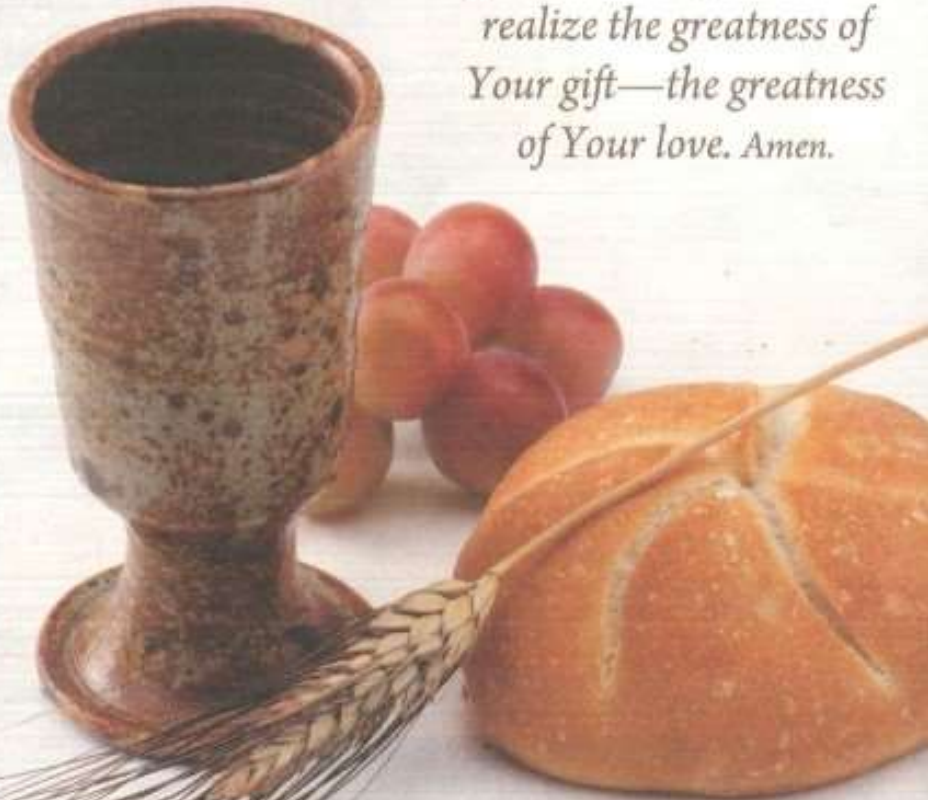


WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
**WORSHIP & COMMUNION SERVICE**  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 5, 2023  
8:30AM AND 11:00AM

# A Communion Prayer

Lord, how can we thank  
You enough for Your  
sacrifice? Do not let us  
take communion for  
granted today, but let us  
realize the greatness of  
Your gift—the greatness  
of Your love. Amen.



*Greater love hath no man than this....*

JOHN 15:13

## MEDITATION

*Consciously or not, we are all on a quest for answers, trying to learn the lessons of life. We grapple with fear and guilt. We search for meaning, love, and power. We try to understand fear, loss, and time. We seek to discover who we are and how we can become truly happy.*

~ Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

## PRELUDE

8:30AM	“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?”	McConnel
11:00AM	“Largo (New World Symphony)”	Dvorak

## WELCOME AND CONCERNS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand if you are able)*

One: We come this morning hoping to encounter Christ.

**All: We come with burdens and questions that only He can answer.**

One: May we open our hearts to Him.

