



WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP SERVICE
ELC SUNDAY
APRIL 28, 2024
10:00AM

MEDITATION

"We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."

~George Bernard Shaw

PRELUDE

"God 's Amazing Grace"

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(Duet by Dani Bentzel & Sandy Bamberger)

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand if you are able)*

One: As members of Christ's tree of life,

All: we are connected, in love, to God.

One: As members of Christ's tree of life,

All: we are connected, in love, to one another.

One: As members of Christ's tree of life,

All: we strengthen our connection through worship!

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!

All: Loving God, send your Holy Spirit among us.

Bind us to you in love this day,

that we may worship in unity and friendship.

Bind us to you in love this hour,

that we may be strengthened

to bring your abundant love to the world.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

Insert

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

Merciful One,

**you know when we are afraid to love;
you know when we are too weak
to show mercy.**

Remind us again

that perfect love casts out such fears.

**Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love,
even in the face of our imperfections.**

**Infuse us with a love so strong,
with such growth toward perfection,
that we may cast aside our pride
and embrace the power of love.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Ask for whatever you need in Jesus' name
and it will be granted.
In the name of Christ,
you who seek forgiveness, are forgiven!

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (*Please wave to one another*)

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: May the peace of Christ fill you this day.

All: Christ is the source of our joy and gladness.

One: Please share a joyful sign of Christ's peace with those near you.

The peace of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROGRAM

Early Learning Center Students

"This Little Light of Mine"

"My God is So Big"

"Jesus Loves Me"

"God is So Good"

"Jesus is Alive!"

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 22:25-31

Second Reading: John 15:1-8

CHANCEL CHOIR

"We Can Share His Love"

Price & Besig

Third Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

SERMON

"Fearless Love"

*VIDEO

"God Will Make a Way"

Don Moen

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS BEFORE GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus reminds us that lovers of God must be lovers of people. And so, we are invited to show our love, as we offer ourselves and our gifts to God, and to one another. May we share freely and generously the love and abundance that God has given us. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise!

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"Doxology"

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, You heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray!

Generous God, our hearts sing with gratitude for the many gifts and graces you bring into our lives. We give you thanks for your steadfast love and faithful Spirit. Receive this offering and the gift of our whole selves that we might give, as we have received, and love, as we have been loved. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Insert

BENEDICTION

The peace of God be in your heart,
The grace of God be in your words,
The love of God be in your hands,
The joy of God be in your soul,
and in the song that your life sings. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Our Hearts in Christian Love”

Roberts

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

The **Love Offering** is designated for the ELC Scholarship Fund beginning **ELC Sunday** and lasting for two weeks, **April 28 and May 5. Special Love envelopes can be found in the pews.**



The **Women's Guild** will be collecting baby items for **Wellspan Mother/Child Clinic** until **Mother's Day May 12**. The following are baby items that are needed: Newborn diapers, unscented wipes, formula (powder), heavy menstrual pads, breast pads, breast cream, baby clothes (newborn to 3 months), blankets (they love the fleece ones) or lighter ones for summer. Please all items should be new except clothes and blankets. Items can be placed in tubs marked **Wellspan Mother/Child Clinic**.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (www.biblestudytools.com)

Loving God, Thank You. You made the heavens and the earth, the land and the sea, the fish that swim in the waters and the creatures that crawl upon the shores. You made me. Thank you! Truly, Your hand crafted everything in this universe.

Help me, Lord, not to take any of this for granted. Help me know in my soul I do not deserve the blessings You choose to bestow, yet You offer them anyway. You do this because You love me, because You are perfect and good, and because Your ways are infinitely higher than my own.

Thank you, God, for breath in my lungs and sun on my skin. Thank You for the opportunity of salvation and for the gift of Your son, Jesus Christ. Help me to hold this gratitude in my heart all day long and to overflow with joy so I can share it with others in all I think, say, and do.

