

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP SERVICE/COMMUNION



MUSIC SUNDAY
MAY 5, 2024
8:30AM AND 11:00AM



PRELUDE

8:30AM "To God Be The Glory" Broughton
11:00AM "The Wind Beneath My Wings/On Eagle's Wings" Arr. Hamme

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

Scripture Lesson: 2 Corinthians 2:14 & 15

CHANCEL CHOIR "Sweet Aroma" Fedorkevich/Arr. Hammerly

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

One: I will sing to the Lord all my life.

All: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

One: May my meditation be pleasing to him,

All: As I rejoice in the Lord.

One: Sing for joy to God our strength;

All: Shout aloud to the God of Jacob!

One: Begin the music, strike the timbrel,

All: Play the melodious harp and lyre.

*HYMN "Glory, Glory Hallelujah (Vs. 1-3, 6)" #2

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!

All: Loving God, we remember your Child's commandment to love one another as he loved us. May this time of prayer and praise remind us of the love we have in Jesus. As we enter this sacred space, may we be filled with joy as we share his love with others. Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 98

CHILDREN'S TIME

Puppet Skit

SING
ALOUD
unto
GOD
our strength:
make a joyful noise

HYMN "I'm Gonna Sing" African-American Spiritual

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,
And obey the spirit of the Lord.

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says shout.....

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says pray.....

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing.....

Scripture Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6

MEN'S CHORUS "Through It All" Crouch/Arr. Lister

Scripture Lesson: John 15:9-17

HANDBELL CHOIR "Whispering Hope" Arr. Glasgow

RECOGNITION OF CHOIRS AND VOLUNTEERS See Page 11

*HYMN "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" #459

PRAYER FOR CHOIRS:

One: Let us pray:

All: O Lord, our God. Bless these ministers of music who offer their talents in your service. Grant them love for you and for all your people. May their music inspire us all to give glory to your holy name.

One: Holy, Holy, Holy are You Lord, the whole earth is full of Your glory! How great is the Lord that made His awesomeness and beauty manifest in Creation. I pray that this choir ministry overflows with Your glory.

Choirs: Father, I pray that no matter what we face, we wholeheartedly lift up Your Name. I declare that when people hear us sing and play, I pray that they will hear Your glory, I pray that they hear Your greatness, in Jesus Name, we pray, Amen.

COMBINED CHOIRS "10,000 Reasons" Myrin & Redman/Arr. Lowrey

PASTORAL 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

Jesus has appointed us to bear fruit that will last. Fruit that will bring love and justice. Joy and hope. Bring what you can; together, the gifts we offer can transform our lives.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Take My Gifts (Vs. 2)" #562

Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed, harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God, spiced with humor, laced with laughter – flavor of the Jesus life, tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray!

Loving God, we remember that one of Christ's most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
(All are welcome to partake of communion)

*COMMUNION HYMN "I Come with Joy" #349

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "A New Creed" #887

INVITATION

One: We dare not come to this table trusting in our own goodness or virtue.

All: We come knowing we need forgiveness and trusting God to grant it.

One: We come because we are hungry for meaning and need to be fed.

All: God, forgive and feed us.

One: We come because Jesus Christ invited us.

All: We come as Christ’s guests to the heavenly banquet.

One: We come in remembrance, but much more, in recalling the sacrifice of Christ for us.

All: We join here in active reflection of the flesh-and-blood realities that these signs represent.

One: This is the table of God, the joyful host. Everyone is welcome to eat at this table.

All: Jesus, stand among us today as host and celebrant!

CONFESSION OF SIN

One: God is present to us, but we don’t always feel it. God is good to us, but we can’t always accept it. Fact is, there are things within and around us that attempt to step between us and our relationship to God’s goodness. There are things that we think, things that we do, that act to separate us from God. The church calls that “sin.”

