

June 2, 2019

St. John - Hill U.C.C.

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7th Sunday of Easter

June 2, 2019

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" arr by L. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN "I Sought the Lord" See Bulletin

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**We confess our sin, O Lord,
Our clouded eyes,
that see no further than our own advantage.
Our Dulled imagination
that does not know what others suffer.
Our willingness to profit from injustice
which we have not striven to prevent.
Our selfishness
which is quick to gain and slow to give.
Our unconcern, which makes us cry,
"Am I my brother's keeper?"
Our slackness in seeking
your will for ourselves and others.
For everything in our lives
which may hide your true light,
who are the light of the world.
O you who are ever merciful,
take away the evil of our conscious and
unconscious wrongs.
Forgive us and grant us new faithfulness. 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*

(Children K-6th grade may leave for Sunday School)

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 Acts 22:1-16 [NT page 135]

A speech of Paul before a crowd of his critics in the Temple.

SERMON "Do we persecute him?" 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

“Psalm 23”

R. Long

+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

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal pg. 37

COMMUNION HYMN

Faith & Praise No. 364

“Come, Share the Lord”

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

“Softly & Tenderly”

Faith & Praise No. 934

+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 "Postlude in C Minor" J. Troutman



* 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

ROAR VBS – June 9-12 from 6-8 pm. Tell your neighbors...it's not too late to sign up online!

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.

Mission Trip Birdsboro – Here is another opportunity to support this ministry July 17-20. Daily lunches are provided for all site workers. Included in these are things like fresh fruit and assorted snacks. The Kitchen Committee is looking for anyone willing to donate either of these items. Fruit choices are things such as: apples, bananas, grapes, oranges or whatever is in season. Snack suggestions are: salty such as chips, etc. or sweet like cookies. Items should be in individual serving size packages. Homemade cookies are always welcome. Please contact Connie Hile at 610-367-6572 to volunteer or with any questions you have. Deadline to respond is July 7. Thank you for your help.

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.

I Sought the Lord

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1. I sought the Lord, and af - ter - ward I knew he moved my
2. Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine en - fold; I walked and
3. I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole of love is

soul to seek him, seek - ing me. It was not I that
sank not on the storm - vexed sea. 'Twas not so much that
but my an - swer, Lord, to thee! For thou wert long be -

found, O Sav - ior true; no, I was found of thee.
I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, on me.
fore - hand with my soul; al - ways thou lov - edst me.

WORDS: Anon., ca. 1890
MUSIC: George W. Chadwick, 1890

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - June 2

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

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - June 9

9:30 am VBS Worship Service

Monday - June 10

9 am Bible Study

VBS - June 9-12

6-8 pm Roar VBS

“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 June: Bonnie Helmick & Arlan Schaeffer & Rick Furches.

Worship Assistant: Barb Helbig

Nursery Caregivers: Connie & Mark Hile

This week's bulletins and flowers are sponsored by Dale & Dottie Fronheiser in honor of the wedding anniversary.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Helen Dotterer

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: 55

Last Week's Offering: \$1,619.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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