



WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
EASTER SUNDAY AND HOLY COMMUNION
 APRIL 17, 2022 8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION

“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.” – Martin Luther

8:30AM & 11:00AM PRELUDE

*“My Lord What a Morning”
 “Alleluia! Alleluia!”*

Wilson
 Broughton

GREETING

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We have come to see the Risen Lord.

All: We have come to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

One: For death has given way to life,

All: Despair has been replaced by hope,

One: Grief has been replaced by joy,

All: And darkness has been dispelled by light.

One: Hear the good news today: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Living God, rejoicing in this day of resurrection, we have come to celebrate the strength of your love — a love that triumphs even over death. As we exult in the miracle of your incarnate love, we thank you for the opportunity to encounter the Risen Christ here in our midst. In the power of the Holy Spirit, raise us with Christ that we, too, may proclaim healing and peace to the nations. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”* #233

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Mortal tongues and angels sing, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!	2 Let the victor’s people sing, Alleluia! Where, O death is now your sting? Alleluia! Dying once, Christ lives to save. Alleluia! Where your victory, oh grave? Alleluia!
3 Loves redeeming work is done. Alleluia! Fought the fight. The battle one. Alleluia! Death in vain forbids Christ rise. Alleluia! God has opened paradise. Alleluia!	4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

CHILDREN’S TIME

All children (including infants) and youth who desire to come forward for the Children’s Sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parent’s/ caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message.

***HYMN** *“Jesus Loves Me”* (Vs. 1 twice). #327

1 Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.	Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
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WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

8:30AM & 11:00 AM CHAMBER & CHANCEL CHOIR *“Let the Trumpet Sound”* Sleeth

SERMON

“Risen”

***HYMN** “*I come to the garden alone*” #237

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses; And the voice I hear, falling on my ear the Son of God discloses, And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.	He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing; And the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.	I'd stay in the garden with him, though the night around me be falling, But he bids me a go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.
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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

We are witnesses to the power of the Holy Spirit and the glory of God. Now we turn in thanksgiving to share the good news of forgiveness and grace to all the world. Let these our gifts be a living testimony to those who most need the healing grace of Christ this morning, cornerstones of faith, and joy for the entire world.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

“Easter Doxology”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND SELF**

Generous God, we offer these gifts as our testimony to your glory and as our commitment as your disciples. Bless our gifts to your work in the world and to your reign here on earth. Through your blessing of our gifts, may death be destroyed and hope fill all of creation. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

HYMN OF COMMUNION “*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*” No. 347

1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy. Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard. [Refrain]	Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!
2 Christ is able to make us one. At the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]	3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share. God (Emmanuel) everywhere! [Refrain]

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885 UCC Statement of Faith in the Form of Doxology**

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:
You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.
You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.
You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.
In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.
You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.
You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.
You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.
Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

INVITATION

One: Christ has risen and we have risen to new life with him.
Yet we must confess the ways we have continued to remain in our tombs of sin and death.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, no matter what the angels might say, we are alarmed!
Living Lord, when we stand before the empty tomb
we don't always feel the joy of resurrection.
We feel fear, doubt, and distrust.
We feel empty.

Forgive the fear that paralyzes us at the brink of new life.
Forgive our doubt of your love.
Forgive our negativity.
Forgive our distrust of your surprising, joyous plan.
Fill our emptiness with your glorious light.
Raise us to abundant new life
for the glory of your name.
Appear to us now so that we might be resurrected with your love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Wake up, sleeper!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.
Sisters and brothers,
Christ has forgiven our sins.
Christ calls us to new life -
because God so loves this world
and God so loves you. **Amen.**

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

One: As forgiven, freed, and risen people, testify to the joy of resurrection as you pass the peace of Christ. The peace of God be with you.
All: And also with you.

***HYMN**“*Let There Be Peace on Earth*” #14 Special Hymnal

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me	With God our Creator Children all are we	Let peace begin with me Let this be the moment now.	To take each moment and live Each moment in peace eternally
Let there Be Peace on Earth The peace that was meant to be	Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.	With every step I take Let this be my solemn vow	Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

To demonstrate our unity in Christ, we will take the elements together. Please open the cup containing the bread first, then please open the juice. Thank you!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Now send us into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to find the lost and lonely, to heal broken souls, to free prisoners, and make the powerful care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your good news in our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN** *“Your is the Glory, Resurrected One”* #253

1 Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the victory you over death have won. Angels clothed in radiance rolled the stone away, Conquered is the grave in which your body lay.	Refrain: Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the victory you over death have won!
2 See, it is Jesus. Jesus has appeared. Do not doubt at all for nothing you will fear. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing. Tell it without ceasing death has lost its sting.	3 Am I still frightened? One whom I adore Jesus lives again, gives peace forever more. Jesus is my victory. Life and strength and head Jesus is my glory. Nothing shall I dread.