All: God of all mercy, I confess that sin grips me and I cannot break free. The sin is in my mind, on my lips, in my acts done or even ignored and stands between me and you. My entire heart is not always yours. My love of neighbor falls short. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on me. Grant me your renewing forgiveness. Lead me on your paths of righteousness, and I shall delight in you, and I shall follow you, giving glory to your holy name. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. Through Christ, our sins, every one of them: the sins of commission, the sins of omission, the sins we confessed with contrition – all are forgiven.

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

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. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bountiful God, we give thanks that you gather us into the great congregation of your beloved at this table. Now send us forth into the world with rejoicing, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven in the struggle for shalom. By the strength of this meal and your grace help us to continue Jesus’ ministry of generosity and compassion. For it is in His name that we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “Blessed Assurance”. #473

***BENEDICTION**

Friends of God, as you leave this place, remember that God has chosen you to share the love you’ve found with a world of need. Go bear fruit that will last. Let your joyful hearts be a sign of hope in these anxious times. Amen.

8:30AM “When, In Our Music, God Is Glorified” Page
11:00AM “I Rest in The Lord” Ritter

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of Romaine Walton’s 98th birthday with love by her family.
- **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Raymond Bechtel and my mother, Elmira Bentz by Julene Bechtel and family.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of all the volunteers in the Music and Technology Departments that help to plan and facilitate the worship services by Bob and Stephanie Limbert.

- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Joan Hamme **11:00AM:** Linda Little
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Carolyn Poff & Jeanie Bentzel **11:00AM:** Michael & Laura Andras
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Keith Krout **11:00AM:** Carol Burns
- **NURSERY: 8:30AM:** Tim & Katie Bentzel **11:00AM:** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC:** Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Joan Hamme, Men's Chorus, Sandy Bamberger

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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (www.living-prayers.com/events/daily_prayer.html)

I come before you, O Lord. As the sun rises may your hope rise up in me. As the birds sing may your love flow out of me. As the light floods into this new day, May your joy shine through me. I come before you, O Lord and drink in this moment of peace, That I may carry something of your hope, love and joy today in my Heart. Amen.

Evening Prayer (www.living-prayers.com/events/daily_prayer.html)

Dear God,

As the darkness draws in, You are the light in my heart, As the air turns colder, You are the warmth in my soul, As the stars are revealed, You renew my spirit, As the moon shines, I know I am held safe in Your arms. In Jesus' name. Amen.



As a reminder, we are going to only have **one service at 10:00am beginning June 2. Sunday School** will be held from **8:30am-9:15am. Coffee Connections** will be from **9:15am-9:45am.**

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Brad Jacobs, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, 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 Zinn Family, The Corbin Family, The Zeigler Family, The Schaale/Little Family, The Funkhouser Family, The Knott Family

The **Love Offering** is designated for the ELC Scholarship Fund beginning **ELC Sunday** and lasting for two weeks, **April 28 and May 5.**



The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **May 6, at 1:00 pm in room 202.** The program will be from our new study book **Experiencing Contagious Joy, Chapter One: Joyless Living.** Norene Edgar 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.*

All funds received in the **Mother's Day offering** envelope will go this year to the **Lehman Center** in York. This organization offers emergency respite care for children and mothers in their time of need. It also provides family advocate services, parent educational and support groups.



The **Women's Guild** will be collecting baby items for **Wellspan Mother/Child Clinic** until **Mother's Day May 12.** The following are baby items that are needed: Newborn diapers, unscented wipes, formula (powder), heavy menstrual pads, breast pads, breast cream, baby clothes (newborn to 3 months), blankets (they love the fleece ones) or lighter ones for summer. Please all items should be new except clothes and blankets. Items can be placed in tubs marked **Wellspan Mother/Child Clinic.**

Mark your calendar for the next **Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast** on **Tuesday, May 14, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant**. Contact Brad Jacobs at bcj402@verizon.net or 717-764-2773 for additional information.



Engaging Women will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30pm in room 202**. Carolyn Poff will be leading the group with a video and discussion on one of the women of the Bible. Contact Sally Curren at dgft25@hotmail.com for additional information.

