

May 19, 2019

St. John - Hill U.C.C.

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4th Sunday after Easter

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Red Letters" by David Crowder

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN "How Great Thou Art" Faith & Praise No. 76

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God,

**we confess that we have been brisk in the service of
self, slack in the service of others;**

Eager to get, reluctant to give;

lofty in our profession, low in our practice;

full of good intentions, backwards to fulfilling them;

severe with our neighbors, indulgent with ourselves;

**eager to find fault, resentful at being found fault
with;**

little able for great tasks, discontent with small ones;

weak in adversity, self-satisfied in prosperity;

helpless apart from you,

and yet so little willing to be bound to you.

Merciful God, grant us yet forgiveness,

for His Holy name's sake. Amen.

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"I Sing the Praise"

Blue Hymnal No. 17

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*I Sing the praise of love unbounded, Which God in
Christ has shown to man; I sing of love that hath
been founded, Ere yet the stars their courses ran; The
love that offers free salvation, To sinful man of
every nation*

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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

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Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-60

ANTHEM

arr. by E. Broughton

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

SERMON "Where do we worship?" 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

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Song of Devotion" R. Hughes

+OFFERING RESPONSE "Take My Life & Let It Be"

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*Take my life and let it be, Consecrated, Lord to Thee;
Take my hands and let them move, At the impulse
of Thy love, At the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my love my God, I pour, At Thy feet its treasure
store; Take myself and I will be, Ever, only all for
Thee, Ever only all for Thee.*

+OFFERING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER HYMN Faith & Praise No. 692
 "Change My Heart, I God"

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

+HYMN Blue Hymnal No. 15
 "All Creatures of Our God & King"

+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 "Rise, Go Joyously Into Life" L. Smith



- * 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

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 or in the Narthex!

VBS Tees – Volunteers, do you want a fun way to remember the amazing week? Order forms for t-shirts are on the window sills and due TODAY...order yours now!

VBS Fundraiser – Congratulation to drum #4! You were voted as the favorite drum. Thank you to everyone who voted and donated to this contest. We raised \$223 towards purchasing VBS cds for the kids.

Part Time Help Wanted – Anhalt Carpet & Tile Cleaning is looking for part-time/per-diem help. If you are interested or want more details please contact Charles at 484-333-1424

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

Ham Supper – Thank you to everyone who helped out yesterday! We will be doing final clean-up tomorrow night and would love to have your helping hands!

VBS Donations – The VBS donation wall is up in the narthex. In addition to the items on the wall we need to ask if you have any items in your home we can borrow. If you have any of the items below, please bring them to church and place them in the primary floor Sunday School rooms and also make sure your name is on them so they can be returned to you. Items needed are:

- Safari/ fishing/ explorer Vest
- Safari Hat
- Binoculars
- Stuffed or inflatable African animals
- Round baskets

We also need (these items will not be returned):

- Brown Paper Bags
- Grass Skirts
- Bright Green Poster Board

Graduation Sunday – June 9 we will celebrate graduation Sunday. If you know of anyone connected to Hill Church who is graduating from high school or college, please e-mail nikki@stjohnhillucc.org

Memorial Day Sunday Special Service – Join us next Sunday, May 26 for a special service by the flagpole. St. Joseph's Lutheran church will join us following their service so there will be a brief wait following our service.

May Sponsorship Opportunities

Altar Flowers: 26

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - May 19

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
Joyful Noise Offering
Newsletter Deadline

Monday - May 20

9 am Bible Study
6 pm Ham Supper Clean Up

Wednesday - May 22

7 pm Choir Rehearsal

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - May 26

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
Memorial Day Service at the
flagpole with St. Joe's

Monday - May 27

9 am Bible Study

Wednesday - May 29

NO 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

Marie Schollenberger-----at Chestnut Knoll

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for May: Bonnie Helmick & Arlan Schaeffer.

Worship Assistant: Dale Fronheiser

Nursery Caregivers: Matt & Kira Weller

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Kevin, Wendy & Alex Schollenberger in honor of Tyler Schollenberger's graduation from college.

This week's flowers are sponsored by Paul & Sally Shirk in memory of Janet Shadle.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Bob & Clara Shakespeare

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: 52

Last Week's Offering: \$1,544.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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