**All: May our lives be healed and strengthened for service. Amen.**

## \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!

**Gracious and glorious Lord, we come, as did Nicodemus, with questions on our hearts and in our lives. We come hoping someone can help us find answers and healing. But we are also hardened with doubts about self, others, and even you. Grant us healing and openness to your Spirit that we may be better servants of your Word, your Will, and your Way. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN	“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”	#43
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**CHILDREN’S SERMON** *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 “Word of God Speak See page 11

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a  
Second Reading: Psalm 121

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

“People Need the Lord” Nelson & McHugh/Arr. McDonald

Third Reading: John 3:1-17

**SERMON** “Time for Listening”

\*HYMN “I Surrender All” Insert

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**THE LORDS 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 OFFERING BEFORE GOD**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Through this invitation to share our gifts, we acknowledge that God has blessed us abundantly, and that we are to be a blessing to the world. In the very act of giving, in every act of bestowing blessings on another, we find that we are blessed yet again. I encourage you now to enter fully into this amazing cycle of blessing. Let us give generously of our time, talent, treasure to further the work of God in our community.

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

“A Lenten Doxology”

**Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts God’s love in  
Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray!  
**Loving God, we have been blessed to be a blessing to the world. May the gifts we dedicate and offer you this day, bless a world in need, not only with our material resources, but with our very selves. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

*(All are welcome to partake of communion)*

COMMUNION HYMN “Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken” #346

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “A New Creed #887

Leader: We are not alone; we live in Gods’ world.  
**People: 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 others 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: Jesus Christ said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.  
**All: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

One: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God’s people.

CONFESSION OF SIN

One: Let us pray!

**All: Lord, we are such stubborn people. We want to know all the answers. We find it hard to place our trust in your Son. When Jesus proclaims that we can have a new life, we want to know how this is possible. How can we get rid of the old burdens and start over again? Wouldn't it be just like climbing back into the womb to make a fresh start? How we have misunderstood what Jesus has said. New life is possible. We can place our trust in God's healing care. Forgive us, and help us, gracious Lord. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: New life is given to you. You can place your trust in God and follow God's way.

**All: By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

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.**

\*HYMN            *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*            #14 Special Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*To demonstrate our unity in Christ, we will take the elements together. Please open the cup containing the bread first, then please open the juice. Thank you!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us pray!

**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 Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

Insert

BENEDICTION

One: God's love calls us into community to bless us. God's love sends us out into the community to be a blessing! Let us go forth from here in peace, bringing the blessing of God our Creator, Jesus Christ, and Uncontainable Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen!**

POSTLUDE

<b>8:30AM</b>	<i>"There's Not a Friend Like the Lowly Jesus"</i>	McConnell
<b>11:00AM</b>	<i>"Peace Be Unto You"</i>	Warriner

**WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!**

- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, George & Jaron Flickinger & Nathan Limbert.
- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of my dad, Stuart K. Landis, whose birthday is March 6th by Carol and Dan Burns.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of our 17th wedding anniversary by Brian & Sally Curren.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Brad Jacobs, **11:00AM:** Steve Besecker
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Bob Heilman & Joyce Bowers **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Ginny Heath & Natalie Fuhrman **11:00AM:** Richard & Helen Hodgson
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Natalie Fuhrman & Sallie Hagerman **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC:** Chancel Choir, Joan Hamme & Sandy Bamberger

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

## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

### Morning Prayer (Unknown writer)

Heavenly Father, clear my sleepy head and fill my mind with expectation. Awake my slow body and energize my heart with love in action. Ignite my spirit and set this day on fire with promise. Make the ordinary extraordinary. Engage me, show me your kingdom alive. Help me to see that every waking moment is full of promise because of you. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

### Evening Prayer (Connect Us Fund)

Lord, I lay down in my bed full of hope for tomorrow because you alone, O Lord, sustain me. Although life is full of challenges, I choose to believe and trust in you. I surrender all of me to you tonight, and I choose to rest in the warmth of your embrace, knowing that you are an ever-present help in time of need. In Jesus' name, I believe and pray. Amen.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Julie Beall, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Helen Byers, Ross Hopple, 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

## THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

Waldron/Myers Family, The Repman Family, The O'Donnell Family, The Roe Family, The Reiber Family, The Kinsley Family, The Garber Family, The Berkheimer/Bechtel Family



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!

