

September 15, 2019

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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13th Sunday after Pentecost September 15, 2019

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Dedication” E. Higgins

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN “As the Deer”

As the deer pants for the water
so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart’s desire
and I long to worship You.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are by heart’s desire
and I long to worship You.

I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver,
and the apple of my eye.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are by heart’s desire
and I long to worship You.

+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.*

DEDICATION OF KEYBOARD IN

MEMORY OF ROBERT FLEMING (responsive)

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in God’s sanctuary;

praise God in God’s mighty firmament!

Praise God for God’s mighty deeds;

praise God according to God’s surpassing greatness!

Praise God with trumpet sound;

praise God with lute and harp!

Praise God with tambourine and dance;

praise God with strings and pipe!

Praise God with clanging cymbals;

praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the
Lord!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28

[OT page 666]

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Man Upstairs" Solo by Maddy Bender

GOSPEL LESSON [NT page 74] Luke 15:1-10

SERMON Pastor Chuck Maxfield

"The Earth Shall Mourn"

+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

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Peaceful Moment" T. Chesterton

+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

“Softly and Tenderly”

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He’s waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home,
Ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!

Oh! For the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me;
Tho we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.
Come home, come home,
Ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal pg. 37

+HYMN

“Rise Up, O Men of God”

Rise up, O people of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and mind and soul and strength
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O people of God!
His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.

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Rise up, O people of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task.
Rise up, and make her great!

Lift up the cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod.
As brothers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O people of God!

+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 "Onward & Upward" G. Blake



- * Large print bulletins are available from the greeters.
- * Weekly Communions are available on our website.

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

Remington Ryde Summer Concert - Our last concert for this year. This evening, September 15 Remington Ryde will be in the bandshell at Hill Church. Music from 4:30 - 6:30 pm and food starting at 3:30 pm. Help is needed starting at 1 pm to set up and prep food, please just show up with ready and able hands!

September Sponsorship Opportunities

Bulletins: 29

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

Back to College – We need your help in getting a list together of names and addresses of our new college students, returning students, and military personnel. Once completed, we will post the list in the Narthex so that anyone who would like to keep in touch with them can do so. Please give your information to Nikki at nikki@stjohnhillucc.org. Thanks!

New Bible Study Series – Join us for a 4-week study! We will be viewing the movie "I Can Only Imagine". The movie portrays the life of the lead singer of MercyMe, Bart Millard. He suffered a painful childhood and was abused by his father. In the movie Bart shares his redemptive life story. The 4-week study is related to the movie and messages from the Gospels. Each week we will be watching a short clip of the movie, reading scripture and discussing follow up questions and pray. We will be having this on our regular Monday morning Bible Study at 9:00 AM and also on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM starting Sept. 23rd. (approx. 1hr 15 Min.) Anyone is welcome to join us.

Oley Fair – Saturday, September 21st Hill Church will be joining forces with the Lutheran church and volunteering at the Oley Fair in the hot dog/hamburger stand from 4 pm to close. Please contact Eileen Fisher if you 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 Collection - During the month of September we will be collecting for The Community Clothing Rack at St. Luke Lutheran Church. The Community Clothing Rack provides clothing at no cost to those in need. They serve those in the tri county area including Berks, Chester, and Montgomery counties. They are accepting donations of clean, gently used clothing for women, men, children and babies along with winter hats, coats, gloves and boots. Time to clean out your closets. Thank you in advance for your support of this project! If you have any questions, please contact Nikki in the church office.

From Church World Service: URGENT: Hurricane Response - Hurricane Dorian slammed into the Bahamas with deadly force and has since made landfall in North Carolina, causing flooding and knocking out power.

We will respond in the Bahamas, particularly in regards to long-term recovery. We are working with ACT Alliance and other partners to conduct initial assessments and determine the best ways to help.

In the United States, we're shipping CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets to North Carolina and will continue to respond to requests for supplies as part of immediate relief efforts. We are engaging with partners on the ground to help ensure that our most vulnerable neighbors have the care and support they will need to recover over the longer term. Help ensure that we can get families the supplies they will need. Checks may be made out to St. John Hill UCC with the notation: Hurricane response. These contributions will be sent to the Conference, then the national church, then to Church World Service. Church World Service is the agency through which we and other churches work together to bring relief to wherever it is needed. We work in cooperation with and through the help of the churches in the area hit.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - September 15

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
Joyful Noise Offering
Newsletter Deadline
4:30 pm Remington Ryde
Summer Concert

Monday - September 16

9 am Bible Study

Wednesday - September 18

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday - September 21

4 pm Help at Oley Fair

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - September 22

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service

Monday - September 23

9 am Bible Study
7 pm Bible Study

Wednesday - September 25

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

“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 September: Bonnie Helmick & Terry Shane

Worship Assistant: Rick Furches

This weeks flowers and bulletins are sponsored by Dennis & Nancy Weller in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Terry & Mayetta Shane

Flowers: Joel & Nikki 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: 54

Last Week's Offering: \$2,287.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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