

June 30, 2019

St. John - Hill U.C.C.

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3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Sunday Morning" E. Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN "How Great Thou Art" Faith & Praise No. 76

O Lord my god! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru-out the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;

continued →

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Refrain

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Father, we have done wrong,
by not caring when we should have loved;
by our indifference to the cry of need;
by hating and ignoring our neighbors.
We have rejected the way of your Son.
Forgive us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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)

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your
Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and
your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. Amen.**

Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the believers: "Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved." ²This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question. ³The church sent them on their way, and as they traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the Gentiles had been converted. This news made all the believers very glad. ⁴When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them.

⁵Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses."

⁶The apostles and elders met to consider this question. ⁷After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: "Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. ⁸God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. ⁹He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. ¹⁰Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? ¹¹No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are."

SERMON "Christian Variety" Pastor Chuck 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "You Raise Me Up" B. Graham & R. Lovland
Solo by Kristen Bender

+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

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer,
That call me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known;
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare,
By Thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer,
The joy I feel, the bliss I share
Of those whose anxious spirits burn
With strong desires for Thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
Where God my Savior, shows his face,
And gladly take my station there,
And wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless;
And since He bids me seek his face,
Believe His word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care,
And wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer.

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal pg. 37

+HYMN

Faith & Praise No. 711

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Out fears, our hopes, out aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes;
Out mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in hear,
And hope to meet again.

+COMMISSION & BENEDECTION

+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 Him with Trumpets"

R. Blake



* Large print bulletins are available from the usher.

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.

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

Mission Trip Birdsboro – Here is another opportunity to support this ministry July 17-20. Daily lunches are provided for all site workers. Included in these are things like fresh fruit and assorted snacks. The Kitchen Committee is looking for anyone willing to donate either of these items. Fruit choices are things such as: apples, bananas, grapes, oranges or whatever is in season. Snack suggestions are: salty such as chips, etc. or sweet like cookies. Items should be in individual serving size packages. Homemade cookies are always welcome. Please contact Connie Hile at 610-367-6572 to volunteer or with any questions you have. Deadline to respond is July 7. Thank you for your help.

Upcoming Summer Events:

July 17-20 – Mission Trip Birdsboro

August 3 – Ringgold Band Concert & Picnic

September 15 – Remington Ryde Summer Concert

July Office Hours – Please note the church office will be closed July 11-23 while Nikki is away. Please have all information for the July 14 & 21 bulletins to Nikki by Friday, July 5. Nikki will continue to check e-mail and phone messages while away.

July Sponsorship Opportunities

Altar Flowers: 7, 14, 28

Bulletins: 7, 14, 21

If you would like to sponsor an upcoming Sunday, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Nikki in the church office.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - June 30

9:30 am Worship Service

Monday - July 1

9 am Bible Study

Thursday - July 4

Happy Independence Day!
Church Office Closed

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - July 7

9:30 am Worship Service

Monday - July 8

9 am Bible Study

Tuesday - July 9

7 pm Consistory Meeting

Saturday - July 13

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

Mary Motz -----broke her foot



Helping Hands Wish List

Helping Hands is a humanitarian program that reunites unaccompanied youth from Central America with family that already resides in the USA. Bethany provides them with a safe place to live and grow until they are reunited with their families. They are currently in need of the items listed below, as many of the youth will arrive with just the clothes on their backs. Their ages are from 5 – 14 years.

Your support in helping to provide them a brighter future is so appreciated!

Boys Sizes – Sizes Small and Medium

Socks
Boxer Shorts
Jeans (all sizes)
Sweatpants
T-Shirts – Solid Colors
Sneakers (all sizes)
Church attire and shoes (all sizes)
Coats
Sweaters
Pajamas
Shorts

Girls and Misses – Sizes X-Small, Small and Medium

Socks
Sports Bras
Panties
Jeans (all sizes)
Shorts
T-Shirts – Solid Colors
Shoes – all sizes
Sneakers – all sizes
Pajamas
Sweat Pants
Church attire and shoes (all sizes)
Sweaters
Coats

Bibles – Spanish Version
Kids Craft Projects and Kits
Markers, Crayons, Colored Pencils
Coloring Books
Soccer Balls
Spanish Books
Games for all ages

Pillows and Pillow Cases
Twin Blankets
Fleece Throws
Blankets
Bath Towels
Kid Friendly Soap, Shampoo and Conditioner
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
Hairbrushes & Combs

**WE KINDLY ASK THAT ALL ITEMS ARE
NEW OR EXCELENT USED CONDITION. THANK YOU!**



1863 Bethany Road, Womelsdorf PA 19567

The official registration and financial information of Bethany Home Inc. and Bethany Children's Home Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

If you are considering a monetary donation, please make checks payable to "St. John-Hill UCC".

We are collecting through the month of June.

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for June: Bonnie Helmick & Arlan Schaeffer & Rick Furches.

Worship Assistant: Matt Weller

This week's flowers are sponsored by Ray & Tracy Kochey in honor of Samantha's graduation from nursing school.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Terry & Mayetta Shane in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins:

Flowers:

2019 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: \$1,731.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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