

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP SERVICE/COMMUNION
MUSIC SUNDAY
MAY 7, 2023
8:30AM AND 11:00AM



PRELUDE *“Praise for the Morning”* Hayes

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O come, let us sing to God!

All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving:

All: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

One: In God’s hand are the depths of the earth.

All: The heights of the mountains are also God’s.

One: The sea is God’s, for God made it.

All: and the dry land, which God’s hands have formed.

One: O come let us worship and bow down,

All: Let us kneel before God our Maker.

*HYMN *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”* #12

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!

All: Creator God, we come to you this morning in awe and wonder of Your beautiful creation. You formed the earth and made it; You established it. You did not create it to be empty but formed it to be inhabited with your wonderful creations. Please open our eyes to the vastness of your creatures and creation, enable us to care for and appreciate your wonderful world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN’S STORY *“The Beginning”*

HYMN *“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”* See Page 11

SING
ALOUD
unto
GOD
our strength:
make a joyful noise

RECOGNITION OF CHOIRS AND VOLUNTEERS

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 55

*MEN’S CHORUS *“The Trees of the Field”* Dauermann

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 96

CHANCEL CHOIR *“Creation Sing”* Townend & Getty

HANDBELL CHOIR *“Creation Story”* Austin
(Narrator Brian Curren)

*HYMN *“De Colores”* #402

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

What gift can we bring, what present, what token? What words can convey it, the joy of this day? When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, what song can we offer in honor and praise? Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises, for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring. The word is our promise always and forever, we rest in God’s keeping and live in God’s love.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE *“Take My Gifts (Vs. 1)”* #562

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray!
All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life, and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen.

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

*COMMUNION HYMN *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”* Arr. Tucker
(Handbell Choir)

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 “*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*”. #556

*BENEDICTION

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Amen.

POSTLUDE “*All Nature Sings!*” Smith

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 97th 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 & Stephanie Limbert.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Tom Fox, **11:00AM:** Christel Reiber
- **USHERS: 8:30AM** Bob & Debbie Myers, **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Melinda & David Kreiser, **11:00AM:** Michael & Laura Andras
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Jim & Reen Bentzel, **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC: Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Men’s Chorus & Sandy Bamberger.**

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



The special **Mother's Day offering** envelope will go to the **Lehman Center of York** this year. The Lehman Center offers emergency respite care for children newborn through six years of age in a 24-hour crisis nursery, art and child-centered therapy, family advocate services, and parent support groups.

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.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Julie Beall, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Helen Byers, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine 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

The Kinsley Family, The Garber Family, The Berkheimer/Bechtel Family, The Reiber/Youkers Family, The Lochman/Schwartz Family, The Besecker Family

Engaging Women will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor.** Contact Sally Curren at dgft25@hotmail.com for additional information.



The Women's Guild will be collecting items for **Wellspan Mother/Child Clinic in April and May.** Especially **needed** are newborn diapers, unscented wipes, and plastic baby bottles. Other items needed are formula (powder), baby clothes (newborn to 3 months), and blankets (fleece or lighter ones for summer). All items should be new except clothes and blankets. Place them in tubs marked **Women's Guild.** Items will be displayed on **Mother's Day, May 14.**

Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday, May 16, 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 for additional information.



The Women's Social and Support Group will meet for breakfast at **9:00am on Friday, May 19** at the **West Manchester Diner.** Please contact Ginny Heath at 717-764-6768 by **May 15** if you plan to attend.

On **Saturday June 3,** Shiloh UCC will be hosting a **community yard sale** from **8am-2pm.** This event is rain or shine, so feel free to bring a tarp. The cost is \$10 per space and \$5 per table (while supplies last). Registration forms can be found in the gallery. For additional information, contact Patti Goodyear at pagoodyear213@gmail.com.



The **Recognition of Graduates** will be held on **Sunday, June 4**. If you are graduating, please contact the church office by **May 21** with your graduation information. We would like to include this information in the bulletin on Recognition Sunday and also in the *June Communique*.




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	

 Just a reminder that everyone is invited to attend the **church picnic on Sunday, June 25 at Sunset Lane Park, 2458 Sunset Lane York PA 17408**. Worship begins at **10:00 AM** followed by lunch. **Please bring your lawn chairs, a covered dish, place settings and beverages (broasted chicken will be provided)**. We look forward to this special yearly event that allows us to socialize with friends from church in nature.


HAND BELL CHOIR

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

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.



Subs: Dani Bentzel, Emily Bentzel, Kaitlin Rentzel

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

MEN'S CHORUS

Dan Burns	Nathan Limbert
Brian Curren	Robert Limbert

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.



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)
	9:45	Wired Word (202)
	12:00	Luncheon for Music Dept (100)
MON	7:00	Consistory (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	6:30	Engaging Women (Parlor)
	8:00	Men’s Chorus
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
	10:00	Grief Group (202)
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Mother’s Day



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 77

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