

Shiloh United Church of Christ  
2251 Willow Road, York, Pennsylvania 17408

717-764-3569

OCTOBER 17, 2021

Our Mission Statement

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

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

8:30AM. ....“Praise to the Lord, the King of Creation” ..... Edwards  
11:00AM. ....“Pacem Blessing”..... Arr. Liebergen/ from Air on the G String Bach

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Mark 10:35-45)

One: We may come here for a glimpse of glory,  
Many: **But Jesus asks us: “Can you drink the cup that I drink?”**  
One: The cup of Jesus’ own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope.  
Fullness of life! We may come here to get close to Jesus,  
Many: **And Jesus asks us: “Can you be baptized with my baptism?”**  
One: Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships! We may come here for honor or fame,  
Many: **But Jesus challenges us: “To become great you must serve!”**  
One: Why are we here?  
Many: **To drink the cup of fullness of life; to immerse ourselves in Jesus’ struggle for justice and peace; to learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Psalm 91:9-16; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c)

Holy Dwelling Place,  
Your tent is wide enough to provide  
shelter for all who seek you,  
food for all who hunger, and  
healing for all who suffer.  
Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in your presence,  
that we may risk sharing Jesus’ cup and his baptism  
so the world may become  
the place of love and justice you desire for all.  
Shelter us with your light,  
and clothe us with your heavenly garments.  
Teach us how we may best serve ourselves and one another  
on this daring adventure. Amen.

\*HYMN ..... “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” ..... # 459

1 Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's redeeming love.	2 Here I pause in my sojourning, Giving thanks for having come, Come to trust at every turning, God will guide me safely home. Jesus sought me when a stranger Wondering from the fold of God Came to rescue me from danger, Blessed body, precious blood.	3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew. Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you: prone to wander, I can feel it, Wander from the love I've known. Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for your very own.
--	---	---

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Isaiah 53:4-12)**

Divine Shepherd, like sheep we go our own ways.  
With our heads to the ground and our attention turned elsewhere,  
we often fail to heed the gentle nudge of your staff and your calls for home.  
With so many things to distract us—  
work, school, and the general busyness of life—  
we lie unresponsive to your calls to kin-dom service. Amen.  
*(Moment of silence and reflection)*

**WORDS of ASSURANCE**

Protector Jesus, you came among us  
in order to shelter us from the cold of night and forests of danger.  
In your presence, we are in green pastures!  
In you we are forgiven, and called once again to serve,  
and create with you a world of justice and peace for all. Amen.

**EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Please wave to one another)**

Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.  
The peace of God be with you.  
And also with you.

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Hebrews 5:1-10; Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45

**SERMON**      “Identity in Community”      Rev. Nora Foust

**\*HYMN**.....“Jesu, Jesu”.....# 498

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.	1 - Knelt at the feet of his friends, silently washing their feet, Jesus, you acted as servant to them. Refrain	2 - Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are near and far away. Refrain
3 - These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love, all these are neighbors to us and you. Refrain	4 - Loving puts us on our knees, Showing our faith by our deeds Serving the neighbors we have from you. Refrain	5 - Kneel at the feet of our friends, Silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you. Refrain

**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**

Jesus came not to be served but to serve. Let us follow this example and share our gifts so that we may also experience the joys and challenges of serving.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**      “Doxology”.....# 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**

Parent God, may this offering assist us in continuing Christ’s work in the world to heal the grief, transgressions, and illnesses that oppress and harm your creation. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** . . . . . “The Church’s One Foundation” . . . . . # 386

<p>1 The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, our Lord; we are Christ’s new creation by water and the Word. From heaven Christ came and sought us In Love to set us free; With precious blood Christ bought us For all eternity.</p>	<p>2 Elect from every nation Yet one o’er all the earth; our charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth; one name together blessing, one holy food we share, to one hope ever pressing, at one in work and prayer.</p>
<p>3 Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of our war, we wait the consummation of peace forevermore. Til with the visions glorious, Our longing eyes are blessed, And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.</p>	<p>4 Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three in One, and mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.</p>

**BENEDICTION** (*Isaiah 53:4-12*)

Our lives are filled with struggles and suffering—  
none of us are immune.  
The key to full life in Christ is not to rise above it,  
but to struggle together and help one another along the way,  
knowing that God is with us in every moment.  
This is service.  
If we seek to serve and lift one another up,  
committing to struggle together,  
together we will witness Christ’s glory. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

**8:30AM** . . . . . “*Heeding the Call to Serve*” . . . . . Birchwood  
**11:00AM** . . . . . “*An Irish Blessing*” . . . . . Douglas Nolan

***WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY***

- **THANK YOU** to our **Guest Preacher Rev. Nora Foust** Associate Conference Minister for Ministerial and Congregational Excellence from Penn Central Conference UCC.
- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rodney and Barbara Miller by Karen and Oscar Bupp.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of all members of Shiloh UCC who have given their time and energy to making our Church a growing family for the future. We can do this! By Dick and Helen Hodgson.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Norma Hull, **11:00AM:** Steve Besecker
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Brian & Sally Curren **11:00AM:** Volunteer needed
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Julene Bechtel & **11:00AM:** Bev Arnold
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Volunteers needed **11:00AM:** Marsha Reiber
- **MUSIC: 8:30AM & 11:00AM:** Sandy Bamberger, Joan Hamme
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Lew Wallace, Matt Hildebrecht, Sallie Hagerman, Jaron Flickinger

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS, SANDY AND JOAN FOR PROVIDING THE WORSHIP MUSIC!**

**PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Oscar Bupp, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Mary Rodgers, Vanessa Seifarth, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Elva Winter.

**THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES**

The Limbert/Crone Family, The Behler Family, The Elicker Family, The Burg/Missinger Family.

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Morning Prayer** (*Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi*)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



**Evening Prayer** (*Unknown writer*)

Lord, You bless us as we rest  
Restore us as we sleep  
You care for us as we drift off  
And make our dreaming sweet.

You know our thoughts and feelings  
You see our deep desires  
You understand our weariness  
And catch each tear we cry.

You are the safest place  
You are the God of Grace  
Forgiven, loved and held by you  
Is each small seed of faith.

You walk beside us every day  
You are a constant friend  
You stay with us all through the night  
On you we can depend. Amen.

**THANK YOU!!**



On October 10, **Harvest Home** Sunday, the congregation was very generous in donating food items. This was given to the Salvation Army so they could continue to help people in need of food right here in York.

Also, that was the end of the **2021 Stewardship Challenge**. We were able to raise **\$2667** which is outstanding and more than double the challenge amount of **\$1180**. That money was donated along with any monies that came in later to Heifer International so that people in great need in third world countries can begin to have animals to sustain them. With that amount of money, our farm had chicks, ducks, honeybees, 2 sheep, 2 goats, 2 pigs, 2 heifers, and 2 water buffaloes. A huge thank you to those in our congregation who supported both of these benevolences. God has blessed us and so we are being a blessing to others, and as the song goes, “they will know we are Christians by our love”.

*The Stewardship Committee*

The youth of Shiloh UCC will be holding a **Trunk or Treat** event on **Sunday Oct 24th from 2-3 in the Shiloh UCC parking lot**. We need adults to come and give out treats to our Early Learning Center students. Come and decorate your car trunk and hand out treats to our trick or treaters!!



During the month of **October**, the **Women's Guild**, in cooperation with Sunday School, will be having a special collection to support the needs of the residents and staff of "**New Life for Girls**" which is a residential ministry for women with drug and alcohol related problems. Due to ongoing Covid-19 concerns, our support will be limited to monetary contributions again this year. Donations will be used to repair and enhance the safety of the agencies residential buildings. **The deadline to donate is October**

**31**. Church members can use the "other" line on their offering envelope and designate **New Life For Girls**. Sunday School classes and other groups may give their donation directly to the church treasurer, Natalie Fuhrman.

We will be collecting the "**Cash Rally**" special offering on **Sunday, November 7th**. The money collected will be used to start an improvement fund for Church's kitchen. Also, on **Sunday, November 25th** we will collect the "**Special Thanksgiving Offering**," which will be split between the Dover Food Bank and the Salvation Army."



**Engaging Women** will be meeting on **Tuesday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**. They will continue with the book called "The Power of a Woman's Words," by Sharon Jaynes.

### THIS WEEK

SUN	8:30 & 11	<b>Worship/Guest Preacher, Rev. Nora Foust</b>
	9:45	SOS Group (100)
	9:45	Sunday School
TUES	10:00	Outreach (202)
	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
		Bell Choir
	7:00	Chamber Choir
	7:30	Chancel Choir
SUN	8:30 & 11	<b>Worship</b>
	9:45	SOS Group (100)
	9:45	Sunday School
	2:00	Trunk-or-Treat
	6:00	Confirmation class (202)



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 110

8:30 SERVICE: 65

11:00 SERVICE: 45

THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor..... Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D.

[pastormelinda@shilohucc.com](mailto:pastormelinda@shilohucc.com)

717-764-3609

**Pastor Melinda's office hours: Wednesday 9AM-2PM & 5PM-8PM**

**Thursdays 9:00 AM-11:30 AM & 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

**Fridays 9:00 AM-2 PM**

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

Website:

[www.shilohuccyorkpa.org](http://www.shilohuccyorkpa.org)

Facebook Page:

<http://www.facebook.com/shilohuccyorkpa>

*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"*