

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

MAY 16, 2021

9:15 AM

MEDITATION

If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.

- Meister Eckhart

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP *“Tis The Blessed Hour of Prayer”* Lawrence

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God’s eternal care.

All: Jesus prays for us, giving us into God’s care.

One: Know that you have been blessed with the love of the Savior.

All: We live in that love, and seek to serve God.

One: Open your hearts and spirits now to hear God’s word.

All: May our lives be open to God’s Spirit, and reflect God’s love.

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION - written by William Temple (1881-1944)**

Lord Jesus Christ,
who prayed for your disciples that they might be one,
even as you are one with the Father;
draw us to yourself,
that in common love and obedience to you
we may be united to one another,
in the fellowship of the one Spirit,
that the world may believe that you are Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

HYMN *“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”*. No. 565
(V.S. 1 and 4 See Insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess our doubts that stifle our joy.
Forgive us when we lack faith in you,
and comfort us when our fears outweigh our praise.
God, forgive us when we fail to trust you,
and help us when we do not live as your faithful witnesses.
Guiding God, forgive us when we are self-consumed
and lack the time needed to serve our neighbors.

In these times, have mercy on us, O God,
and encourage us to be your love-lived,
by renewing us daily in your strength.
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our loving God hears our prayers,
and guides us from disbelief and distress
to a hope-filled life.
Christ sends to us the Holy Spirit
to be among us, to comfort us in our doubt,
and to strengthen us in our faith.

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Lesson: Psalm 1

Second Lesson: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Third Lesson: John 17:16-19

SERMON "The Power of Prayer"

CHAMBER CHOIR "Standin' in the Need of Prayer " Arr. Raney

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

Like the trees planted by streams, God provides us with the opportunities to share the fruits of our labor with each other. In that sharing we become closer to embodying God's Beloved Community together!

***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**

God of abundance, you have called us to lives of ministry and service. You have filled our lives with your gifts and drawn us into community with you and with one another. We dedicate our lives and these offerings that we have gathered for your service. Pour your Spirit into us. Bless us so that we may be a blessing to others and carry out your will and purpose. We pray in the name of Christ our savior. Amen.

HYMN "Sweet Hour of Prayer" No. 505
(VS 1 and 3 See Insert).

BENEDICTION

Let us go forth in the world, giving thanks that we have come.
Let us go forth renewed in spirit, knowing that we belong to God.
And, let us go forth as witnesses, carrying the light of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE POSTLUDE "Sanctuary Prayer" Smith

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (By Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

Good morning, Lord! Today is a new day, a chance for a new start. Yesterday is regrets, mistakes, or failures I may have experienced. It's a good day to be glad Lord. Thank you for today, a new opportunity to love, give, and be all that you name I pray. Amen.



gone and with it any
and give thanks, and I do,
want me to be. In Jesus'

Evening Prayer (writer unknown)

Loving Jesus, you know my worries and care for my troubles. So I give these heavy concerns to you. I lay these situations at your feet. The empty cross is a place of rest, where I can reflect upon your resurrection and the moment when love overcame. Thank you that your love in me can transform the landscape of my life. I walk with peace into the new day, and put my hope in you. Nothing is outside of your redeeming love, might I rest now in the knowledge that you will light my path and guide my life. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Nancy Hamme, 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 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, The Luckenbaugh 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.

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE! Everyone is invited to attend the **church picnic!** We will celebrate Pentecost, and our ability to worship and gather as a group!

When: Sunday, May 23

Where: Cousler Park, 1060 Church Rd. York PA 17404

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Time: Worship at 10:00 AM followed by lunch

*A sing-along will be held following lunch (Let's fill the park with music!)

Why: Celebrate the life of our church and Pentecost

What to bring: Your lunch, lawn chairs

(with Covid restrictions in place, we will provide only for our families)



YOU ARE REMINDED TO WEAR RED FOR THIS EVENT.



Engaging women will meet on **Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary** to make patriotic wreaths. Please see Diane Jordan with any questions."

"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"

HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND OTHER GRADUATES

The Recognition of Graduates will be held on Sunday, **June 6**. If you are graduating, please contact the church office by **May 23** with your graduation information. We would like to include this information in the bulletin on Recognition Sunday and also in the *June Communique*.



We will be celebrating the **Early Learning Center on Sunday, May, 30th** and will be collecting a special offering to replenish the funds used to purchase children's bibles for the students of the ELC. The "Love Offering" envelopes on the tables in in the Narthex next to the bulletins can be used for this special collection or you can include it with your regular offering, using the blank line on your regular offering envelope.

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.

THIS WEEK

		Worship Service
SUN	9:15	
MON	4-9	ELC Programs (100)
TUES	4-9	ELC Programs (100)
	6:30	Engaging Women (Sanctuary)
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
	9:30	Bible Study (100)
	4-9	ELC Programs (100)
THUR	8-12	ELC Staff (100)
	6:15	Hand Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
	6:30	NA Group (100)
SUN	10:00	Outdoor Worship/Church Picnic



- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of Ethan Jacobs' 13th birthday by Nana and Pop-pop Jacobs.
- **LITURGIST:** Charlie Hull

Attendance last Sunday: 78



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

THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....	Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D. pastormelinda@shilohucc.com
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