The **Women's Social and Support Group** will meet for breakfast at **Denny's on Rt. 30 on Friday, May 17 at 9:00am**. Please contact Gladys Seigman at 717-764-1840 by **May 13** if you plan to attend.



It's that time of year... **Geraniums for Pentecost** will begin today and continue through next week, May 6. Please consider sponsoring a plant for decoration at the picnic on **May 19, Pentecost. The cost is only \$6.00!** Simply mark your offering envelope on the 'other' line and include it with your offering or use one of the envelopes found in the narthex. After the services for Pentecost, the geraniums will be planted around the outside of the church. Please accept an apology for the short notice and limited time. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Pentecost will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 19**, the day of the church picnic. We are again seeking sponsors for **geraniums**. Please watch for details in the upcoming bulletins. The flowers will again be planted around the outside of the church. Thank you for your continued support.



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

Everyone is invited to attend the church picnic!

When: **Sunday, May 19, 2024**

Where: **Sunset Lane Park**, 2458 Sunset Lane. York PA 17408

Time: **Worship at 10:00 AM** followed by lunch

Why: worship and socialize with friends from church in nature



What to bring: **lawn chairs, covered dish, place settings, beverages (broasted chicken will be provided)**

On Sunday, **May 19** the church picnic will be held at **Sunset Lane Park**. A worship service will begin at **10:00 AM** followed by a potluck meal. Broasted chicken will be the main course with a variety of sides, salads and desserts. In addition to a covered dish please bring place settings, beverages, and lawn chairs. *A sign-up sheet will be in the Gallery beginning April 28.* Pentecost Sunday will also be celebrated so **please wear red**. Geraniums will be used to decorate the tables. This will be a wonderful way to socialize with friends and worship surrounded by nature. Please consider joining us!



The **Church Chums** are sponsoring our 2nd annual Community Yard Sale on **Saturday, June 1st from 8am-2pm**, here in the church parking lot. If you are interested in participating, please fill out a flyer and return it to the church office with your payment (made out to Shiloh UCC) by **Friday, May 24th**. We hope that you will join us, either to sell your "treasures", or to look for some new ones.

The **Recognition of Graduates** will be held on **Sunday, June 2**. If you are graduating, please contact the church office by **May 24** with your graduation information. We would like to include this information in the bulletin on Recognition Sunday and also in the *June Communique*.



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 **Worship and Music Committee** would like to recognize the time and talents of the staff and members who help to make worship services both meaningful and enjoyable. The following members are being celebrated for their service.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Sandra Bamberger	Nathan Limbert
Carol Burns	Robert Limbert
Jane Harrison	Stephanie Limbert
Linda Little	Stephanie Waldron

HAND BELL CHOIR

Beverly Arnold	Nathan Limbert
Katie Bentzel	Robert Limbert
Sally Curren	Mary Reiber
Natalie Fuhrman	Donna Seifarth
Patti Goodyear	

Subs: Dani Bentzel, Emily Bentzel, Kaitlin Rentzel

MEN'S CHORUS

Dan Burns	Nathan Limbert
Brian Curren	Robert Limbert
	Director: Stephanie Limbert
	Pianist: Sandy Bamberger

11:00 Service Musicians: Donna Seifarth, Jessie Sechriest & Joan Hamme

“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	Communion/Spring Music Sunday
	9:45	Sunday School (100 & 202)
	12:00	Luncheon for Music Dept (100)
MON	12:00	ELC Dress Rehearsals (Sanct.)
	1:00	Women’s Guild (202)
TUES	9:00 & 12	ELC Dress Rehearsals (Sanct.)
	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
WED	9:00 & 12	ELC Dress Rehearsals (Sanct.)
	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (117)
THUR	9:00 & 12	ELC Dress Rehearsals (Sanct.)
	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
FRI	9:00 & 12	ELC Dress Rehearsals (Sanct.)
	5:00	ELC Spring Programs (100)
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Mother’s Day

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 157

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