

**February 16, 2020**

# St. John – Hill U.C.C.

620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512

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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 16, 2020**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      “Why Me Lord?”

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 476

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4670/worship-elements-february-12-2017-option-1>

**Loving God, you call us to walk in your ways,**

**observe your commandments,**

**and love you as you have loved us.**

**You offer us a community of abundant blessing,  
with rich soil to promote dynamic growth.**

**Yet we often turn away from you  
to satisfy our own wants and desires.**

**We forsake the way of love and forgiveness,  
giving in to petty jealousies and quarreling,  
and surrendering our lofty ideals  
to our baser inclinations.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**When we flee from your embrace,  
draw us into community with you  
and with one another.**

**Shower us with the cleansing waters of humility,  
that we may reclaim our purpose  
and find nourishment and growth  
in labors of love**

**to bring your kingdom in our midst.**

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Something Beautiful"

Faith & Praise No. 571

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*Something beautiful, something good; All my confusion  
He understood; All I had to offer Him was  
brokenness and strife, But He made something  
beautiful of my life.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds,  
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is  
proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and  
taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

[OT page 183]

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

GOSPEL LESSON

[NT page 4]

Matthew 5:21-37

SERMON "One-eyed Christians"

Rev. Charles 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 "The Penitent Heart" F. Ritter

+OFFERING RESPONSE

"Glorify Thy Name" Faith & Praise No. 77

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*Father, we love You, we worship and adore You.*

*Glorify Thy name in all the earth. Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name. Glorify Thy name in all the earth.*

*Jesus, ...*

*Spirit, ...*

+OFFERING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER HYMN "Spirit Song" See Bulletin

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER Blue Hymnal pg. 37

+HYMN Faith & Praise No. 972

*"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"*

+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 "The Regal Trumpet" D. Paxton



- \* Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.
- \* Weekly Communitas are available on our website.

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***March Sponsorship Opportunities***

Altar Flowers: 1, 8, 29

Bulletins: 1, 8, 29

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

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**Inclement Weather** – In the event of inclement weather on Sunday mornings, announcements regarding Sunday schedule will be given in the following ways:

Church website: <http://www.stjohnhillucc.org>

Church telephone answering machine: 610-367-8114

WFMZ TV Storm Center – Broadcast Channel 69

(May be a different channel on your system)

**Community Outreach Collection** – We will be collecting for the Boyertown Multi Service during the month of February. Below is a list of items needed to fill the shelves in the pantry. As always, if you wish to donate but don't want to shop, monetary or Giant gift card donations are welcome. If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.

- Instant Potatoes
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Jelly
- Dish Soap
- Crackers/Snacks

\*Note: They are also in need of the sugar free version of items above\*

**Annual Meeting** – Next Sunday, February 23 during the 9:30 am worship service we will have our annual meeting. Copies of the report will be e-mailed this week and will also be available that morning.

**Scrapbook Saturday** – The Women’s Guild will be hosting Scrapbook Saturday on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Minimum table size is 4’x2 ½’. Cost is \$25 payable to St. John (Hill) Women’s Guild which includes one meal. Food will also be available for purchase. Registration form available on church website at [www.stjohnhillucc.org](http://www.stjohnhillucc.org). Complete form and return to St. John (Hill) UCC, 620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512 Attn: Scrapbook Saturday by March 1, 2020. For additional information, contact Tracy Kochey at 610.473.0322 or Nancy Weller at 610.367.7704.

**Worship Assistants Needed** – Do you want to help out on a Sunday morning? Nikki is working on a new schedule and would love to add your name to the rotation. Call or see Nikki if you would like to help out or for more details.

**Grocery Gift Cards to Support Missions: Giant, Redner’s, & Weis** – See Connie Hile

**“Once Upon a Prom”** will again be hosted by the Boyertown Junior Woman’s Club on March 7, 8, and 14, 15 from 12:00 to 4:00. Any junior or senior high school girl in need of a special occasion dress is welcome to come browse our collection of over 600 dresses, in all sizes, plus accessories. Held at the "Miracles in Motion Studio" NOW located at 123 East Philadelphia Ave. in Boyertown. All girls are invited to take a dress or two home at no cost. Donations will be accepted, which benefit our local community. For questions, or to donate dresses/accessories contact Jane Prutzman at 610-763-2128.

## Spirit Song

*Unison* Gmaj7 Gmaj7/F# Em7 A7 A7/G

1. O let the Son of God en-fold you with his  
(2. O come and) sing this song with glad-ness as your

F#m7 Bm7 Em7

Spir - it and his love. Let him fill your heart and  
hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet sur -

A7 D Dmaj7 Em7 F#m7 Gmaj7 Gmaj7/F#

sat - is - fy your soul. O let him have the things that  
ren - der to his name. O give him all your tears and

Em7 A7 A7/G F#m7 Bm7

hold you, and his Spir - it like a dove will de -  
sad - ness; give him all your years of pain, and you'll

Em G6/A G/A A7 D C/D D

scend up-on your life and make you whole.  
 en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.

*Refrain*  
 Gmaj7 A7 A9/G F#m7 Bm

Je - sus, O Je - sus,

Em7 A7 Dmaj7 C/D D

come and fill your lambs.

Gmaj7 A7 A9/G F#m7 Bm

Je - sus, O Je - sus,

Em7 G6/A G/A D

come and fill your lambs. 1. O come and



***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - February 16**

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

**Monday - February 17**

9 am Bible Study

**Wednesday - February 19**

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - February 23**

8:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Worship Service  
With Annual Meeting

**Monday - February 24**

9 am Bible Study

**Wednesday - February 26**

7 pm Ash Wednesday  
Worship  
8 pm Sr. Choir

"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) ----- health issues

Grace Groff----- healing from broken shoulder

## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for February: Dottie Fronheiser & Matt Weller

Worship Assistant: Barb Helbig

Nursery Caregivers: Dottie & Dale Fronheiser

This week's flowers are sponsored by Jan & Eileen Fisher in honor of Cecilia & Kristin's birthdays.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Paul & Sally Shirk in honor of Paul's birthday.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Terry & Mayetta Shane

Flowers: Rick & Linda Furches

*2020 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: 46

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Last Week's Offering: \$2,398.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,409.32

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