

**August 12, 2018**

# St. John - Hill U.C.C.

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

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

F. Haydn; arr. by Gail Smith

*"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN

*"Love Divine"*

Faith & Praise No. 140

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**We confess our sin, O Lord, Our clouded eyes, that see no further than our own advantage. Our Dulled imagination that does not know what others suffer. Our willingness to profit from injustice which we have not striven to prevent. Our selfishness which is quick to gain and slow to give. Our unconcern, which makes us cry, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Our slackness in seeking your will for ourselves and others. For everything in our lives which may hide your true light, who are the light of the world. O you who are ever merciful, take away the evil of our conscious and unconscious wrongs. Forgive us and grant us new faithfulness. 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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read  
and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith  
be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all the  
other words slip away. May there be one voice we  
hear today – the voice of truth and grace. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

[OT page 286]

2 Samuel 18:5-33 *The story of Daniel & Absalom*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[OT page 549]

Psalm 130

SERMON

*"Love Never Stops"*

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.**

PRAYER HYMN

Faith & Praise No. 477

*"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"*

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors) Blue Hymnal page 37

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Till the Storm Passes By" M. Lister

+OFFERING RESPONSE

"Glorify Thy Name"

Faith & Praise No. 77

"Glorify Thy Name" words and music by Donna Adkins

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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

+HYMN "Standing on the Promises" Faith & Praise No. 452

+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 "Shine on Us" Michael W. Smith



Today we welcome Pamela Trimbur as our organist while Elmer is spending time visiting family.

**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.

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

**Remington Ryde Concert** – September 16 at 4:30 pm! Yard signs and posters are available for you to take and put out around the community.

**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.

**Grab Bag Auction** – Join us for the annual Women's Guild Auction on August 14. Up for auction will be gift bags & packages donated with items from our congregation. Will you bid on fresh food from someone's garden, a pair of earrings, a new book to read, a beautiful painting or photo? Only you will know after you win!! Proceeds will benefit replacing the church doors and Nurse-Family Partnership (helping aid first time Mom's).

**Oley Fair** – Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> Hill Church is volunteering at the Oley Fair in the hot dog/hamburger stand from 4 -10 pm. 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!

**Community Outreach** - We will be collecting for Operation Backpack during the months of August and September. Below is a list of items needed to fill the backpacks each week. They request that each item be "single serve" if it is within a multi or larger pack. Thank you in advance for your support of this project! If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller. note: items with (\*) are in most need

- \*Tuna To-Go
- \*Complete Meals (like Hormel)
- \*Ready to eat Soup (with a "pop-top")
- \*Mac and Cheese
- Spaghettios/Beef Ravioli
- Fruit Cups / Applesauce
- Granola / Fruit Bars
- Pop-Tarts
- Cereal
- Non-refrigerated Milk
- Variety Snack Packs
- Fruit Snacks
- Water
- Juice Boxes
- Pudding (pre-made cups)

**T-Shirt Fundraiser** - St. Paul's UCC, Fleetwood fundraiser for 2020 mission trip to Ghana, Africa! Matt Hinkle has returned from his June 2018 trip and working towards a goal in 2020. The t-shirt is available for purchase for \$20 to help raise money for their project. Contact Matt Hinkle for more details or see the poster in the Narthex or Sunday School hallway. Order deadline is September 30.

**Blood Drive** - Tuesday, August 21 from 2 - 7 pm at St. Joseph's Hill Lutheran Church. Call Kathee Rhode at 484-300-2300 to donate.

***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - August 12**

9:30 am Worship Service  
Family Day at Knoebels

**Monday - August 13**

9 am Small Group Bible  
Study

**Tuesday - August 14**

7 pm Consistory Meeting  
7 pm Women's Guild Grab  
Bag Auction

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - August 19**

9:30 am Worship Service  
Joyful Noise Offering

**Monday - August 20**

9 am Small Group 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.*

Brad Kolb (Geneva Kolb's Son) ----- disabled

Dennis (Dale Fronheiser's Uncle) & Ruth Brooke -----  
----- Ruth is in declining health

## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for August: Rick Furches & Arlan Schaeffer

Worship Assistant: Arlan Schaeffer

This week's flowers are sponsored by Bob & Clara Shakespeare in honor of their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Matt & Kira Weller.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins:

Flowers: Joel & Nikki

*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: 50

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Last Week's Offering: \$1,212.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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