

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

“Prince of Peace”

AUGUST 22, 2021 9:15 AM

MEDITATION:

*“Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.”* AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, CONFESSIONS

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP . . . . . *“Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide”* . . . . . Hughes

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN . . . . . *“All Things Bright and Beautiful”* . . . . . # 31

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We hear the church bells ringing. We see that the moment is ripe. Let’s gather together to worship the Holy One!

**All: We gather to hear the call, and to respond to the covenant. We bring our souls, minds, and bodies for your transformation. Bless your children with your presence as we gather in this sacred place.**

One: We gather as friends and disciples in your holy house of worship to invoke your presence.

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy and Everlasting God, we seek your guidance through hymns, prayers, and your Holy Word. We ask you to calm our hearts and minds in the peace that passes understanding. Infuse this sacred time we have together with holiness. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

\*HYMN . . . . . *“Spirit of Gentleness”* . . . . . # 286

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We profess that you are God, O Holy One. We have no other gods, and yet, we do not always serve you with sincerity and faithfulness. Our “other gods” are not the ones of our ancestors—the ones beyond the River, or in Egypt, or of the Amorites. We struggle with “other gods” here and now who seek to fulfill us by consumerism and with self-importance. We hear gods who instill in us such fear of our enemies that we seek power from weapons of destruction. Help us, O God, to find fulfillment in you. Forgive us that we are skeptical of love’s transforming power. We repent of our sins and turn our hearts again to you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: No other god cares for us as God does. No other god loves us as God does. No other god forgives us as God does.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

One: Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.

The peace of God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

CHILDREN’S HOMILY

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Isaiah 9:6-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-17

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.*

**GOSPEL LESSON:** \*John 14:1-27

**SERMON**

*“Prince of Peace”*

**DUET BY BEV KIRK & WANDA COOLEY.** .....*“You Are Mine”*..... Hayes

**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**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** “Doxology” ..... # 780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bountiful God, our tables overflow with the goodness of your green earth. Our tables, however, are pale in comparison to the splendor that awaits us all at your heavenly banquet. Receive these offerings, as we thank you for your many blessings. Help us be mindful of those who go without, as we feast and enjoy your bounty. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN.** ..... *“Peace I Leave With You My Friends”* ..... #249

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** ..... *“Peace With God”* ..... Parker

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

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Catherine and Oscar Bupp by Karen and Oscar Bupp.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of our parents, Nevin and Margaret Mummert, and Lester and Romaine Miller by Jay and Joyce Mummert.
- **LITURGIST:** Jen Miller
- **USHERS:** Jan Hopple & Julene Bechtel
- **GREETERS:** Sara Jacoby & Carolyn Poff
- **NURSERY DUTY:** Marsha Reiber & Jessie Sechriest
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Reen Bentzel, Dani Bentzel, Lew Wallace, Matt Hildebrecht, Sallie Hagerman, Jaron Flickinger

## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

### Morning Prayer

Lord, Give me strength in my weakness. Give me faith in my heart. Give me power in my powerlessness. I'm trusting in you. Amen.



*You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Isaiah 26:3*

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### Evening Prayer (Debbie McDaniel)

Lord we can't sleep because we just don't know what to do. Some big decisions are pressing hard. We can't see all the answers but we believe that you are leading us. Help us to hear your voice, help us to see your hand guiding us at every turn. Make the way clear before us and we ask that you would open the right doors and close the ones that aren't meant for us to walk through. We give it to you again right now, and believe that you are helping us and working on our behalf, even as we sleep. Amen.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Sandy Barnes, Julene Bechtel, Margie Behler, Jim Bentzel Sr., Rosabel Bentzel, Oscar Bupp, Helen Byers, Mary Emma Elicker, Herb Groff, Richard Gruver, Milton Hoak, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Mary Rodgers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Vanessa Seifarth, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Elva Winter.

## THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Downs Family, The Heath Family, The Jacoby Family, The Luckenbaugh Family, The Myers Family, The Hamme Family, The Behler Family.

Beginning **September 12**, we will be having two services. The first one is at **8:30 a.m. and the second one is at 11:00 a.m.** If you are on one of the volunteer lists, Maira will be contacting you to inquire which of the two services you will be attending. As a reminder, our **September 12 services will include communion** as well.



We will have rehearsals on **Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the Choir Room**. Singers from all Choirs (any age) are welcome as well as any new singers. We will be exercising our voices to get them back in shape, so this is a perfect time to come and join one of our Choirs or Men's Chorus. Please prayerfully consider joining one of our choirs, and if singing is not your thing we are also looking for new Hand bell Choir members. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Limbert. Thank you & looking forward to seeing you!

**The Women's Guild** will be meeting again on **August 30 at 1 p.m. in room 202**. The program will be from our study book *Bad Girls of the Bible*. Chapter Seven: Knockin' on Heaven's Door – Rehab: Bad for a Season, but Not Forever. Julia Hahn will be leading this chapter. We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.



**Engaging Women** will be meeting again starting **Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**. We will be doing a book study called "The Power of a Woman's Words," by Sharon Jaynes. Sally Curren will be ordering books for anyone who is interested in joining us.

**Sunday school classes will resume on Sunday Sept 26th from 9:45 to 10:45**. Youth will meet in Room 117 and Adults in Room 100. Be on the lookout for more classes and small group sessions as the year progresses.





Our missionary **Sally Jane Johnson** is visiting Shiloh **until September 13th**. She will be preaching at Shiloh UCC on Sunday Sept 5th. If you would like Sally to join any of your group meetings or invite her for dinner, please contact the church office to get on her calendar. It has been several years since she has been here and she is excited to come and reconnect with old and new friends.

**Sally Jane Johnson and Hearts and Hands for Jesus** will be preparing and serving lunch for York Giving Helping Hands on **Saturday Sept 4th**. On **Friday Sept 3rd** we will be making 150 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and baked ziti. Anyone who would like to help prepare the lunch can come to **Room 100 at 5:30**. Everyone is also welcome to help serve the meal on Saturday the 4th. **We will meet at the York Transit station at the corner of Market and Pershing Streets at 11:30.**

Starting on **Sunday, September 26**, between the two church services the **The Visioning Committee** will host a discussion group called **SOS which stands for "share our story"**. This group will meet in **room 100** and will be discussing many topics including the history of Shiloh UCC, the culture of our church, and what our future Sunday School classes should look like and be called, as well as many other topics that arise. At no time are we trying to rewrite Shiloh UCC's story, or change anything that already is working well, but rather begin writing the next chapter. **This needs the participation of the congregation, so please plan on participating in all or some of these group discussions.**



**GROCERY GIFT CARDS = CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH.** Weis and Giant grocery gift cards are available for purchase in the gallery. 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.

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



*"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/Guest Preacher: Tancrede Alfred LaMontagne II**
- MON Pastor Melinda Vac.thru Aug 31
- WED 9:30 Bible Study (202)
- 5:30 TOPS (100)
- THUR 6:30 NA Group (100)
- 7:00 Choirs
- SUN 9:15 **Worship/Guest Preacher Charlie Hull**



**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 94**

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