

May 26, 2019

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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Memorial Day Sunday

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “America, the Beautiful” arr by M. Bober

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN “America the Beautiful” Blue Hymnal No. 443

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Father, we have done wrong,

by not caring when we should have loved;

by our indifference to the cry of need;

by hating and ignoring our neighbors.

We have rejected the way of your Son.

Forgive us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“I Sing the Praise”

Blue Hymnal No. 17

“I Sing the Praise” G. Tersteegen, A. John, D. Bortniansky; words Eden Publishing House ©1841

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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)

**O God, by your spirit tell us what we need to hear,
and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus
Christ our Savior. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 8:26-40 [NT page 120]

SERMON "What stands in the way?" 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

OFFERTORY "My Country Tis of Thee" Chas Hathaway

+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

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE Carey Anderson

MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

Reading the names of those who were buried in Hill Church Union Cemetery

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER (responsive)

Remembrance and Thankfulness: A Memorial Day prayer
by D. A. Graham

found at www.huffpost.com/entry/memorial-day-prayer_b_868308

In the quiet sanctuaries of our own hearts,
let each of us name
and call on the One whose power over us
is great and gentle, firm and forgiving,
holy and healing ...
[pause]

**You who created us,
who sustain us,
who call us to live in peace,
hear our prayer this day.**

**Hear our prayer for all who have died,
whose hearts and hopes are known to you alone ...**
[pause]

Hear our prayer
for those who put the welfare of others
ahead of their own
and give us hearts as generous as theirs ...
[pause]

**Hear our prayer
for those who gave their lives
in the service of others,
and accept the gift of their sacrifice ...**
[pause]

Help us to shape and make a world
where we will lay down the arms of war
and turn our swords into ploughshares
for a harvest of justice and peace ...
[pause]

Continued →

**Comfort those who grieve the loss of their loved ones
and let your healing be the hope in our hearts...**

**Hear our prayer this day
and in your mercy answer us
in the name of all that is holy.
Amen.**

The peace of God be with you.

PRAYER HYMN Faith & Praise No. 422
"Spirit of the Living God" (*sing 2x*)

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER Blue Hymnal pg. 37

+HYMN "O For a World" See Bulletin

+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 "Battle Hymn of the Republic" W. Steffe



- * 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.

Summer Sunday School – Starting June 2 there will be no 8:30 am Sunday School for June, July & August. However children ages 5-12 yrs will be dismissed for a modified Sunday School lesson during our worship services.

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 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

Women's Guild Visit to Marie Brumbach – Tuesday, June 4 the women's guild will be meeting at the church to carpool to visit with Marie. If you are interested in going, see any member of the guild.

Memorial Day Sunday Special Service – Join us TODAY 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.

June Sponsorship Opportunities

Altar Flowers: 9, 16, 30

Bulletins: 16, 23, 30

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

O for a World

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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32–35; 1 Cor. 1:26–31; 1 Pet. 3:8–12

1 O for a world where ev - ery-one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
 4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

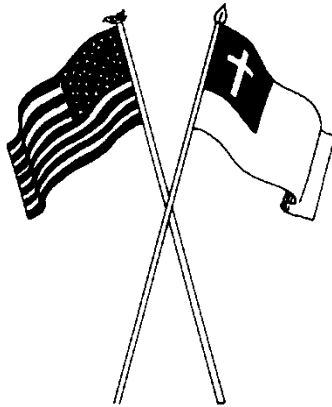
Tune: AZMON C.M.
 Carl G. Gläser, 1828

Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839

Memorial Day Service 2019

**Geraniums are sponsored
by the following people
In Memory of Loved Ones:**

**Jan & Eileen Fisher
Elmer & Kathy Miller
Virginia R. Reichert
Paul & Sally Shirk
Wagner Family
Dennis & Nancy Weller
Josh & Kristen**



Burials from Memorial Day 2018 to 2019

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| Rev. James W Rogers | Daniel Eisenhart |
| Dorothy M. Hoffman | Marion L. Phillips |
| Larry M. Hartline | Theresa E. Gamler |
| Anne G. Luft | Iva Elvenia Boyer |
| Shirley A. Schaeffer | Marian F. Moyer |
| Genette Hammes | Linda Wensel |
| Linda L. Kramer | Sandra L. Seifarth |
| Horace G. Hoffman | Alice I. Schwager |
| Harold M. Eidle | David Motz |
| Scott S. Dotterer Jr. | Ruth V. Diehl |
| Robert C. Fleming | Effie M. Heydt |
| John William Mauger Jr. | Marian O. Miller |
| Richard L. Mauger | Dennis L. Cleaver |
| Todd D. Moyer | Anna C. Giardiello |
| Jeanette M. Burger | June C. Moyer |
| Katie Mildred Liss | Janie Louise Fillman |
| Clark H. Gilbert | Elaine Shaner |

HAPPENING THIS 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

NO Bible Study

Wednesday - May 29

NO Choir Rehearsal

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - June 2

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

Monday - June 3

9 am Bible Study
7 pm Christian Ed Meeting

Tuesday - June 4

5 pm Visit with Marie
Brumbach

"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: Rick Furches

Nursery Caregivers: Roxanne Anhalt & Tracy Kochey

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Bob & Clara Shakespeare in memory of loved ones.

This week's flowers are sponsored by Paul & Sally Shirk in honor of all the veterans.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Dale & Dottie Fronheiser

Flowers: Dale & Dottie Fronheiser

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: 66

Last Week's Offering: \$2,444.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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Rev. Charles Maxfield, Interim Pastor

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