

Welcome to this time of worship at
Shiloh United Church of Christ
2251 Willow Road, York, Pennsylvania 17408
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AUGUST 16, 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 weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.”

— Mahatma Gandhi, All Men are Brothers: Autobiographical Reflections

The Prelude to Christian Worship..... “Our Hearts In Christian Love” Roberts

Welcome and Concerns

***Call to Worship**

One: What joy we feel when we are called together to celebrate God’s love.

All: God’s love flows through our lives.

One: This is what it means to be the body of Christ.

All: This is what it means to be faithful witnesses to God.

One: Let us rejoice on this day!

All: God, we thank you for the blessings you pour upon us. Amen.

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Loving God, you created each of us unique beings, with differing strengths and weaknesses. Help us not only to use our strengths to assist others, but also to gently forgive each other’s weaknesses. Meet us in the places of our deepest pain, so that our masks of self-sufficiency might fall away, and we might be drawn into right relationship with you and one another. Fill us with your presence, invigorate our worship, set us on fire, so that others might be drawn into your light and nurtured by the warmth of your loving care. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Hymn “What a Friend We Have In Jesus” No. 506

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson: Psalm 133

Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Third Lesson: Genesis: 45:1-15

Sermon “Forgive”

Solo by Joyce Mummert

“People Need The Lord”Greg Nelson & Phil McHuge

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
(Offering plates are located next to the bulletins in the Narthex)

Invitation to the Offering

In times of plenty and want, God provides for our deepest needs. Give generously out of the abundance of God’s blessing, so that God’s work might continue in this community and the wider world.

Prayer of Dedication

Giver of all good things, may our gifts honor you this morning, inspiring us to give more, do more, be more of your presence in this suffering and struggling world. May our actions today say more about you than us. Magnify these gifts far beyond their material worth, according to the spirit in which they are given. Bless us to your service in our giving and receiving. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Hymn..... “Great Is Your Faithfulness”No. 423

***Benediction**

God’s love and compassion has been poured out for you today. Go into the world in confidence, bearing forgiveness and love for all God’s people. Go in joy and peace. **Amen.**

The Postlude

..... “An Affirmation of Faith” Ritter

“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**
- MON 6:30 Worship and Music (100)
- WED 5:30 TOPS (100)
- THURS 6:30 NA Group (100)
- SUN 9:15 **Worship**



Attendance last Sunday: 77

- THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in loving celebration of Jane and Joseph Wilt’s 55th Wedding Anniversary on August 21st by their children Crystal, Steven and Michael.
- THE BULLETINS are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of Carol and Dan Burns with love, Thomas and Elijah Bentzel.
- LITURGIST: Ray Fox

THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D. pastormelinda@shilohucc.com
Office hours: Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	

Director of Music	Stephanie Limbert
Organist	Sandra Bamberger
Missionaries in Costa Rica	Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson
Early Learning Center Director	Allison Hartnett
Administrative Assistant	Maira Rivera
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Prayers for the Week

Morning:

Loving God, what a blessing it is to be in your presence. Today I bring before you the names of those who are struggling with loss, with illness, with depression, with addiction, with alienation from those that they love. Be with each of them. Lay your hand of healing gently over their lives and pour out your balm of peace on them. Help me to reach out, to be of service in Jesus’ name. Lord, I also bring to you situations of celebration: birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, family gatherings, special occasions which lift us up and remind us of the goodness that there is in life. Breathe your spirit into these wonderful events that all who gather may rejoice and celebrate the blessings you have given them. In Jesus’ name. AMEN

Evening:

Evening Prayer (by Debbie McDaniel)

Holy God, 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. Help me to see that you are present here and that you are with 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 worries. Forgive me for how I have complained and muttered about how hard this day has been. Forgive me for forgetting that you are with me. Forgive me for forgetting who I am because of what your Son, Jesus Christ, has done. Forgive me for failing to remember the glorious truths and riches I have because of the gospel. Lord, hear my prayer. Grant me gospel hope and help me to cling to your grace, your wisdom, and your strength. In Jesus’ name. Amen.



The listening devices are available for anyone that isn't comfortable sitting in the sanctuary during worship. You can listen to the service from the church parking lot in your car. If you are interested, please make arrangements with the office to sign one out. All the devices have an ear cord and a fresh battery. We ask that you replace the battery as needed (9-Volt). You may keep the device until you no longer need it.

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, Staff and Residents at Providence Place



BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP is available on the sign-up sheet 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.

