

**WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP SERVICE**

April 18, 2021
9:15 AM

MEDITATION

"I shut my eyes in order to see."

- Paul Gauguin, 19th century

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP *"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth!"* Calkins

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Like the disciples who met the risen Christ,

All: we come hoping for an appearance of God's love.

One: We come with our questions, doubts, and fears, waiting for Christ to appear in our midst saying:

All: "Peace be with you."

One: We hear the stories of God's love in the Scriptures,

All: and we know that God is still speaking!

One: We look around at our neighbors and guests, and see the power of the risen Christ at work in their lives, offering peace, offering hope, offering courage.

All: We are witnesses to the miraculous love of Jesus!

Come, let us worship God!

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Lord of Light and Mercy, be with us this day as we again hear the stories of faith and inner sight. Help us to believe in your abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the light which you bring. Give us courage and strength to witness to your resurrection. For we offer this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Please do not sing the hymn, just follow along

HYMN *"Lord of the Dance"* See insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you give to us your greatest gift, Your Son, Jesus Christ; and we still don't understand what is going on. You call us to be people of courage and hope; yet we run and hide, doubting and fearing. You challenge us to proclaim our faith; but we huddle in darkness whispering our words of discouragement. Shake us up, Lord! Forgive us when we seem to need prodding over and over again. Help us to see the presence of Jesus in our lives; and remind us of all that He taught us, to help us to live as disciples, serving you by serving others. Change us! Remold us! Make us truly the disciples you have called us to be. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not be afraid. The Light of God has vanquished the darkness! Christ is risen! Doubts are erased. Rejoice! God's love is poured upon you, now and forever. AMEN.

SHARING THE BLESSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE *(Please wave to one another)*

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's Peace.

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19
Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7
Third Lesson: Luke 24:36b-48

SERMON “Ghost”

BELL CHOIR “*Early One Morning*” Arr. Anna Laura Page

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

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,
we should be called children of God because of God’s love for us
which is as creative as a mother and as generous as a father.
Let us offer our gifts in order to care for God’s family
in this church and throughout the world.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** “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**

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you.
Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please do not sing the hymn, just follow along

HYMN “*Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day*” See Insert

BENEDICTION

Go in courage and peace, proclaiming the Risen Lord to all! Be those who bring hope and justice to a hungry and hurting world! The peace of the Lord is with you now and forever. **Amen.**

THE POSTLUDE “*That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*” Leatherman

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of our grandson, Aidan Jacobs’ 15th birthday by Nana and Pop-pop Jacobs.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of our risen Lord and our dedicated visitation team of Shiloh UCC by Jay and Joyce Mummert.
- **LITURGIST:** Norma Hull

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (Anonymous writer)



Illustrations of.com 478708

Father in heaven, I stand before You today in Your omnipotent presence to ask that You grant me strength. I want You to give me the strength to power through all of the tasks today — whether little or big. It is by Your will that I live oh Lord. And I know it is also by Your will I will not go weak today. I will not go lazy nor will I will fail to do all things set before me because You strengthen me. Thank You for Your everlasting presence Lord and in Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (By Topher Haddox)

Heavenly Father, thank you for holding me together today. I needed you, and you were there for me. Thank you for every bit of love, mercy, and grace that was shown to me though I did not deserve it. Thank you for your faithfulness even in my suffering. To you alone be the glory. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Nancy Hamme, Helen Luckenbaugh, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Helen Byers, Mary Emma Elicker, Catherine Lochman, Vanessa Seifarh, Bev Kirk, Julene Bechtel, Jim Bentzel Sr. Phil Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Dottie Limbert, Donna Krone, Elva Winter, Mary Rodgers, Oscar Bupp, Bob and Margie Behler, Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Sandy Barnes, Staff and Residents at Providence Place, Richard Gruver, Rosabel Bentzel, Donna Robertson

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Harper Family, The Arnold Family, The Krout Family, The Harman Family, The Duttera Family, The Ellis Family, The Smith Family, The Steele Family, The Downs Family, The Heath Family

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

If you have been in church and test positive for Covid please let the church office know. We will not release any names, but we will let our congregation know that we have had a positive test of someone at our church service. We all need to remain diligent in the protection of our congregation's health.

