

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP SERVICE
JUNE 16, 2024
10:00AM

Happy Father's Day

*He shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children,
and the heart of the children to their fathers.*

Malachi 4:6

MEDITATION

"The highest proof of the spirit is love. Love is the eternal thing which men can already on earth possess as it really is."

- Albert Schweitzer

PRELUDE

Teach Us, O Lord"

Paxton

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

*FATHER'S DAY LITTANY (stjohnssilsbee.com/doc/Fathers_Day_Litany.pdf)

(Please stand if you are able)

One: Blessed are you Lord our God, Creator and Redeemer of all; You father us from all eternity, giving life to creation and pouring your love into all you have made.

All: From the beginning we have known you as "Father" and all our families have their origin in you. Through the love of earthly fathers you give us a glimpse of your everlasting love.

One: We give thanks for those fathers who strive to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

All: And we pray for those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become good fathers.

One: We thank You for those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children their love and support in these days.

All: We also give thanks for those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives; and for those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

One: We thank you for those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earn their step-children's love and respect.

All: And we ask your special blessing on those fathers who have lost children, and who continue to hold those children in their hearts.

One: We also give thanks for those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own. We pray for those men who have “fathered” us in their role as mentors and guides.

All: We ask your blessings on those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

One: And we continue to pray for those fathers who have died, but live on in our memories and whose love continues to nurture us.

All: We pray that the love of our earthly fathers may draw us ever nearer to You, our Heavenly Father, and perfect in us the image of your Son, Jesus Christ. Now let us worship and sing to our loving God together!

*HYMN *“Rejoice, You Pure in Heart”* #55

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

All: Holy and uncontainable God, for trying to contain you, forgive us. Loving and limitless God, for trying to limit you, forgive us. Gracious and boundless God, for trying to bind you, forgive us. Sometimes we are foolish enough to believe that it is to our advantage to reduce you to something we can comprehend. Forgive us, Almighty God. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The steadfast love of God is with you— yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Whether you turn away or doubt, whether you follow timidly or joyfully, you are loved and forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

One: Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.
The peace of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

*HYMN *“You Are My All in All”* Insert

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 20

Second Reading: Mark 4:26-34

SPECIAL MUSIC *“A Heart That Knows You”* T. Paris

Third Lesson: John 3:1-21

SERMON *“Learn From Jesus!”*

*HYMN *“How Blessed Are They Who Trust in Christ”* #365

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

Today, you and I are called to work for the reign of God. You and I are called to a sweet labor of generosity, healing, and peace. Let us bring our gifts, then, so that the ministry of Shiloh UCC will be a growing, vibrant witness to God’s love. 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 host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray!

All: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, through the power of your gracious love, you reveal the meaning of parenthood. You bring forgiveness, joy, and laughter to earthly families, where relationships are strained by sin. Thank you for your bountiful love, as you listen and respond to our prayers. Accept these offerings as a sign of our thankfulness. May you bless the parents, children, and grandparents of Shiloh UCC so that we may be a blessing to our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Faith of Our Fathers"

Insert

***BENEDICTION**

One: As you go from here, remember this:
Because of the work of the Holy Spirit within us,
we are sons and daughters of God.

**All: We have been adopted into God's family;
God is truly our Father.**

One: And if we are God's children,
we are His heirs, and fellow heirs with Christ.
So go in peace and confidence,
knowing that the love of God, our Father,
the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
goes with us.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

"To Sing My Great Redeemer's Praise"

Smith

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!



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.



- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of our fathers, Parke W. Bentzel and John Geffert by Jim and Rose Bentzel.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert
- **LITURGIST:** Brian Curren
- **GREETERS:** Lonny & Mary Neiman
- **USHER:** Lin Heckert
- **NURSERY:** Tim & Katie Bentzel
- **MUSIC:** Jessie Sechriest, Sandy Bamberger

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSICIANS!



The offering envelope for **Father's Day** this year will go to **York Habitat for Humanity**. Their mission is to build safe, decent, affordable housing for low-income, well qualified families in York County.

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** your desired date to have your wording placed in the bulletin.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (*Dr. Charles Stanley*)

Dear God, as we rise to meet each new day, please let us be filled with Your Spirit. Wherever we go, let us spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Let us desire to become more like you and to worship you in all we do. Help us desire these things so much more than the sin that entices us. Thank you for always going before us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Evening Prayer (*Unknown writer*)

Holy Spirit, please encircle me, come hold me safe and secure. Wrap my mind up with your truth. Guide my thoughts and calm my fears. Steady my emotions, Gracious God, guide my feelings that I may not be overcome by upset. Sustain my soul, with vision for the future, and hope for tomorrow. I need you every hour... In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The LaMontagne/Boros Family, The Zinn Family, The Corbin Family, The Zeigler Family, The Schaale/Little Family, The Funkhouser Family, The Knott Family, The Wagner/Smeltzer 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/Father’s Day
	8:30	Sunday School (202)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
TUES	8:30	Men’s Breakfast (Dover Valley Rest.)
	7:00	Grief Group (Parlor)
	7:00	Quilt Group (202)
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (117)
THUR	10:30	Our Daily Bread
	6:30	NA Group (100)
FRI	12:00	Women’s Social Group lunch (Chili’s)
SAT	8:00	Yard Sale
SUN	10:00	Worship

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 103

Mark your calendar for the next **Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on Tuesday, June 18, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant.** Contact Brad Jacobs at bcj402@verizon.net or 717-764-2773 for additional information.



The **Women’s Social and Support Group** will meet for lunch at **Chili’s on Carlisle Road on Friday, June 21 at 12:00pm.** Please contact Ginny Heath at 717-764-6768 by **June 17** if you plan to attend.

Due to a low number of participants for the community yard sale, the **Church Chums** have decided that rather than cancel the event, we’re going to try a different date to see if more people are able to join us. The new date will be **Saturday, June 22nd from 8am-2pm rain or shine!** Registration forms should be turned into the office by **Friday, May 31st.** We hope you will consider being a part of this event!



The **Women’s Guild** will be meeting **July 1, at 1:00 pm in room 202.** The program will be from our new study book **Experiencing Contagious Joy, Chapter Three: A Reason for Rejoicing.** Zoe Bordes will be leading this chapter. Special offering this month is for New Life for Girls and Cash Rally. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

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