

September 22, 2019

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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14th Sunday after Pentecost September 22, 2019

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “God Sends Us Along” arr. by R. Loree

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN “There Is a Balm in Gilead” Faith & Praise No. 961

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/4170/worship-elements-september-22-2019>

**We confess that we find your medicine hard to
swallow.**

**The quick fixes of this world
are so much more pleasant,
leaving us free to go back to our usual routines.
But your medicine is powerful.**

**And if we take it,
it will remake and renew our lives.**

It will reorient us to you and to you alone.

**Turn us toward your love
for justice and true worship.**

Forgive our sins, for which you weep.

Forgive our hesitation.

**Grant us courage to choose you as our physician,
and to serve you and you alone. Amen.**

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Something Beautiful”

Faith & Praise No. 571

“Something Beautiful” words by Gloria Gaither, music by William Gaither ©1971 William J. Gaither
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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)

**Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word
open to being surprised. Silence our agendas;
banish our assumptions; cast out our casual
detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the
cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of
our hearts with this word. We know that you can,
we pray that you will, and will wait with great
anticipation. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

[OT page 672]

GOSPEL LESSON

[NT page 75]

Luke 16:1-13

SERMON

Pastor Chuck Maxfield

“No Balm in Gilead?”

+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 "Until That Final Day" D. Jernigan
Solo by Elmer Miller

+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

PRAYER HYMN Faith & Praise No. 800
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER Blue Hymnal pg. 37

+HYMN "We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness" See Bulletin

+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 "Sing to The Lord" L. Smith



* Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

* Weekly Communitas are available on our website.

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.

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

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. 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. Monday at 9 am & 7 pm on September 23, 30, October 7, 14.

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 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.

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.

From the Conference - In our PSEC of the UCC, we function in Associations within the Conference. The Pastors have their standing in the Association. The Committee which oversees the Pastors is called the "Committee on Ministry." This committee supports and encourages and guides: 1) pastors who already have standing in the Association, 2) pastors who are retired, 3) persons who feel called to be a pastor. The Committee also wants to be interacting with the congregations of the Association. We are looking for several more people who feel led to serving on this committee and who would be appointed/elected at the Fall Meeting of the Covenant Association on Sunday, October 27. Contact Rev. Mary Etta Mest (610-659-2775 or mestme@aol.com).

We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness

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Dosia Carlson, 1986; rev. 1993

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1 We yearn, O Christ, for whole - ness and for your heal - ing touch;
 2 We long to have com - pan - ions who trav - el by our side,
 3 We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O Christ of Gal - i - lee,

too long have we felt help - less; our bur - dens seemed too much.
 strong friends to call and an - swer with whom we are al - lied;
 a pres - ence that re - vives us and sets our spir - its free.

For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we make our plead - ings heard,
 As we lift up each oth - er when strug - gles lay us low,
 No long - er are we fear - ful, your love per - vades each place.

in hope and ex - pec - ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious Word.
 com - mu - ni - ty de - vel - ops; our faith and car - ing grow.
 Em - pow - er us with cour - age to claim your heal - ing grace.

Dosia Carlson is noted for her ministry at Beatitudes United Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, and for her hymnwriting. This text was inspired by a sermon given by Harold Wilke during the International Year of Persons with Disabilities (1983).

Tune: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.
 Hans Leo Hassler, 1601
 Harm. J. S. Bach, 1719
 For another harmonization, see 202

HAPPENING THIS 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

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - September 29

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

Monday - September 30

9 am Bible Study
7 pm Bible Study

Tuesday - October 1

7 pm Christian Ed Meeting

Wednesday - October 2

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal
8 pm Cantata 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: Matt Weller

Nursery Caregivers: Roxanne Anhalt & Dottie Fronheiser

This week's flowers are sponsored by Joel & Nikki Weller in honor of their 14th wedding anniversary.

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

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins:

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: 37

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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