

*Welcome to this time of worship at*  
**Shiloh United Church of Christ**  
2251 Willow Road, York, Pennsylvania 17408

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JULY 12, 2020 – 9:15 AM

**Our Mission Statement**

*“Shiloh United Church of Christ is called to show Christ’s love for all through witness, word, and worship.”*



CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL by the people of God  
gathered in the meeting house of Shiloh United Church of Christ

**Meditation**

"The primary purpose of prayer is not to make requests. The primary purpose is to praise, to sing, to chant. Because the essence of prayer is a song, and man cannot live without a song."

~ Abraham Joshua Heschel: Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity: Essays

The Prelude to Christian Worship ..... Holy Spirit, Truth Divine ..... Morrison

Welcome and Concerns

Call to Worship

One: God, let this be a fruitful day!  
In this hour of worship, open our eyes to beauty, tune our ears to harmony.  
The fragrance of your love permeating every moment.  
The touch of your hand guiding all we do.  
Together, we want to taste with delight the joy of your presence here today. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

Wonderful, surprising God, you bring us hope when we are discouraged, peace when we are anxious, and joy when we least expect it. Help us now to rest in your presence. Help us to recharge our batteries through your Holy Spirit. Show us how to receive all that you have to offer. May we remain open to the better part, for with you so much more is possible than we can imagine. Today, inspire us to be the messengers of your love toward the world; to remember the outcast, the suffering, the widow and the orphan. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Hymn ..... "Precious Lord Take My Hand"

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson Romans 8:1-11  
Second Lesson: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Hymn ..... "I Sing The Mighty Power Of God"

Ruth 2:1-23

Sermon ..... "Providence"

Hymn ..... "Great Is Your Faithfulness"

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

In our giving today, let us give, not out of obligation, but from the heart. Let our gifts be seeds of the living and enduring word of God, that will sprout an abundance of justice and peace for all.

Solo by Jessie Sechriest

"You Raise Me Up" ..... Lovelace & Graham

Prayer of Dedication

O God, you invite us to share the load.  
Through these gifts, we see that your yoke is easy and your burden is light.  
Use them, together with us, to your service.  
Multiply them, through us, for your use.  
Strengthen them, in us, to meet the needs of this weary world, until the day comes when every need is met.  
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Benediction

God has placed the seed of love and forgiveness in your heart. Go into God's world with joy, telling of the good news of God's abundant, lavish love for all creation. Go to be a witness to all the miraculous possibilities for hope and peace. AMEN.

The Postlude ..... "Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven" ..... Mansfield

*"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here in the United Church of Christ, where God is still speaking."*

**THIS WEEK**

SUN	9:15	<b>Worship</b>
MON	7:00	Consistory (100)
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
THURS	10:30	Our Daily Bread
	6:30	NA Group (100)
SUN	9:15	<b>Worship</b>



Attendance Last Sunday: 71

- THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret Elizabeth Ross' birthday on July 13 by Jennifer and Martin Hershner.
- LITURGIST: Brian Curren

THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor .....	Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D. <a href="mailto:pastormelinda@shilohucc.com">pastormelinda@shilohucc.com</a>
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**Prayers for the Week**

**Morning:**

God of mystery, Sharer of Divine Secrets, today enable us to hear what you speak, to see what you disclose, to respond to your love that we may be strengthened to spread that love everywhere we go. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**Evening: (By Rebecca Barlow Jordan)**

Dear God, we thank you tonight for the good day and for the special way you take care of us all the time. Thank you for the fun times outside and the quiet times inside, and for helping us learn new things every day.

Thank you for creating us special, exactly the way you wanted. Thank you for protecting us throughout the day. Forgive us for the wrong things we do. Thank you for loving us even when we disobey or try to do things our way. Help us to always choose your way, God, because it’s always best. We pray for all the people who don’t know you, and that they will come to understand your love for them, too.

Bless our family and thank you for good times together and apart. Bless our friends and those we love. Thank you for our home and a place to sleep and food to eat. Help us rest well, give us peaceful dreams, and send your angels around our home to protect us throughout the night. Teach us to trust you and to love you more and more. You are good; you are great; and you are faithful, God. And we love you. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Prayers for Our Community of Faith**

Nancy Hamme, Betty Harper, Helen Luckenbaugh, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Jessie Fix, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Mary Jane Arnold, Helen Byers, Charles Smith, Mary Emma Elicker, Elmer Duttera, Catherine Lochman, Elona Ellis, Mary Ann Downs, Donna Krone, Mary Rodgers, Oscar Bupp, Bob and Margie Behler, Mildred Minck and Chuck and Sandy Baboian





**BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP** is available on the sign-up sheet is in the narthex. 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.



**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. 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.



The Church Directory has been updated. Copies will be available in the narthex.

**Please be advised that the elevator has been repaired and is now available for use. We apologize for the inconvenience.**

