



Jesus LIVES!

*He rose again the
third day according
to the scriptures.*

(Ephesians 1:10)

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
EASTER SUNDAY & HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
MARCH 31, 2024
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*

PRELUDE

"He Is Risen!"

Smith

OPENING WORDS

One: Are you searching tombs and memories for Jesus Christ? Open your eyes to wonder!

All: Our God is full of surprises!

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

One: This very day, God has acted.

All: Today, we will rejoice and be glad!

One: We know the message that God sends to all people.

All: God's love is available to all through Jesus Christ!

One: The One who lived among us, doing good and healing all,

All: was crucified, dead and buried.

One: But God raised him on the third day!

All: This very day, God has acted. Today, we will rejoice and be glad!

*HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

#233

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!

All: Loving and Powerful God, joy floods over our souls on this day! Christ is risen! Fear is vanquished! Open our hearts and our spirits, to receive fully the joy, which has been given for us! Let us celebrate the victory of Christ, and the hope for the future! 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.*)

*HYMN “Risen For Me” Video

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

CHANCEL CHOIR “Jesus Is Risen, Rejoice” Young

Third Reading: Mark 16:1-8

SERMON “Talking With Angels”

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 is merciful. God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Feel the healing, loving power of God in your lives, for it is given to you through Jesus Christ.

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”* #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 *“Thine Be the Glory!”* Insert

*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.

THE POSTLUDE *“He Is Risen!”* Broughton

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God, in loving memory of Pastor Melinda’s Mom, Maria Boros.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and on this holy Easter Sunday and we would also like to thank Pastor Melinda for her dedication and strong faith which she has shown us here at Shiloh UCC every day. We are truly grateful to have her here serving as our Pastor and friend in Christ. Easter Blessings everyone! by Debbie and Bob Myers.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert
- **LITURGISTS: 8:30AM:** Jim Bentzel **11:00AM:** Linda Little
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM** Wilbert & Charlotte Mickley **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **USHERS: 8:30AM** Volunteer **11:00AM** Volunteer
- **NURSERY: 8:30AM** Sallie Hagerman & Natalie Fuhrman **11:00AM** Volunteer
- **MUSIC:** Chancel Choir, Sandy Bamberger

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSICIANS
FOR PROVIDING THE WORSHIP MUSIC!**

This year’s **special Easter offering** collected will go to **New Life for Girls**. Help support this organization in their work to turn the lives around for the many girls they serve.



The Worship and Music Committee would like to extend a thank you to those who have volunteered to be an usher. A list has been created, and ushers have begun to be on duty Sunday mornings. Notification about serving as an usher will be done with a phone from Linda Little. If you are interested, names are still being accepted to add to the list. The more volunteers we have, the less often you will be scheduled.

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, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Tom Klunk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Rick & Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The LaMontagne/Boros Family, The Spahr Family, The Zinn Family, The Corbin Family, The Zeigler Family, The Schaale/Little Family, The Funkhouser 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	8:30 & 11	Easter Sunday & Holy Communion
	9:45	Sunday School (100 & 202)
MON	1:00	Women's Guild (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
WED	9:30	Bible Study
	5:00	TOPS (117)
THUR	5:00	ELC Board (202)
	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Butterfly Sunday



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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 114

THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D. pastormelinda@shilohucc.com 717-764-3609
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Name tags are returning!! New members are interested in learning your name. Name tags will be available for the greeters in the Welcome Center each week. Some of the previous name tags are on the wall in the Gallery. There is a plan to provide members with a name tag, but that will be an upcoming event. Until then, let's use what is available to help to create a warm, welcoming community at Shiloh.

Outreach Committee

The Women's Guild will be meeting **April 1, at 1:00 pm in room 202.** The program will be from our study book **Encouraging One Another, Chapter Twelve: Just Think!** Deb Myers will be leading this chapter. Special offering this month is for our missionary Sally Jane Johnson. We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.



Mark your calendar for the next **Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on Tuesday, April 9, 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 **Round the Clock Diner on Rt. 30 on Friday, April 19 at 12:00pm.** Please contact Judy Feeser at 717-764-9935 by **April 15** if you plan to attend.



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.

Come Grow with Us!



Engaging Women are inviting women and their children to Shiloh UCC to celebrate their uniqueness in a harmonious atmosphere on **Sunday, April 14 at 4:00 PM in room 100.**

A buffet dinner from Olive Garden will be served followed by a vocal presentation by Leslie Talley (daughter of Donna and Randy Seifarth who has performed professionally). Tickets will be sold in the Gallery on the following Sundays:

March 24, and April 7 (Adults \$14/Children \$6)

If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Hildebrecht at 717-683-0440 or the church office at 717-764-3569. We hope you will join us for this delightful event!