

April 7, 2019

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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5th Sunday in Lent

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Jesus Lover of My Soul” P. Benjamin

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN “Fairest Lord Jesus” Blue Hymnal No. 182

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"There is a Green Hill"

Blue Hymnal No. 149

"There is a Green hill" words and music by C. Alexander ©1878 CCLI License #11085161

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)

O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, as sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace - so that the good news of your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses...so that we cannot help but respond with wonder, faith and trust. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 3:4b-14 [OT page 473]

GOSPEL LESSON John 12:1-11 [NT page 101]

SERMON "Extravagant Gratitude" 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 “Jesus to Thy Table Led” P. Mengel

+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

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN “I Come with Joy” See Bulletin

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord God!

It is good that we do!

We give you thanks, Lord God, creator and Father, for bringing the worlds into being, for forming all persons in your likeness, for recalling us when we rebel against you, and for keeping the world in your steadfast love.

We praise you especially for Jesus Christ, who was born of Mary and lived as one of us; Who knew exactly the life we know, and yet was obedient to your purposes, even to his death on a cross.

We thank you that you stamped his death with victory by raising him in power and by making him head over all things.

We rejoice in the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit, in the church you have gathered, in its task of obedience, and in the promise of eternal life.

With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your Holy name:

SERAPHIC HYMN (sung)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy Glory, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Grant O Lord, by your Holy Spirit, that the bread we break and the cup we share may be for us a means of grace; that receiving them we may be made one with Christ and he with us, and remain members of His body, until we feast with Him anew in His kingdom.

In the strength Christ gives, we offer ourselves to you, giving thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

This morning we will receive the Communion Elements by coming to the Communion Table. The servers will escort worshippers to the front of the sanctuary. Note that the outer rings are filled with wine, while the inner rings have grape juice, and are a lighter color. Please partake of each element as you receive it.

+HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 260

“Lord, Thou Lovest the Cheerful Giver”

+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 "A Morning Trumpeting" F. Ritter



- * 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.

Holy Communion – We invite you to join us in sharing Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this church to come to Christ's Table. All mature believers are welcome to receive the bread and cup of the Lord.

The Communion Offering which assists needy members of our Hill Church Family is being received today. Please use brown pew envelopes for your donation.

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. Donations of goodies (individually wrapped candy, stickers, toys, etc) to fill plastic egg will be accepted until April 14th. Boxes for donations are in the Sunday School hallway and in the Narthex. We will fill the eggs following worship on 4/14.

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!

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.”

April Sponsorship Opportunities

Altar Flowers: 28

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



Midweek Worship at 7 pm

Lenten Theme: Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

April 10 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

Deuteronomy 7:7-13; 1 John 4:7-21

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”

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.

I Come with Joy

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Unison

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - giv - en,
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di -
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence,
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll go our

loved and free, in awe and won - der to re - call his
 all are fed, the new com - mun - i - ty of love in
 vi - sion ends. The love that made us makes us one, and
 al - ways near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known; we
 dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple in the world, we'll

life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.
 live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - April 7

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
w/ Holy Communion

Monday - April 8

9 am Bible Study

Tuesday - April 9

7 pm Consistory Meeting

Wednesday - April 10

6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
7 pm Lent Service
7:30 pm Cantata Rehearsal

Saturday - April 13

6:30 am Men's Breakfast
8 am Workday

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - April 14

Palm Sunday
8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
Children's Program
Joyful Noise Offering

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

"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
Krista Miller -----undergoing testing for health concerns
Vaughn Skoog-----in rehab after bad fall

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for April: Bonnie Helmick & Arlan Schaeffer.

Worship Assistant: Matt Weller

Nursery Caregivers: Joel & Nikki Weller

This week's flowers & bulletins are sponsored in honor of Ray Kochey's Birthday.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Terry & Mayetta Shane

Flowers:

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: 59

Last Week's Offering: \$6,956.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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