

*Welcome to this time of worship at*  
**Shiloh United Church of Christ**  
2251 Willow Road, York, Pennsylvania 17408  
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JULY 19, 2020 – 9:15 AM

**Meditation**                    *We come nearest to the great when we are great in humility.*     ~ Rabindranath Tagore  
The Prelude to Christian Worship ..... “Life In The Spirit” ..... Telemann  
Welcome and Concerns

Call to Worship  
One: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! (Psalm 95:6)  
This morning let us bless and praise our loving God!

Prayer of Invocation  
Almighty God, We need peace – so we have come for quiet. We need joy – so we have come for community.  
We need hope – so we have come for Scripture.  
We need to let things go – so we have come to receive your healing forgiveness.  
We have come this morning with our worries –  
Help us to leave every burden, every sadness we have, at the foot of the cross.  
We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Reception of New Members joining Shiloh UCC**  
*Pastor Melinda, Tancrede, and Sophia LaMontagne*

Invitation  
Leader: We invite to come forward those who wish to affirm their baptism by uniting with us in this household of faith.  
Leader: Friends in Christ, we all are received into the Church through the sacrament of baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. Through prayer and study they have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the church. They are here for service to Jesus Christ using the gift which the Holy Spirit bestows.  
Leader: Hear the words of Jesus: I am the vine; you are the branches. Anyone who abides in me, and I in that person, is the one who bears much fruit. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES  
Leader: Pastor Melinda, Tank and Sophie, do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?  
Candidates: We do.  
Leader: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?  
Candidates: We do.  
Leader: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?  
Candidates: We do.  
Leader: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ’s disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best as you are able?  
Candidates: We promise, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you promise according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

Candidates: We promise, with the help of God.

Leader: Rev. Melinda, Tancrede, and Sophia, by your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith, which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

#### QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

Leader: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God, and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

Candidates: We promise, with the help of God.

#### CONGREGATION'S WORDS OF WELCOME

Leader: On behalf of Shiloh UCC, we welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers, as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

#### GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Shiloh United Church of Christ, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this local church.

Hymn ..... "Sweet Hour Of Prayer" ..... No. 505

Witness to Our Sacred Story; First Lesson Romans 8:12-25; Second Lesson: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43  
Ruth 3:1-183

Sermon ..... "Love Is In The Air"

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

Having received inspiration and hope through the generosity of God, let us give thankfully and abundantly to the work of God here on earth. Let us become a blessing for this community and the whole world.

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, bless our offering that it may reach those who hunger, who hurt, who seek new hope. As members of the global village, we care about all of our sisters and brothers. We pray for world peace, for liberty for the oppressed, and for joy to those who are weary. We offer our gifts and this prayer in the name Jesus, your Son. Amen.

Hymn ..... "Be Now My Vision" ..... No. 451

Benediction (*Numbers 6:24-26, NKJV*)

One: "The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace." Amen.

The Postlude..... "The Righteous Live Forever" ..... Ritter

## Prayers for the Week

### **Morning:** (Topher Haddox)

Loving and giving God, thank you for the blessing of a family. Today, please, increase their faith. Protect them from falling into temptation. Grant them the opportunity to shine a light in the darkness and lead others to You. Whatever is making my family anxious today, I ask that you comfort them, and that they can rest in your complete sovereignty. In the powerful name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

### **Evening:** (Topher Haddox)

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, thank you for holding me together today. I needed you, and you were there for me. Thank you for every bit of love, mercy, and grace that was shown to me though I did not deserve it. Thank you for your faithfulness even in my suffering. To you alone be the glory. In the name of Jesus. 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, Sandy Barnes



Pastor Melinda and her Family are inviting you to their home to continue the LENTEN BIBLE STUDY on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. beginning July 22<sup>nd</sup> Please bring a Bible, your Lenten Study Book, a lawn chair, a snack and/or drink if you wish. We will be studying "When God's People Pray" by Jim Cymbala. The address is 3610 Rock Creek Drive Dover, PA 17315 and Pastor Melinda's, cell phone number is 603-391-8947. If it rains, we will meet in room 100 at 7:00 p.m. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**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 one.



*“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 ..... **Worship**  
 MON 11:30 ..... ELC Meeting (100)  
 WED 5:30 ..... TOPS (100)  
 6:00 ..... Lenten Bible Study-Pastor Melinda’s Home  
 or 7:00 .... in room 100  
 THURS 6:30 ..... NA Group (100)  
 SUN 9:15 ..... Worship



Attendance Last Sunday: 64

- THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Bentzel by the Reisinger family.
- LITURGIST: Dani Bentzel

**THE CHURCH STAFF**

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