

**July 1, 2018**

# St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 1, 2018**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      “Trusting Jesus”                      arr. by L. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN “For the Beauty of the Earth” Blue Hymnal No. 12

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Holy God, we confess that we have been brisk in the service of self, slack in the service of others; Eager to get, reluctant to give; Lofty in our profession, low in our practice; Full of good intentions, backward to fulfilling them; Severe with our neighbors, indulgent with ourselves; Eager to find fault, resentful at being found fault with; Little able for great tasks, discontent with small ones; Weak in adversity, self-satisfied in prosperity; Helpless apart from you, and yet to little willing to be bound to you. Merciful God, grant us yet forgiveness, for His Holy name’s sake. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Something Beautiful”                      Faith & Praise No. 571

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***Something beautiful, something good; All my confusion  
He understood; All I had to offer Him was***

*brokenness and strife, But He made something beautiful of my life.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(Children K-6<sup>th</sup> grade may leave for Sunday School)*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

## GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 5:21-43

## SERMON

“Touched”

Rev. 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.**

## SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

## SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM “My Country, Tis of Thee” arr. by H. Turner

+OFFERING RESPONSE

“Glorify Thy Name”

Faith & Praise No. 77

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*Father, we love You, we worship and adore You.*

*Glorify Thy name in all the earth. Glorify Thy  
name, glorify Thy name. Glorify Thy name in all the  
earth.*

*Jesus, ...*

*Spirit, ...*

+OFFERING PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 335

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord God!

**It is good that we do!**

We give you thanks, Lord God, creator and Father, for bringing the worlds into being, for forming all persons in your likeness, for recalling us when we rebel against you, and for keeping the world in your steadfast love.

**We praise you especially for Jesus Christ, who was born of Mary and lived as one of us; Who knew exactly the life we know, and yet was obedient to your purposes, even to his death on a cross.**

We thank you that you stamped his death with victory by raising him in power and by making him head over all things.

**We rejoice in the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit, in the church you have gathered, in its task of obedience, and in the promise of eternal life.**

With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your Holy name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy. God of love and majesty, the whole world speaks of your glory, O God, most high!**

Grant O Lord, by your Holy Spirit, that the bread we break and the cup we share may be for us a means of grace; that receiving them we may be made one with Christ and he with us, and remain members of His body, until we feast with Him anew in His kingdom.

**In the strength Christ gives, we offer ourselves to you, giving thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*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. 406

“In Christ There is No East or West”

+COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

+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

R. Hughes

“Hold Strong the Flags of Freedom”



**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.

**Holy Communion** – We invite you to join us in sharing Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this church to come to Christ's Table. All mature believers are welcome to receive the bread and cup of the Lord.

**The Communion Offering** which assists needy members of our Hill Church Family is being received today. Please use brown pew envelopes for your donation.

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

**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.

**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.

**Congregational Meeting** – We will have a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> immediately after worship service, to discuss and vote on how to proceed with two items which have been a point of discussion for a while. For the past few years we have been receiving offerings dedicated to the installation of air conditioning in our sanctuary, and we believe we are within reach of accomplishing this goal. However, we need to have discussion about it and vote to determine if and how we proceed with this project. More recently we have also been exploring options to replace the exterior doors to the Sunday School and Church building. We would like to install doors that are both more secure and energy efficient while still retaining the character of a historic building. If we decide to move forward with this project we would need to utilize a substantial amount of funding from our trust fund income, or utilize other sources of funding.

**Help Fuel Our Mission Trip Birdsboro Workers** - Have you heard about Mission Trip Birdsboro? If so, there is now a new opportunity available to support this ministry from July 18-21. Daily lunches are provided for all site workers. Included in these are fruit and assorted snacks. The Kitchen Committee is looking for people willing to donate the following items: apples, bananas, grapes or oranges salty snacks such as chips, etc. or sweet like cookies (small packages please). Homemade cookies are always welcome. Thank you for your help. Please contact Judy Culshaw at 610-582-8509 no later than July 9<sup>th</sup> to sign up to donate.

***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - July 1**

9:30 am Worship Service  
with Holy Communion

**Monday - July 2**

9 am Small Group Bible  
Study at Elmer & Kathy's

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - July 8**

9:30 am Worship Service

**Monday - July 9**

9 am Small Group Bible  
Study

**Tuesday - July 10**

6 pm Women's Guild Picnic  
at Wagner's  
7 pm Consistory Meeting

**Saturday - July 14**

6:30 am Breakfast  
8 am Work Day

"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

## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for July: Rick Furches & Matt Weller

Worship Assistant: Eileen Fisher

This week's flowers are sponsored by John & Linda Mauger in honor of service men past & present.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Annetta Schwager & Family

Flowers:

*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: 65

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Last Week's Offering: \$2,011.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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