***BENEDICTION** (*those who are able, please stand*)

One: Go forth in joy! Let your voices ring with victory for Christ is Risen! Happy Easter!

All: Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia. Amen.

THE POSTLUDE *“Christ the Lord Is Risen”* Scott

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of our grandson, Aidan Jacobs’ 16th birthday by Nana and Pop-pop Jacobs.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and our Risen Lord to honor Jay Mummert for his 80th birthday on April 26 by his family.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Jim Bentzel, **11:00AM:** Linda Little
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Gary & Marvel Burg, **11:00AM:** Matt & Tammy Hildebrecht
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Keith & Elaine Krout, **11:00AM:** Richard & Helen Hodgson
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Tim & Katie Bentzel **11:00AM** Volunteer
- **MUSIC: 8:30am & 11:00AM:** Sandy Bamberger, Chamber & Chancel Choir
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, Jaron Flickinger

We would like to thank all of the volunteers and musicians for providing the worship music!

Prayers for the Week

Morning Prayer: (By Wendy Blight)

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm118:24)

Dear Lord, I don’t know who or what will cross my path today. But I do know that you are my Rock and my Fortress. You are my Shield and my Strong Tower. Help me to anchor myself to you today. Teach me how to stand strong in you and choose only your way today. Help me walk by your truth and not my feelings. Help me to embrace anything that comes my way as an opportunity to see you at work and as an opportunity to point others to you. Thank you that you love me and nothing can ever take that away from me! Even if I fail today and fall short, you whisper your unconditional love deep into my soul and remind me that your mercies are new every morning. Thank you for meeting with me today. In Jesus’ name. Amen.



Evening: (By Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

As I close my eyes tonight, I'm praying for my loved ones, for my friends, and those who need to know you, Lord. I'm praying that your love, like the billions of stars in the night sky outside, will touch them and help them see who you really are. I pray for our world and those in it. I pray for their needs as well as my own. Grant me a good night's sleep tonight, O God, so that I can awake refreshed and ready to begin another day loving you. Thank you again for blessings so undeserved and too numerous to count. I love being your child, and I long for the word "faithful" to describe my service to you, each day of every year. When I awake in the morning, may it be with a joyful smile, not a grumpy spirit. May your protection and your presence bathe this place with peace and safety against the enemy. Good night, Lord. In Jesus's name. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Oscar Bupp, Uble & Nan Frost, Mark Garber, Linda Glass, Beverly Hoak, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Cindy Repman, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Jessie Sechriest, Gladys Seigman, Cedric Simpson, Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Matthews/Curren Family, The Myers Family, The Keith Family, The Anstein Family, The Wagner Family, The Heath Family, The Hoak/McGinnis Family, The Reiber Family

We are in the process of organizing a Safety & Security Committee to assess any safety risks or security threats that could affect our church, staff, and members. The Committee will also be responsible for safety and security planning, and disaster preparedness and response. The Pennsylvania State Police is offering a free risk and vulnerability assessment that we have signed up for. They will provide us with a detailed report that will identify any vulnerabilities and will offer recommendations to improve security. Our goal will then be to strategize and implement procedures in the event of an emergency or safety issue. The Pennsylvania State Police will conduct a follow-up interview via telephone within one year following the assessment to ascertain if any of the suggested recommendations were acted upon. If you are interested in joining this Committee, please contact Marsha Reiber or Jeff Hershey.

The Women's Guild will be collecting baby items for **Wellspring Mother/Child Clinic** until **Mother's Day May 8**. The following are baby items that are needed:

Newborn diapers, unscented wipes, formula (powder), heavy menstrual pads, breast pads, breast cream, baby clothes (newborn to 3 months), blankets (they love the fleece ones), or lighter ones for summer. Please, all items should be new except clothes and blankets.



During Lent, the Sunday school classes are collecting offerings for the **Friends and Neighbors of Pennsylvania**. This group is based in York and cares for the homeless. They go out daily to find the homeless wherever they are living - under bridges, in tents etc. The group makes the homeless aware of upcoming severe weather conditions and attempts to provide resources where they can be safe. They also provide tents, sleeping bags, long underwear and other supplies for daily living. If you would like to help the Sunday School classes, you can mark your offering envelope with Sunday School -Lent or use another envelope marked for the Sunday School Lent offering. The **special Easter envelopes** will also be used to collect for the Friends and Neighbors of Pennsylvania.

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.



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

Reminder that the Men's breakfast will meet at **Dover Valley Restaurant** on **Tuesday, April 19 at 8:30 am.**



*"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	8:30 & 11:00	Easter Sunday/Holy Communion
TUES	8:30	Men's Breakfast (Dover Valley Rest.)
	6:00	Missions Committee (202)
	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	8:00	Men's Chorus
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
FRI	10:00	Grief Group (202)
SAT	12:00	Private Event (100)
SUN	8:30 & 11:00	Butterfly/ELC Sunday



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 128
8:30 SERVICE: 66
11:00 SERVICE 62

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