

September 29, 2019

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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15th Sunday after Pentecost September 29, 2019

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Jesus is Lord” arr. by L. A. Warriner

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN Blue Hymnal No. 75
“God Moves in a Mysterious way”

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/entry/4213/worship-elements-2-september-25-2016>

Triune God,

**you call us to trust you
in every circumstance of our lives,
yet far too often, we do not.**

**In times of oppression and strife,
we lose hope in our future.**

**When enduring natural disasters,
suffering illness, or facing death,
we often grow bitter and forget your love.**

**Stripped of the idols of our wealth and status,
we try in vain to control our lives.**

**Eager to be powerful and successful,
we wander away from you,
falling into the pain of addiction, greed,
and blind ambition.**

**Absorbed by our wants and desires,
we are blind to those around us who need our care.**

Forgive us, O God.

Forgive our despair, our bitterness, and our fear.

**Turn our hearts to you,
that we may taste fullness of life
and trust your promised salvation.**

+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)

**God our helper,
by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the
Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may be led into your truth
and taught your will,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 32:1-15

[OT page 697]

GOSPEL LESSON

[NT page 75]

Luke 16:19-31

SERMON

“Practical Hope”

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

ANTHEM "Love the Lord" R. D. Hatton

+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. 477

"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER Blue Hymnal pg. 37

+HYMN Blue Hymnal No. 205

"O Master Let Me walk with Thee"

+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 arr. By F. Ritter

"High In The Heaven, Eternal God"



- * Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.
- * Weekly Communitas are available on our website.

October Sponsorship Opportunities

Altar Flowers: 27

Bulletins: 20

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!

Community Outreach Collection – During the month of October we will be collecting gently used and new shoes. These can be for boys, girls, teens, men & women and any size from baby to adults (larger and wide sizes are greatly appreciated). The shoes will go to local families in need through In Ian's Boots. Thank you in advance for your support of this project! If you have any questions, please contact Nikki in the church office.

Wreaths Across America – This event will be held in Boyertown on December 14th at noon at Fairview Cemetery. Please come volunteer and go online to sponsor a wreath. Wreaths are \$15 each. Fairview has 710 veterans, so please sponsor today through the website (www.wreathscrossamerica.org) and search our location: Fairview Cemetery, Boyertown, PA. Any questions please contact Ray and Tracy Kochey

Applesauce & Chow Chow – Monday, October 14, 7:30 am or when you can help. With many hands we should be finished by 11:00-11:30. Where?: Dining hall. This is a multi gender event. A couple of muscles in this days event are appreciated. This will supply our church for our 3 major church dinners. I don't have a clipboard but let me know if you can help. Thank you for volunteering. Nancy Weller

Church Doors – The new entry doors are installed and look sharp! We will be getting a batch of new keys, so if you currently have a key to access the building it will not work after the installation. Please see Nikki in the office to trade in your old key for a new one.

Soda Tab Collection - You see them every time you open up a soft drink or soup, sometimes even find them when you feed your pet. Those tiny little tabs are easy to overlook, but they can make a BIG impact on the families at Ronald McDonald House. Join us as we support The Thrivent Member Network's Pop Tab Collection Challenge! It's Simple - Pop Them! - Find A Tab & Pop It, Drop Them! - in The Collection Box located in the Narthex and Sunday School hallway. Make An Impact ... Start Collecting Today!

HAPPENING THIS 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

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - October 6

8:30 am Sunday School
World Communion Sunday
9:30 am Worship Service
with Holy Communion
Neighbors in Need Offering

Monday - October 7

9 am Bible Study
7 pm Bible Study

Tuesday - October 8

7 pm Consistory Meeting

Wednesday - October 9

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal
8 pm Cantata Rehearsal

Saturday - October 12

7 am Men's Breakfast
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

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for September: Bonnie Helmick & Terry Shane

Worship Assistant: Dale Fronheiser

Nursery Caregivers: Dottie Fronheiser & Nikki Weller

This week's flowers are sponsored by Matt & Kira Weller in honor of Juliana's 3rd birthday.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Terry & Mayetta Shane

Flowers: Martha & Franklin Snyder

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: 44

Last Week's Offering: \$2,303.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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