

April 14, 2019

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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Palm Sunday

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Palm Sunday Processional” G. Clark

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” Blue Hymnal No. 136

CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

“That’s Why He Died”

*Read by Gavin Bender, Maddy Bender, Zach Weller,
Jacob Weller, and Tre Dolansky*

“Easter”

*Read by Amy Anhalt, Noah Anhalt, Macy Weller,
Cecilia Bender, Juliana Weller*

Song: “Jesus Died Upon a Tree”

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

“Easter Joy” by Joanna Fuchs

Read by Samantha Jo Dolansky & Lisa Anhalt

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/prayer-of-confession-for-palm-sunday>

We pray together...

**O God, you know us well. We are quick to speak of
faith, but slow to live it fully. We shout "hosanna"
as Jesus approaches, as did the people of
Jerusalem many years ago; but we do not want
him to come too close -- not close enough to really
see...**

Silent Confession

And we pray together...

O God, you know us well. We are quick to claim faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior; but, like the throng who greeted his entry into Jerusalem, we are fickle, slow to live fully and everywhere as faithful disciples. We know where we fail...

Silent Confession

And we pray together...

O God, you know us well. We are quick to want the blessings of faithfulness; but, like the Twelve who spent the last week with him, we are slow to accept the pain and suffering of authentic Christ-like living. Forgive our weakness and fear.

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"There is a Green Hill"

Blue Hymnal No. 149

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He died that we might be forgiven, He died to make us good, That we might go at last to heaven, Saved by His precious blood.

O dearly, dearly has He loved, And we must love Him too, And trust in His redeeming blood, And try His works to do.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Shine within our hearts, loving God, the pure light of your divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our minds and hearts that we may understand and embrace the message of the Scripture. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

[OT page 541]

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19:28-40

[NT page 79]

SERMON

Pastor Chuck Maxfield

"An Organized Demonstration"

+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 "Hosanna" C. Gregor

+OFFERING RESPONSE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Blue Hymnal No. 158

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Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

+OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN "Come Away with Me" See Bulletin

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

+HYMN Blue Hymnal No. 135

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

+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 “Along the Palm-Strewn Way” D.L. Moore



- * Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.
- * The 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

Fundraiser – Contact our sexton, Charles Anhalt, for discounted in-house tile and carpet cleaning. 20% of all proceeds received will be donated to our church in honor of you. Contact Charles at 484-333-1424.

VBS Help Needed – Volunteer forms are in the Narthex and on the window sills...Please consider helping out with VBS! You can now also sign-up online at www.stjohnhillucc.org

Easter Egg Hunt – The annual community egg hunt is April 20th at 10 am. We will fill the eggs following worship TODAY.

Help Wanted! – Would you like to help during the worship service with announcements and reading scripture? See Nikki if you are interested in helping out as a Worship Assistant!

Mission Trip Sign-up – See Connie or Mark Hile or visit <https://stpaulsbirdsboro.org/2019-mtb-volunteer-registration.html>

Membership Update - The consistory has decided to go through our membership list to update addresses, phone numbers, & emails. You may receive a phone call or post card to fill out and return to the church. We would like to have the list completed and ready for when we call our new pastor. We are asking for volunteers to form a committee to complete this task. Please contact Terry Shane if you are interested. Thank You for your cooperation.

VBS Fundraiser – We are asking YOU to be a part of VBS this year. Help us by participating in our ROARing contest by making an African Drum. You can use any materials you want and make it any size you want. Please bring your drum to church by NEXT SUNDAY so we can get them displayed and ready to vote on by Easter Sunday. An example is in the Narthex for you to see, but please be creative and use your imagination. To vote you can place money in a jar by the drum you want to win - all “votes” will be used to purchase music CDs for each VBS family. The winning drum maker will receive a VBS t-shirt! Voting will take place from April 21-May 5!

Collection – VBS needs toilet paper and paper towel rolls! Please place empty rolls in the box marked in the Narthex!

Prayer Vigil – Good Friday Prayer Vigil at St. Joe’s. Half hour slots available – Sign up in the Narthex.

Good Friday Cantata – Join us at St. Joseph’s on April 19th at 7 pm as the joint choirs of St. John Hill & St. Joseph’s present the cantata “The Living Last Words.”

May Sponsorship Opportunities

Altar Flowers: 5, 26

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

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm

April 18 Seder Meal at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

Good Friday

April 19 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church

Prayer Vigil (*sign up in the Narthex*)

7 pm Joint Cantata "The Living Last Words"



Children's Egg Hunt

10 am

For ages 0 up to and including age 12

EASTER

Sunrise Outdoor Worship 6:15 am

At the flagpole in the cemetery • Bring your own chair

Easter Worship 9:30 am

in the sanctuary

Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services.

GRACE

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Come Away with Me



1. Come a - way with me to a qui - et
2. Come and pray with me on a gen - tle
3. Come to - day with thoughts of the count - less
4. Come and say, in words whis - pered from your
5. Come a - way with me to a qui - et



place, a - part from the world with its fran - tic
sea, on top of a hill in the Gal - i -
ways that God's stead - fast love bless - es all our
soul, the feel - ings and ac - tions you can't con -
place, to God's lov - ing arms wait - ing to em -



pace, to pray, re - flect, and seek God's grace.
lee, in gar - dens like Geth - se - ma - ne.
days, and join with me in si - lent praise.
trol. Your spir - it needs to be made whole.
brace all those who come in hope of grace.



Come a - way with me. Come a - way.

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RECREATION

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - April 14

Palm Sunday
8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
Children’s Program

Monday - April 15

9 am Bible Study

Wednesday - April 17

7:30 pm Cantata Rehearsal

Thursday - April 18

6 pm Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm Maundy Thursday
Service

Friday - April 19

Prayer Vigil at St. Joe’s
7 pm Cantata at St. Joe’s

Saturday - April 20

10 am Egg Hunt

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - April 21

Easter Sunday
6:15 am Outdoor Sunrise
Worship Service
8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
Joyful Noise Offering

Monday - April 22

9 am Bible Study

Wednesday - April 24

7:00 pm 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

Vaughn Skoog-----in rehab after bad fall

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for April: Bonnie Helmick & Arlan Schaeffer.

Worship Assistant: Matt Weller

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Mayetta & Terry Shane in honor of Kayla's 19th birthday.

This week's flowers are sponsored by Carey & Cheryl Anderson in honor of Gretchen & Marc's birthday.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Cindy Stott

Flowers: Mark & Connie Hile

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: 58

Last Week's Offering: \$2,948.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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