

March 1, 2020

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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1st Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Communion Morning” R. Blake

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” See Bulletin

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

<https://www.rca.org/resources/first-sunday-lent-year>

**Most merciful God,
whose son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way,
yet without sin,
we confess before you that we have sinned;
we have hungered after that which does not satisfy;
we have compromised with evil;
we have doubted your power to protect us.
Forgive our lack of faith;
have mercy on our weakness.
Restore in us such love and trust
that we may walk in your ways
and delight in doing your will.**

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Blessed Assurance”

Faith & Praise No. 480

“Blessed Assurance” words by F. Crosby, music by J. Knapp ©1993 Howard Publishing
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Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

<https://www.rca.org/resources/first-sunday-lent-year>

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth.

Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the way of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON [OT page 488] Psalm 32

GOSPEL LESSON [NT page 3] Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON “Into the Desert” 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

ANTHEM

“Living Bread”

G. Martin

+OFFERING RESPONSE

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Faith & Praise No. 315

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*When I survey the wonderous cross on which the Price
of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss and
pour contempt on all my pride.*

*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

Blue Hymnal pg. 37

COMMUNION HYMN

See Bulletin

“Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether”

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. 205

“O Master Let Me walk with Thee”

+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

"Father We Praise Thee"

B. Price



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

~All hymns printed using CCLI# 11085161~

March Sponsorship Opportunities

Altar Flowers: 8

Bulletins: 8

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

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.

Volunteers Needed – See Nikki if you are able to help out!

~**Folders:** As needed to help fold and prepare bulk mailings for newsletter and supper mailings.

~**Readers:** 4 Sunday's in Lent (March 8, 15, 22, 29) readers are needed to help with a dialogue scripture reading during the worship service. A script will be provided.

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. 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.

Concert – The Reading Choral Society will be presenting Roots of Americana with the Hillbillies of Cohesion TODAY March 1st at 4 P.M. in the Abraham Lincoln Ballroom, 5th and Washington Streets, Reading, PA. Tickets are \$15 in advance and can be obtained from Eileen Fisher or \$20 at the door. Student tickets are \$10. Come to enjoy a fun afternoon of bluegrass music!

Community Outreach Collection – We will be collecting for Operation 143 (formally Operation Backpack) during March. Below is a list of items needed to fill backpacks for kids each weekend. All items should be individual servings and ready to eat. 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.

- Tuna To-Go
- Hormel Complete Meals
- Mac & Cheese, SpaghettiOs or Ravioli
- Soup To-Go
- Fruit or Applesauce Cups
- Granola or Cereal Bars
- Pop-Tarts
- Non-Refrigerated Milk
- Snacks/Cracker Packs
- Fruit Snacks
- Juice Boxes
- Water Bottles
- Pudding Cups

“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.

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

Clothing Drive – A local family has lost their home due to fire while on vacation. We are hoping to help them out with clothing and monetary/gift card donations. Details were not available at time of printing but see Nikki Weller or Bonnie Helmick if you are interested in helping out.



Midweek Worship at 7 pm

Each week we will have an informal worship with hymns, a short video and discussion. Services at Hill Church will take place in the upstairs

Sunday School rooms; services at St. Joe's will take place in their fellowship hall. Light refreshments will be available before worship.

March 4 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church

Matthew 11:25-30 Discussion: How do we use our time?

March 11 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

Romans 8:35-39 Discussion: Guilt & Forgiveness, Shame & Love

March 18 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church

Exodus 3:13-15 Discussion: What's in a name?

March 25 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

Deuteronomy 1:31

Discussion: What does my relationship with God look like?

April 1 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church

Matthew 16:24-25 Discussion: What can "I" do? Who am "I"?

Maundy Thursday

with Holy Communion

April 9 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

Good Friday

April 10 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church

Prayer Vigil – Sign up in the Narthex

Easter

April 12 at 6:30 am & 9:30 am

562 Be Thou My Vision

Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Philippians 3:7
Unison

1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my Wis - dom and Thou my true Word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
May I reach heav - en's joys, bright heav - en's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

TEXT: Traditional Irish hymn, translated by Mary E. Byrne;
versified by Eleanor H. Hull

MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; arranged by David Allen

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SLANE
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1. Draw us in the Spir-it's te - ther, for when hum - bly
 2. As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3. All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in thy name, two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Fa - ther
 ments of thee, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

thou art in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup: Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may true dis - ci - ples be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now thy gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve thee faith - ful - ly.

WORDS: Percy Dearmer, 1931 (Mt. 18:20)
 MUSIC: Harold Friedell, 1957

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - March 1

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

Monday - March 2

9 am Bible Study
7 pm Sunday School Meeting

Wednesday - March 4

7 pm Lent Worship at St. Joe's
8 pm Sr. Choir

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - March 8

Daylight Savings Time
8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Consistory Meeting
10:30 am Women's Guild Meeting

Monday - March 9

9 am Bible Study

Wednesday - March 11

7 pm Lent Worship at St. John's
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 March: Sally Shirk & Nikki Weller

Nursery Caregivers: Connie & Mark Hile

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins:

Flowers:

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: 58

Last Week's Offering: \$1,590.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,409.32

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