In Jesus' holy name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (Christina Fox)

Heavenly Father, I can barely lift my eyes to you. It's all I can do to cry out for help. Please extend your grace to me tonight. Help me to see that you are with me every moment of every day. Your Holy Spirit comforts me. Help me to remember that you are not surprised or taken off guard by the events of this day. Forgive me for my fears and doubts. Forgive me for forgetting that you are with me. Forgive me for forgetting who I am because of what your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant me gospel hope in the midst of a hard day. Show me your presence and fill me with your Spirit. Help me to cling to your love, grace, and strength. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Brad Jacobs, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Rick & Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The LaMontagne/Boros Family, The Spahr Family, The Zinn Family, The Corbin Family, The Zeigler Family, The Schaale/Little Family, The Funkhouser Family

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty and Bill Harper by their family.
- **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by the Consistory of Shiloh UCC in honor of Jeanie Bentzel. After serving as the Superintendent of the Sunday School board for 39 years, she has retired from this position. Thank you for serving in this capacity all those years.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and sponsored by the Sunday School Board in honor of Jeanie Bentzel upon her retirement as our Superintendent. The SS Board of Shiloh has been blessed to have had her serve in this capacity for 39 years.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert
- **LITURGIST:** ELC Director, Allison Hartnett
- **GREETER:** Jackie Taft
- **USHER:** Stephen Sechriest
- **NURSERY:** Jim & Reen Bentzel
- **MUSIC:** Chancel Choir, Dani Bentzel, ELC Students, Sandy Bamberger

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSICIANS FOR PROVIDING THE WORSHIP MUSIC!



The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **May 6, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The program will be from our new study book **Experiencing Contagious Joy, Chapter One: Joyless Living**. Norene Edgar will be leading this chapter. Special offering this month is for New Life for Girls and Cash Rally. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

All funds received in the **Mother's Day offering** envelope will go this year to the **Lehman Center** in York. This organization offers emergency respite care for children and mothers in their time of need. It also provides family advocate services, parent educational and support groups.



"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at Shiloh UCC, where God is still speaking"

THIS WEEK

SUN	10:00	Worship/ELC Sunday
TUES	9:00	ELC Dress Rehearsals (Sanct.)
	12:00	ELC Dress Rehearsals (Sanct.)
	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (117)
	7:00	Visioning meeting (202)
THUR	9:00	ELC Dress Rehearsals (Sanct.)
	12:00	ELC Dress Rehearsals (Sanct.)
	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Communion/Spring Music Sunday

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 111

THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D. pastormelinda@shilohucc.com 717-764-3569
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Mark your calendar for the next **Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on Tuesday, May 14, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant.** Contact Brad Jacobs at bcj402@verizon.net or 717-764-2773 for additional information.

Engaging Women will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30pm in room 202.** Carolyn Poff will be leading the group with a video and discussion on one of the women of the Bible. Contact Sally Curren at dgft25@hotmail.com for additional information.



The **Women's Social and Support Group** will meet for breakfast at **Denny's on Rt. 30 on Friday, May 17 at 9:00am.** Please contact Gladys Seigman at 717-764-1840 by **May 13** if you plan to attend.

It's that time of year...*Geraniums for Pentecost* will begin today and continue through next week, May 6. Please consider sponsoring a plant for decoration at the picnic on **May 19, Pentecost. The cost is only \$6.00!** Simply mark your offering envelope on the 'other' line and include it with your offering or use one of the envelopes found in the narthex. After the services for Pentecost, the geraniums will be planted around the outside of the church. Please accept an apology for the short notice and limited time. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Thank you!



OFFERING is continually being collected for our missionaries, **Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson.**

GROCERY GIFT CARDS = CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH. Weis and Giant grocery gift cards are available for purchase in the gallery. For every dollar of gift cards purchased, \$.05 is donated to the church by the grocery store. This contribution is used to support our Missionaries, Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson in Costa Rica.



Church Picnic



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE CHURCH PICNIC!

When: **Sunday, May 19, 2024**

Where: **Sunset Lane Park, 1060 Church Rd. York PA 17408**

Time: **Worship at 10:00 AM** followed by lunch

Why: worship and socialize with friends from church in nature

What to bring: **lawn chairs, covered dish, place settings, beverages (broasted chicken will be provided)**

On Sunday, **May 19** the church picnic will be held at **Sunset Lane Park.** A worship service will begin at **10:00 AM** followed by a potluck meal. Broasted chicken will be the main course with a variety of sides, salads and desserts. In addition to a covered dish please bring place settings, beverages, and lawn chairs. *A sign-up sheet will be in the Gallery beginning April 28.* Pentecost Sunday will also be celebrated so **please wear red.** Geraniums will be used to decorate the tables. This will be a wonderful way to socialize with friends and worship surrounded by nature. Please consider joining us!