. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up in the Sunday School hallway or contact Nikki.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - May 6

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service -
Rev. George Harpel

Monday - May 7

9 am Small Group Bible
Study
6 pm Straighten Tombstones
in cemetery (rain date Tues)

Tuesday - May 8

7 pm Consistory Meeting

Wednesday - May 9

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday - May 12

7 am Men’s Breakfast
8 am Work Day

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - May 13

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service -
Mission Sunday & Threefold
Blessing

Monday - May 14

9 am Small Group Bible
Study
7 pm Sunday School Meeting

Wednesday - May 16

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday - May 19

Ham Supper
(see full schedule in bulletin)

“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

Bradlee Benjamin-----recovering from knee surgery

Wendy Hess (Friend of Cheryl Graber's) -----
-----in nursing ctr recovering from brain aneurism

Jack Eachus (Connie Hile's Dad) ----- lung & pancreatic cancer

Russ Weller ----- recovering from heart attack

Brad & Kristen Schott -----birth of their daughter Emily

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for May: Bob Fleming & David Mutter

Worship Assistant: Bob Fleming

Nursery Caregivers: Dennis & Nancy Weller

This week's flowers are sponsored by Helen Dotterer.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Wendy Schollenberger

Flowers: Rick & Linda Furches

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: 77 Sunday School: 26

Last Week's Offering: \$2,856.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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