



*The gift
of **God**
is eternal life
through
Jesus Christ
our **Lord***
Romans 6:23

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE & ANNUAL PICNIC
MAY 22, 2022

MEDITATION

“Dare to love and to be a real friend. The love you give and receive is a reality that will lead you closer and closer to God as well as those whom God has given you to love.”

~ Henri J.M. Nouwen

PRELUDE

“Adoration With I Worship You”

Fettke

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Jesus reminded the disciples,
All: Love one another as I have loved you.

One: Jesus witnessed to God’s love when he taught,
All: Love one another as I have loved you.

One: Jesus encourages us to love each other with kindness, generosity, and compassion.
All: Let us love one another as Christ has loved us. Let us worship our loving God!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (TNCH Page 13)**

Eternal God, Companion of all who seek you, and seeker of all who turn away from you, draw near to us that we may draw near to you, and grant us the grace to love and to serve you that we may find in your will our true freedom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

***HYMN “This Is the Day” Page 8**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people, our hearts are too narrow, our perspectives are too small. We reject those who are not like us—those with different political opinions, those who struggle with mental illness, those who disagree with us. We forget that all are your beloved children, and neglect your call to love one another. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we have failed to be a people known by our love. Show us how to be more caring. Teach us how to love one another, and make us faithful disciples. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God dwells among us, giving to all who believe the repentance that leads to life. Rejoice in the Lord! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Amen.**

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

All are included in God's welcome. Share this welcome with those around you this morning.

The peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

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. "Alleluia" Page 9

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 148
Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

CHANCEL & CHAMBER CHOIR

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Lemmel

Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35

SERMON *"Love One Another"*

*HYMN "The Gift of Love" Page 10

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

It has been said that gratitude follows grace, like thunder follows lightening. In response to God's gifts of unconditional love and on-going creation, we offer now our hearts, minds, souls, and strength to the One from whom all blessings flow.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Doxology" # 778

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love we share bring hope to a world that has forgotten how to love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN. "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound." Page 11

BENEDICTION

Jesus gave a new commandment:
to love one another.
**Because Jesus loves us,
we should love one another.**
Go forth to serve.
Go forth to love.
**We go with God's love and blessing.
Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Hymn of Adoration" Schubert

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

➤ **LITURGIST:** Reen Bentzel

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (Martin Luther's Short Morning Prayer; <http://liturgyletter.com>)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.



Evening Prayer (Martin Luther's Short Evening Prayer; <http://liturgyletter.com>)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Bev Arnold, Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Uble & Nan Frost, Mark Garber, Linda Glass, Beverly Hoak, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Cindy Repman, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Myers Family, The Keith Family, The Anstein Family, The Wagner Family, The Heath Family, The Hoak/McGinnis Family, The Reiber Family, The Goodling Family, The Bupp Family, The Landis/Burns Family



The timeline that many of you worked on has been reduced in size and is on the bulletin board at the back of the church. We hope that this format will be easy to understand and will give you an overview of the history of our church. All of the items on the timeline have been added by our congregation - if something is missing, or is in error, please let us know. Just write down the event, the event's date, and your name and contact information (phone number or email in case we have any questions.) Give the information to the church office or place it in the offering plate. We would like to make this timeline as complete as possible.

Vacation Bible School is BACK! We will have VBS from **Sunday July 17th through Wednesday July 20th, from 6PM to 8PM.** This year we can only have 30 participants since that is the number of supplies we bought 2 years ago for this 2020 VBS. The theme is "Rocky Railway, Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through". Registration forms will be in the church office, so sign up early to reserve your child or grandchild's spot!



LOVE Offering dedicated to the Scholarship Fund for ELC Students



Our Shiloh UCC Early Learning Center Preschool is in the fundraising process to raise money for their scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year. Instead of selling items, this year they have decided to simply accept any donations for this cause. Each year Allison Hartnett finds that there are families that become financially distressed, for a variety of reasons, and it becomes difficult, if not impossible, to afford to send their child to this wonderful preschool. Scholarship money, which helps to pay the tuition to attend, is then awarded to such families on a case by case basis. Almost \$4,000 in scholarship monies was awarded to students during this 2021-2022 school year.

Any church member who would like to donate to this worthy scholarship fundraiser cause can either use the LOVE Offering Envelopes that are found in the pews or members can use the "Other" line on their weekly giving envelopes, simply writing in the word " ELC Scholarship". This fundraiser will run through the months of May through August.

Thank you for considering this and for helping the children who need to be at preschool the most. Their learning foundations that the ELC can provide are stepping stones to our own future!

The ELC is raising additional funds for the completion of the renovation project that Eagle Scout, **Jackson Reiber** began in April. He built and installed wooden shelves for the storage/supply room, which he also painted! This project has provided a great way to organize all of the preschool's materials, as well as opened up the room to make it easier for the teachers to go in & find materials. His hard work & talents has definitely been appreciated! If you are interested in supporting this cause, please use the "other" line on your offering envelope and write **Eagle Scout Project**.



We are in the process of organizing a Safety & Security Committee to assess any safety risks or security threats that could affect our church, staff, and members. The Committee will also be responsible for safety and security planning, and disaster preparedness and response. The Pennsylvania State Police is offering a free risk and vulnerability assessment that we have signed up for. They will provide us with a detailed report that will identify any vulnerabilities and will offer recommendations to improve security. Our goal will then be to strategize and implement procedures in the event of an emergency or safety issue. The Pennsylvania State Police will conduct a follow-up interview via telephone within one year following the assessment to ascertain if any of the suggested recommendations were acted upon. If you are interested in joining this Committee, please contact Marsha Reiber or Jeff Hershey.

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 "Special" wording placed in the bulletin.



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

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| SUN | 10:00 | Outdoor Worship/Picnic (Sunset Lane Park) |
| | 6:00 | Confirmation (202) |
| MON | 8:00 | ELC Camp (Mon-Thurs) |
| WED | 9:30 | Bible Study (202) |
| | 5:30 | TOPS (100) |
| THUR | 6:30 | NA Group (100) |
| | 6:30 | Choirs (last day) |
| SUN | 8:30 & 11 | Worship/New Member (s) Joining |



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 89

8:30 SERVICE: 58

11:00 SERVICE 31

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