Please join us for the **Lenten Soup and Study!** The Advent Study will continue during Lent, on Wednesday evenings. (Handel's Messiah). **A Light soup and bread supper will be served at 6:30PM, followed by the Lenten Study at 7:00PM.** You can attend both the "soup" and "study" part, or you can just come for the "study" part. There will be sign-up sheets in the gallery. Everyone is welcome to join (even if you did NOT attend the Advent studies.) We would love to have you!



Easter is rapidly approaching! The sale of **tulips and lilies** is part of the preparations. The cost for each pot of flowers is **\$7.00**. Envelopes for ordering will be available in the Gallery and the Narthex. Checks should be made payable to Shiloh United Church of Christ. Orders will be accepted beginning **Sunday, March 5 through Sunday, March 27**. Plants may be claimed on Easter Sunday. Thank you for helping to make the church a lovely place to worship.

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



**The Women's Guild** will be meeting **Monday, March 6, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The program will be from our new study book **Encouraging One Another**. Chapter One: God Encourages Me! Carolyn Poff will be leading this chapter. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

We have invited the **York County Jr. Honor's Choir** to present a concert on **March 12 at 3pm in Shiloh's UCC sanctuary**. This choir has youth singers from several school districts in York County. Please mark your calendar to save the date for this beautiful concert. Refreshments will be provided after the concert in the Gallery as well as a freewill offering to fund the Honor's Choir music program.





Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday, March 14, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant** located at **3720 Carlisle Rd, Dover, PA.** Contact Brad Jacobs at 717-764-2773 or [bcj402@verizon.net](mailto:bcj402@verizon.net) for additional information.



Shiloh UCC's Outreach Committee is holding a blood drive on **Thursday, March 23 from 1pm-6pm.** The Central Pennsylvania Blood Mobile will be in our parking lot to obtain the blood donations. The church will be open during the donation hours. We have not held a blood drive since before COVID, so please consider donating.




 **Engaging Women** will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor.** Contact Sally Curren at [dgft25@hotmail.com](mailto:dgft25@hotmail.com) for additional information.

 The **Youth Fellowship Group** will host an **Easter Egg Hunt** for all children up to age 10 on **April 2 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM.** We have enough plastic eggs but need the congregation's help with providing the candy or small snack size items to fill the eggs with. A bin will be placed in the gallery to collect the candy. You may also make a monetary donation using the LOVE offering envelopes designating Easter Egg Hunt on them. Thank you for your help with this fun filled yearly event!

The Women's Social and Support Group will meet for breakfast at **Shiloh Family Restaurant March 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.** Please contact Pat Myers at 717-487-4642 by March 13 if you plan to attend.




 **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is MARCH 19.** This year's theme for OGHS is **"It's Time to Share"**. Your generosity makes all the difference. Your gifts provide immediate aid and long-term support to people experiencing hunger, thirst, disaster or crisis around the world. The need has never been greater. The opportunity is now. It's time to share. **Offering envelopes may be found in the Welcome Center.** Thank you for your support of this offering.

In case of inclement weather for church and Sunday school, please check our **website, Facebook page, or your email for closings or delays.** We will also submit the information to **Fox 43 News and WGAL News 8.** If services are held, please use your best judgement as to whether you are able to attend.



**Daffodil Day** has been moved to **Sunday, March 19.** The plants and bunches can be picked up on that date. Sorry if the change has caused any inconvenience. Your support for this project is very much appreciated! Thank you!



 **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.





*“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	<b>Communion</b>
	9:45	Sunday School (100)
	9:45	Wired Word (202)
MON	1:00	Women’s Guild (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	7:00	Worship & Music (202)
WED	9:30	Bible Study
	5:00	TOPS (100)
	6:30	Lenten Soup & Study (202)
THUR	6:30	NA Group
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship



**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 98**

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**Thursdays 5-8PM**  
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