

**WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP SERVICE**

April 25, 2021
9:15 AM

MEDITATION

“The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's throat, for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as his liberator, while the wolf denounces him for the same act as the destroyer of liberty. Plainly, the sheep and the wolf are not agreed upon a definition of liberty.”

~Abraham Lincoln

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*Gounod

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come all you people, enter the gate of God's sheepfold.

All: We hear God calling us by name.

One: Jesus will bring all people to be one flock, one shepherd.

All: From every nation, every people, tribe and language.

One: That they all may be one, we proclaim:

All: God is still speaking!

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, you walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, you fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, you feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy, in your holy house, all the days of our lives. In the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Please do not sing the hymn, just follow along

HYMN *“My Shepherd is the Living God”* See insert
(VS. 1 and 3)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you give to us your greatest gift, Your Son, Jesus Christ; and we still don't understand what is going on. You call us to be people of courage and hope; yet we run and hide, doubting and fearing. You challenge us to proclaim our faith; but we huddle in darkness whispering our words of discouragement. Shake us up, Lord! Forgive us when we seem to need prodding over and over again. Help us to see the presence of Jesus in our lives; and remind us of all that He taught us, to help us to live as disciples, serving you by serving others. Change us! Remold us! Make us truly the disciples you have called us to be. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not be afraid. The Light of God has vanquished the darkness! Christ is risen! Doubts are erased. Rejoice! God's love is poured upon you, now and forever. AMEN.

SHARING THE BLESSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE *(Please wave to one another)*

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's Peace.

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Lesson: Psalm 23

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24

Third Lesson: John 10:11-18

SERMON “The Shepherd and the Wolf”

CHAMBER CHOIR “Jesus Loves Me” Traditional

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

With God as our Shepherd, we will not be in need. Our cups already overflow with God’s blessing. Let us share in the care of all God’s children. Let us love, not simply in word or speech, but also in truth and action, as we give from our hands and our hearts.

***Offertory Response** “Doxology” No. 778

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND SELF**

Gracious God, all that we have comes to us through your abundance, which flows from your generosity and love. You have set a banquet before us. Our lives overflow with your goodness. We dedicate our lives and these gifts to your service. May these gifts be signs of your goodness and mercy toward all. Use us and all that we offer to further your purpose and make known your love for the world, through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

Please do not sing the hymn, just follow along

HYMN “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” See Insert
(VS 1 and 2)

BENEDICTION

Fear no evil - for God, our Shepherd journeys with us.
Love one another - for Christ abides in all of us.
Be filled with the Holy Spirit - for we are witnesses to divine love. **Amen.**

THE POSTLUDE “The Gift of Love” Broughton

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Harper by her family.
- **LITURGIST:** Mark Miller
- **USHERS:** Brian and Sally Curren

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (*writer unknown*)



Dear Lord, thank you so much for another day of life on Earth. Thank you for another beautiful sunrise to enjoy. Thank you for the wonderful sounds of nature, from the cool breeze brushing through the trees to the birds singing melodies. You are a wonderful God, full of grace and mercy. I praise you for allowing me another day to spend with my family. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Evening Prayer (*writer unknown*)

Heavenly Father, thank You for bringing me through this day. Forgive me for the times when I have wandered outside Your best will for me, instead of fully trusting You. Thank You, that You are such a gracious Shepherd to me; that You come and rescue me even when I lose my way and stray from the path that You have laid out for me. As I look back over today, I know that there were things that I should have said and done differently, and times when I reacted in a manner that was not honoring Your holy name. Forgive me, Father. Thank you for always gently bringing me back to Yourself. Give me a good night's sleep, I pray, knowing that there is no condemnation because I am in Christ. Lord help me wake up in the morning refreshed and ready to do Your will. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Nancy Hamme, Helen Luckenbaugh, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Helen Byers, Mary Emma Elicker, Catherine Lochman, Vanessa Seifarth, Bev Kirk, Julene Bechtel, Jim Bentzel Sr. Phil Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Dottie Limbert, Donna Krone, Elva Winter, Mary Rodgers, Oscar Bupp, Bob and Margie Behler, Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Sandy Barnes, Staff and Residents at Providence Place, Richard Gruver, Rosabel Bentzel, Donna Robertson

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Harper Family, The Arnold Family, The Krout Family, The Harman Family, The Duttera Family, The Ellis Family, The Smith Family, The Steele Family, The Downs Family, The Heath Family, The Jacoby Family

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

If you have been in church and test positive for Covid please let the church office know. We will not release any names, but we will let our congregation know that we have had a positive test of someone at our church service. We all need to remain diligent in the protection of our congregation's health.

We are looking for volunteers to be trained on how to stream the Sunday services. If you are interested, please let Jaron know at admin@ShilohUCCYorkPa.org.



The Women's Guild will meet on May 3 at 1 p.m. in room 100. Please be advised we will social distance and wear masks. The program will be from our study book *Bad Girls of the Bible*, Chapter Four: *Dying for a Drink – The Woman at the Well: Bad for a Season, but Not Forever*. Shirley Lohmann will be leading this chapter. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

As part of the **Pentecost celebration**, during our church picnic, red geraniums will be used to decorate the tables and the gardens of the church. If you are interested, you can sponsor a geranium for \$5.00. This contribution can be given through the regular envelope using the "other" category. **The deadline to order is May 9.** Thank you for your continued support. Please plan to join us for a day in the beautiful outdoors and spend time with your church family!!





Zook pies are back! We are welcoming back those delicious Zook pies and apple dumplings for orders. Our **delivery date is set for Thursday, May 27, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with all orders due on Sunday, May 9th.** Pick up of your order will be done in two ways. You may come into the church kitchen to pick up your order OR you may call 717-586-9216 as you arrive at the church for your order to be delivered to your car. Order forms will be available in the gallery or by calling the church office. You may also call Charlie Hull at the above number to place your order. Payment for your order is requested at the time of ordering.

BULLETIN SPONSORS are needed. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks prior** to your date to have your “Special” wording placed in the bulletin.



GROCERY GIFT CARDS = CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH. Weis and Giant grocery gift cards are available for purchase. 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. Please contact the office if you interested in purchasing one.

“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 9:15 **Worship Service**
- WED 9:30 Bible Study (100)
- 5:30 TOPS (100)
- 7:00 Visioning Team (100)
- THUR 6:15 Hand Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 NA Group (100)
- SUN 9:15 Worship Service/Music Sunday



Attendance last Sunday: 88



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

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