



*Because
I live,*

YE SHALL
LIVE ALSO.

JOHN 14:19

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
EASTER SUNDAY & HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
APRIL 20TH, 2025
10:00 AM

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]

PRELUDE

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

Broughton

OPENING WORDS

One: This is the day that the Lord has made,

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Praise God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Praise the God of salvation who does marvelous things.

Praise the God of everlasting life. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(please stand if you are able)*

One: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed.

One: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed.

One: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always. Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

***HYMN**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

#233

***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

VIDEO PRESENTATION

(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"

#327 (vs. 1 twice)

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

CHANCEL CHOIR & MEN'S CHORUS

"He Is Risen"

Allen

Third Reading: John 20:1-18

SERMON

"Risen"

Pastor Melinda

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**

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

***HYMN OF COMMUNION** *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”* #347

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A New Creed* #887

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: Gracious and Patient God, we come before you with so many things which weigh us down. We would like an easy faith, one that doesn’t cause us to look within ourselves, to identify those many ways in which we have forsaken you. But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls. Forgive us, God, for all those things which we have neglected to do that would have helped someone else to be closer to you. Heal our hearts from the wounds which have been inflicted upon us by the anger and misunderstandings. Prepare our lives to be of service to you. We long for your presence and your healing touch. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God appeared long ago to the faithful. God appears now to doubters. God will appear to seekers. God appeared and is appearing because God shows no partiality because God so loves this world and God so loves you.

All: Alleluia! 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”* Special Hymnal #14

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** *“Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!”* #253

***BENEDICTION**

One: Dance, celebrate, sing, and shout for joy! Christ is Risen, and He goes before us, into this world of fear and pain. He has called us to bring the Good News of healing and hope. Go in peace, and feel the presence of the Risen Lord with you, now and forever.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE *“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!?”* Balcombe

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented in celebration of our grandson, Aidan Jacobs' 19th birthday by Nana and Pop-pop Jacobs.
- **THE BULLETINS** are sponsored today in loving memory of Harry E Jacoby by his wife Sara and daughters Vicki, and Patti and family.
"Gone but never forgotten"
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht
- **LITURGISTS:** Brian Curren
- **GREETERS:** Lisa and Kevan Stough
- **USHERS:** Laura and Michael Andras
- **COFFEE CONNECTION:** Natalie Fuhrman
- **NURSERY:** Sallie Hagerman and Natalie Fuhrman

**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."
(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

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



THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Smith Family, The Taft Family, The Robertson/Jordan Family, Suzanne Kozuch Family

*“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	Worship
	9:00	Sunday School (202) & Wired Word (124)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
MON	6:00	Gospel Choir (100)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	7:00	Grief Group (Parlor)
	8:00	Men’s Chorus
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (202)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	10:00	Worship

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 95

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