We are looking for volunteers to be trained on how to stream the Sunday services. If you are interested, please let Jaron know at admin@ShilohUCCYorkPa.org.



April 22nd is Earth Day, although every day should be earth day. While the human race was more or less in lockdown, our planet was recovering from our abuse. The air and water was cleaner and animal life was recovering. Now as we humans start to get back to our normal activities, it is important we not return to our old behaviors that pollute the earth. God gave us this earth and expects us to be good stewards of it. If HE asked you what you are doing to preserve his creation, what would you say?

The Stewardship Committee

We are establishing a **Visioning Team for Shiloh UCC** and our goal will be to Discover God's Vision for Shiloh UCC and we need your help. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in joining this team to contact Tim Bentzel or Pastor Melinda, or simply come to our first meeting which is scheduled for **Wednesday April 21, 2021 at 7pm in room 100.**

Zook pies are back! We are welcoming back those delicious Zook pies and apple dumplings for orders. Our **delivery date is set for Thursday, May 27, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with all orders due on Sunday, May 9th.** Pick up of your order will be done in two ways. You may come into the church kitchen to pick up your order OR you may call 717-586-9216 as you arrive at the church for your order to be delivered to your car. Order forms will be available in the gallery or by calling the church office. You may also call Charlie Hull at the above number to place your order. Payment for your order is requested at the time of ordering.





BULLETIN SPONSORS are needed. 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.

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.



*“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 Service**
- MON 7:00 Worship & Music (100)
- TUES 6:00 Stewardship (202)
- WED 9:30 Bible Study (100)
- 5:30 TOPS (100)
- 7:00 Visioning Team (100)
- THURS 6:30 NA Group (100)
- FRI 5:00 Private Event (Sanctuary)
- SAT 3:00 Smeal Wedding
- SUN 9:15 Worship Service



Attendance last Sunday: 66



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

THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D.
Pastor email pastormelinda@shilohucc.com

Pastor Melinda 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

Website: www.shilohuccyorkpa.org

Facebook www.facebook.com/shilohuccyorkpa



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

Luke 24:36b-48

Christ Among Us

Earth Day is coming up this Thursday. Has your church explored what it might mean to be a Creation Justice Church? You can find out more at the website: https://www.ucc.org/creation_justice_churches.

*“As we learn in the opening pages of Genesis, our first calling as people of faith is to care for God’s creation. Whether it is taking on the climate crises or addressing the lead poisoning of children, environmental justice ministries could not have a higher purpose or calling than they do now.

If the followers of Jesus today care about the air we breathe, the water we drink, or the world in which we live, then environmental justice ministry should undoubtedly be an integral strand in any church’s DNA. The UCC’s Creation Justice Church program aims to help you do just that. Here are some of the tremendous features and benefits of doing the program:

- Congregations collectively discern their high calling to care for creation and seek justice for the oppressed.
- Congregations make a commitment so serious and so sacred that it necessitates talking about God’s covenant with us and with all of creation.
- Congregations not only become recognized as “green.” They become a part of a larger network of churches and a larger movement to change the world.
- Congregations engage in critical thinking about the socioeconomic dimensions of environmental justice such as race, class, and global inequality.
- Congregations foster a deeper sense of connection: connection to God, to each other, and to the world in which we live.
- Congregations unleash their imagination and creativity as a sense of purpose propels them to make a difference.”

*(https://www.ucc.org/creation_justice_churches)



8 1/2" x 14" UCC SUNDAY BULLETIN SERVICE

Bulletin artwork and backpage stories copyright © 2021 United Church of Christ

BUL0307