

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
EASTER SUNDAY & HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

APRIL 9, 2023
8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION

“Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, as he works among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever.” [Hebrews 13:20]

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN MUSIC

“He Is Risen!”

Smith

GREETING

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

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Easter takes us by surprise, early in the morning. The obstacles we expect to face are removed. Where once death and despair lay locked, now the bright light of hope sprouts wings. It is, at first, too good to be true...

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

One: Do not be afraid. You seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He is risen. He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go your way. Tell his disciples and Peter that he goes before you to Galilee. There you shall see him.

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

One: Suddenly the realization dawns. It may rise as quietly as the sun blooming on the horizon, or it may explode like fireworks, painting the world with dazzle. We recognize the One who was dead, as he comes to life in us.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: God comforts those whose hearts are broken in sorrow. Break forth into joy! Sing together!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!

All: Giver of new life, we come this morning with our alleluias, banners, lilies and songs. We come to worship in beauty and in truth, because we have faith that Jesus Christ is raised from the dead; hope that the resurrection will enter each of our lives to transform them; and because, through Christ’s spirit, we have come to love one another. Accept our worship, Almighty God. Be present with us as miracle, mystery, and tender hands of grace. Through Jesus Christ, our Resurrected Lord, we pray. Amen.

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.*

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Third Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

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.

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**

One: Let us pray!

All: 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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A New Creed

One: We are not alone; we live in God’s world.

All: We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and other by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. 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

One: Let us Pray!

All: O God, no matter what the angel 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

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The members of Consistory will serve you the bread and juice. To demonstrate our unity in Christ, we will take the elements together. Please wait until everyone has been served.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us Pray!

All: 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** *"Alleluia! Alleluia!"* Insert

*BENEDICTION

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 *"Alleluia! Alleluia!"* Broughton

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Parke W. Bentzel by the family.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of Sally's Moms 92nd birthday by Brian & Sally Curren.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Carol Burns, **11:00AM:** Steve Besecker
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Sara Jacoby & Judy Clark **11:00AM:** Tammy Hildebrecht.
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Keith & Elaine Krout **11:00AM:** Michael & Laura Andras
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Tim & Katie Bentzel **11:00AM** Linda Little
- **MUSIC:** Chancel & Handbell Choir & Sandy Bamberger

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.”
(Psalm 118:24)

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 Prayer (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, Julie Beall, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Helen Byers, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, Jay Mummert, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Elva Winter

“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

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| SUN | 8:30 & 11 | Easter Sunday & Holy Communion |
| | 9:45 | Sunday School (100) |
| | 9:45 | Wired Word (202) |
| TUES | 8:30 | Men's Breakfast (Dover Valley Rest.) |
| | 6:30 | Cub Scouts (100) |
| | 6:30 | Engaging Women (Parlor) |
| | 8:00 | Men's Chorus |
| WED | 9:30 | Bible Study |
| | 5:00 | TOPS (100) |
| THUR | 6:30 | NA Group (100) |
| | 6:30 | Choirs |
| SUN | 8:30 & 11 | Worship/Butterfly Sunday |



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 113

THE CHURCH STAFF

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| Pastor | Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D. pastormelinda@shilohucc.com 717-764-3609 |
| Pastor Melinda office hours: | Wednesdays 9AM-12PM & 5-8PM Thursdays 5-8PM Fridays 9AM-12PM |
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| Organist | Sandra Bamberger |
| Missionaries in Costa Rica | Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson |
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THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Kinsley Family, The Garber Family, The Berkheimer/Bechtel Family, The Reiber/Youkers Family



On **Saturday June 3**, Shiloh UCC will be hosting a **community yard sale** from **8am-2pm**. This event is rain or shine, so feel free to bring a tarp. The cost is \$10 per space and \$5 per table (while supplies last).

Registration forms can be found in the gallery. For additional information, please contact Patti Goodyear at pagoodyear213@gmail.com.

The Sunday School Group is collecting money for **Heifer International** for our **Lenten Project**. Concurrently, the special Lenten offering will also go towards Heifer International. Both collections will continue thru **Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023**. Your support to this great cause is greatly appreciated. Thank you!



This year's **special Easter offering** collected will go to the **Bell Family Shelter**.

The church is collecting donations for the **ELC's Scholarship Fund**. This Scholarship Fund benefits students and families that attend the ELC that may be having trouble making their monthly payments towards tuition. The ELC offers this scholarship to ensure that their students can continue to attend the preschool without families having to worry about how they will make their next payment. If you are interested in donating, please use the **Love Offering envelopes found in your pews**. We will be collecting donations **through the end of April**.



Engaging Women will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor**. Contact Sally Curren at dgft25@hotmail.com for additional information.

The **Women's Guild** will be collecting items for **Wellspring Mother/Child Clinic** in **April and May**.

The following items are needed: newborn diapers, unscented wipes, formula (powder), heavy menstrual pads, breast pads, breast cream, baby clothes (newborn to 3 months), blankets (fleece or lighter ones for summer). All items should be new except clothes and blankets in good shape. Place them in tubs marked Women's Guild. Items will be displayed on **Mother's Day, May 14**.



Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday, April 11, at 8:30 am** at **Dover Valley Restaurant**. Contact Brad Jacobs at 717-764-2773 or bcj402@verizon.net for additional information.

The Women's Social and Support Group will meet for lunch at **Cheddar's Restaurant** on **April 21st at 12:00pm**. Please contact Judy Feeser at 717-764-9935 by April 17th if you plan to attend.



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.

