

July 28, 2019

St. John - Hill U.C.C.

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7th Sunday after Pentecost

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "God Is My Strong Salvation" F. Ritter

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN "How Firm a Foundation" Blue Hymnal No. 314

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and follow in your ways,
to the glory of your name.**

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-6th grade may leave for Sunday School)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a
light to our path. Give us grace to receive your
truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to
your will and live always for your glory; through
Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

[NT page 188]

Colossians 2:6-17

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

[OT page 552]

Psalm 138

GOSPEL LESSON

[NT page 68]

Luke 11:1-13

SERMON

Pastor Joe Motz

“Widening the Heart to God’s Expanse”

+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

ANTHEM “Happy Am I” M. Holiday
Duet by Dorothy Wagner & Clara Shakespeare

+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

PRAYER HYMN “Prayer is the Soul’s Sincere Desire”

Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire,
Uttered or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try;
Prayer, the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty so nigh

Prayer is the contrite sinner’s voice,
Turning from the thought-less ways,
While angels in their songs rejoice
And cry, “Behold, one prays!”

No prayers do humans make alone;
The Holy Spirit pleads,
And Jesus on the eternal throne
For sinners intercedes.

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O Christ, by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer you too have trod:
Christ, teach us how to pray.

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal pg. 37

+HYMN "Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart" Blue Hymnal No. 7

+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 "Postlude" F. Couperin; arr. by T Kendall



* Large print bulletins are available from the usher.

* Weekly Communitas are available in the Narthex.

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.

Pulpit Exchange - Today we will have a pulpit exchange with St. Paul's UCC in Birdsboro. We welcome Pastor Joe Motz to the pulpit to share a message with us while Pastor Chuck will be at St. Paul's.

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

Congregational Meeting – We will have a Congregational meeting August 18th after worship service to discuss the needed roof repairs. We received several quotes to replace the roof and want to present the information to you to decide how we should proceed.

Community Outreach - It's back to school collection time for Boyertown Area Multi Service. They are looking for the following items to help their school-age clients and families. If you can donate any school supply item, please place it in the box in the Narthex during the month of July.

- notebooks (spiral and composition)
- 3-ring binders, folders, filler paper
- pens, pencils, markers, crayons, colored pencils
- glue sticks
- folders
- backpacks
- rulers, scissors
- dry erase markers
- pencil pouches (not boxes)
- 3x5 index cards
- any other school supply item

Family Potluck Picnic – Join us after worship on August 4th for a family potluck picnic and games. Bring a covered dish (main course, side, or desert) and your lawn chair or blanket and join in some food, fellowship and games after the outdoor worship service.

Upcoming Summer Events:

August 3 – Ringgold Band Concert & Picnic

August 4 – Outdoor Worship Service & Potluck Family Picnic, Games & Activities for all

August 24 – Joint Hill Church Movie Night

September 15 – Remington Ryde Summer Concert

Ringgold Band Picnic

Saturday, August 3rd

We need lots of help. If you have never helped before now is the time to volunteer and have fun! Donations of baked goods are needed and greatly appreciated. Donations of intermission raffle items are also being accepted; please see Elmer Miller. Advertisement posters & signs are available in the Narthex. Please help distribute them throughout the community.

Please note that help IS needed to clean up grounds and set up and serve food the day of this event. If you are available to help with clean up or the day of the event, please let Elmer, Eileen, Terry, Dennis or Nancy know. Come when you can, leave when you must!

The following dates are the schedule of events for the Ringgold Band Picnic:

Monday, July 29 @ 6:00 p.m.

Clean-Up (*clean up dining hall and wash dishes, mow grass and trim weeds.*)

Please bring lawn equipment for grounds work.

Wednesday, July 31 @ 6:00 p.m.

Rain date for clean up

Saturday, August 3 @ 1:00 p.m.

Food Preparation

(peel potatoes for french fries, complete grounds work, wiping down serving stand)

Saturday, August 3 @ 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Help with picnic and food sales.

Refreshments available at 4:00 p.m.

Music from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Monday, August 5 @ 6:00 p.m.

Close up buildings and trash removal.

August Sponsorship Opportunities

Bulletins: 25

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 - July 28

9:30 am Worship Service
Pulpit Exchange

Monday - July 29

9 am Bible Study
6 pm Picnic Grove Clean Up

Saturday - August 3

Ringgold Band Picnic - See
Schedule in Bulletin

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - August 4

9:30 am Worship Service -
Outdoors in the Bandshell
11 am Potluck Family
Picnic, Games & Activities
for all

Monday - August 5

9 am Bible Study
7 pm Christian Ed. Meeting

"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: Sally Shirk & Rick Furches.

Worship Assistant: Rick Furches

Nursery Caregivers: Connie & Mark Hile

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Edie Krause & Family in loving memory of Charles Krause.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Mayetta & Terry Shane

Flowers: Matt & Kira Weller

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: \$2,275.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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