

August 4, 2019

St. John - Hill U.C.C.

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8th Sunday after Pentecost

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Summer Reverie" E. Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN "The Trees of the Field" (*sing 2x*)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
The trees of the field will clap their hands;
The trees of the field will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.

+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)

**O God, by your spirit tell us what we need to hear,
and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus
Christ our Savior. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 16:11-40

SERMON

Pastor Chuck Maxfield

“Playing Safe or Being Saved”

+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

“Purer in Heart”

arr. by F. Ritter

+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

"Make Me a Captive Lord"

Make me a captive, Lord,
And then I shall be free;
Force me to render up my sword,
And I shall conqueror be.
I sink in life's alarms,
When by myself I stand;
Imprison me within Thine arms,
And strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor
Until it master find;
It has no spring of action sure,
It varies with the wind;
It cannot freely move
Till Thou has wrought it chain;
Enslave ti with They matchless love,
And deathless it shall reign.

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My power is faint and low
Till I have learned to serve;
It wants the needed fire to glow,
It wants the breeze to nerve;
It cannot drive the world
Until itself be driven;
It's flag can only be unfurled
When Thou shalt breathe from heaven.

My will is not my own
Till Thou has made it Thine;
If it would reach a monarch's throne
It must its crown resign;
It only stands unbent
Amid the clashing strife,
When on Thy bosom it has leant,
And found in Thee its life. Amen.

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal pg. 37

+HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace - how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my hear to fear,
And grace my fears relived;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thru many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

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When we've been there ten thousand year,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

+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 on "Hanover"" arr. by T. Birchwood



* 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.

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.

Family Potluck Picnic – Join us after worship TODAY for a family potluck picnic and enjoy some food, fellowship and games after the outdoor worship service.

Upcoming Summer Events:

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 - Thank you to everyone who helped yesterday. Help is needed for the final clean up tomorrow night at 6 pm. It won't take long if we have lots of helping hands.

Annual Women's Guild Auction - Tuesday August 6th at 7pm. The proceeds will be divided half to Bethany and half to the church roof fund. Each contributor is asked to keep to a 3-bag limit. Very light refreshments (chips and pretzels) and drinks will be served. We hope to see a lot of people come out for a fun night for a good cause.

Family Movie Night - We will be watching Dumbo.
Complimentary Popcorn Provided - Bring Your Own Drink
Rain or Shine at St. John Hill UCC Picnic Grove
(rain: will be held inside the church)
Bring a Blanket/Comforter/Lawn Chair
Friends - Family - Community Welcome!!

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 - 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
6 pm Picnic Clean up
7 pm Christian Ed. Meeting

Tuesday - August 6

7 pm Grab Bag Auction

Saturday - August 10

8 am Work Day

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - August 11

9:30 am Worship Service

Monday - August 12

9 am Bible Study

Tuesday - August 13

7 pm Consistory 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 August: Sally Shirk & Ray Kochey.

Worship Assistant: Dale Fronheiser

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

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Terry & Mayetta Shane in honor of Abby's birthday.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Dawn & Bill Endy

Flowers: Edie Krause

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: 66

Last Week's Offering: \$2,267.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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