

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

**717-764-3569**

September 15, 2024



*Worship With Us*

**Our Mission Statement**

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

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS and LARGE PRINT BULLETINS**  
are available in the Narthex.

**Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ**  
**Worship Service**  
**September 15, 2024**  
**10:00AM**

**MEDITATION**

*“Grown-ups never understand anything by themselves, and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them.”* *~Antoine de Saint-Exupéry*

*“The soul is healed by being with children.”* *~Fyodor Dostoyevsky*

**PRELUDE**

*“Praise God”*

Livingston

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Please stand as you are able!)*

One: The heavens shout of God’s glory!

**All: There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens!**

One: Day by day we are reminded of God’s creative love.

**All: Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God’s glory.**

One: Come, let us praise the God of creation.

**All: Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God. Let us worship our everlasting God!**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

**All: Benevolent Creator before time you placed a spark of Divinity into our souls. Like jars of clay, you fashioned us into the people we have become. This morning we ask you to welcome all of your children, both young and old, as we prepare our hearts for worship. Fill these precious jars of clay so fully with your essence, that we go out and change the world. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*“Jesus Shall Reign”*

#300 vs 1,3,5

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray!

**All: God of patience and mercy, we ask for forgiveness. When things get difficult; when we are called to do something which is hard for us, we turn our back on you. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Heal our fears and our weaknesses. Strengthen us and give us courage to truly be your disciples, not counting the rewards, but rejoicing in the work. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: This morning the Lord reaches out to you in healing love and compassion. Receive the blessings which God offers to you. Your sins are forgiven. Be healed and made whole. Be ready to serve God and change the world through love.

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

One: Let us greet each other in Christian friendship.

The peace of Christ Be with you!

**All: And also with you.**

**CHILDREN'S STORY** (*All children of God who desire to come forward for the Children's Sermon are welcome. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to accompany their young child during the message.*)

**\*HYMN**

*"Word of God Speak"*

Mercy Me Video

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Reading: Psalm 116:1-9

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Third Lesson: James 3:1-12

**SERMON**

*Taming the Tongue*

**\*HYMN**

*"The Gift of Love"*

Insert

**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

God is always with us, not just when everything seems clear and times are good, but also when we struggle with questions and doubt. When we cry out to God, our prayers are heard. When the world cries out to God, we are part of God's answer, offering water in the desert, offering nourishment to a world that is spiritually hungry. Our gifts this morning are our answer to God's own goodness. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*"Doxology"*

#780

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

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray!

**All: God of grace, we hear your call to generous giving in the way you meet our needs each day, and in the peace you give which passes understanding. Having received so much, we offer all we have, our time, talents and money for your kingdom. Bless these gifts for the work of your church. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*"How Great Thou Art"*

Insert

### \*BENEDICTION

Go forth and welcome all God's children, making the last first, and becoming a servant to all. Go forth to change the world as Jesus has commanded by offering welcome, justice, and compassion to all. Go forth in God's welcome and love. **Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

*"Trust and Obey"*

*Powell*

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

## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

### Morning Prayer (Martin Luther's Morning Prayer)



In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### Evening Prayer (by Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Judy Feeser, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Brad Jacobs, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Steve Snyder, Rick & Sue Trimble, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

## THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Eppley Family, The Hoover Family,



Help is needed every other month on the first Sunday of the month. You will need to cut bread and buy grape juice. You would come Saturday to set up and then would need to clean up after the service. Training will be provided. Any help would be appreciated. See Tammy Hildebrecht or call 717-683-0440.

Please contact the office if you're interested in **sponsoring bulletins**. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks prior** to your desired date to have your wording placed in the bulletin.



- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Sue's father and in memory of Sue's mother and Rick's parents by Sue and Rick Trimble.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST:** Sally Curren
- **GREETERS:** Shirley Lohmann and Joyce Mummert
- **USHER:** Keith Krout
- **NURSERY** Carol Burns and Jessie Sechriest
- **COFFEE CONNECTIONS:** Katie Bentzel
- **MUSIC:** Sandy Bamberger

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND  
MUSICIANS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE WORSHIP SERVICE!**

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Mission Fund

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 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.



An **Ecclesiastical Council** will take place Sunday, September 22 at Dover UCC at 2 PM for **Zoe D'heedene**. Zoe has been pastor at Bethel UCC in the Gettysburg Association but has kept her membership at Dover UCC to complete her ordination process with the York Association.. Each church is requested to send their pastor and 2 delegates. If you are interested in attending please contact Nathan Limbert for more details.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Linda Little and all of the members of the Church and Ministry committee for devoting so much time in a search for the new Administrative Assistant and for filling the position of Family and Youth Ministry Coordinator.

The Missions Committee





The Woman's Social & Support Group will meet for breakfast at **The West Manchester Diner, 930 Carlisle Road, York, PA** on **Friday, September 20th at 9:00 A.M.** Please contact Beverly Gerberick at 717-764-2988 by September 16th if you plan to attend.

**The Women's Guild** will be meeting **Oct. 7** at 1:00 pm in room 202. The program will be from our new study book *Experiencing Contagious Joy*, Chapter Six: Resounding Joy. Pat Roth will be leading this chapter. Special offering this month is for our missionary Sally Jane Johnson.



*We invite all women of the church to join us at any time*

This year's **Mission Challenge** is to raise \$4000. The money will be divided between Bell Socialization Services and our own Capital Expense fund. Bell provides mental health programs, special housing for mentally challenged persons, and the Bell family shelter where families may stay for 30 days and then are helped to find permanent housing. The amount of money raised given to Bell will be in the form of gift cards for Weis and Giant, so this will also benefit our friends of



Limon fund. Shiloh's property committee has identified many areas in the church that have to be improved and in some cases things that have to be replaced. This will require large amounts of money from the capital expense fund, so that will need to be replenished. The 2024 mission challenge begins on August 25 and ends on October 13. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's challenge. Place money in your offering envelope and mark mission challenge on the other line.

Next **Youth Small Group** will be held on **September 24th** from 6-7pm in room 2020 for ages 8-12yrs. Upcoming dates will be released for other age groups as I continue to work through things. **THANK YOU ALL**, for your patience as I work on figuring out all the kinks in my planning, Brandi



**Welcome Back-to-Church Sunday is September 22!** At this special service the choirs will begin their fall schedule and the ELC Director, Allison Harnett, will update the congregation on the progress of the Outdoor Classroom. In addition, there will be an opportunity to meet our new Family and Youth Ministry Coordinator, Brandi Shoff.

After the 10:00 AM service, you are invited to attend a **luncheon** in room 100. The meal will begin at 11:30. This will provide an opportunity to tour the Outdoor Classroom. A sign-up sheet is available in the Gallery or you can contact the office to indicate your intention to attend the luncheon.



**Welcome  
To our Church**

Hopefully, you will plan to attend this special day and enjoy the air of excitement that can be found throughout the church. Please feel free to bring your family, friends, and neighbors, too!!!

*“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	10:00	<b>Worship</b>
	9:00	Sunday School (202) & Wired Word (124)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
TUES	6:00	Missions meeting (Parlor)
	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	7:00	Quilt Group (202)
	7:00	Grief Group (Parlor)
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
	9:30	Bible Study (202)
THUR	5:00	TOPS (117)
	10:30	Our Daily Bread
	6:30	NA Group (100)
SUN	6:30	Choirs
	10:00	Worship

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 68**

### **THE CHURCH STAFF**

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