



**WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
WORSHIP SERVICE/MOTHER'S DAY**

MAY 8, 2022  
8:30AM AND 11:00AM

**MEDITATION** *"Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness. If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love."*  
~ Stevie Wonder

**THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

8:30AM....."Love of the Father".....Paxton

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We celebrate today our mothers who bore us and cradled us as infants.

**All: We cherish our families that have sheltered us from harm and who provided for our daily needs.**

One: We express gratitude to our spiritual mothers who guided us throughout life, modeling for us the love of God.

**All: On this Mother's Day, we come to worship the living God and to find solace and peace in God's presence. We hope to depart this place transformed by Christ's Spirit to seek justice, show mercy, and pursue peace wherever our lives lead.**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God, who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, and comforts us in times of need. We thank you God, our powerful Creator, for all the women who have nurtured our growth, and brought us joy as compassionate mothers, grandmothers, aunts, wives, and daughters. Surely life would not be complete without the wholesome love of noble women. Therefore, with gratitude for them, we worship you, Loving God, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*HYMN** .....*"For the Beauty of the Earth"* .....#28

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies, For the love which from our birth over and around us lies, God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.	For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.	For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude, For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed, God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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

*In the face of a stranger, in the greeting of a friend, we see our Lord, Jesus Christ. In the love of Christ, welcome those around you today.*

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** .....*"Beautiful"* ..... Insert

Beautiful, beautiful, Jesus is beautiful, and Jesus makes beautiful things of my life.	Carefully, touching me, Causing my eyes to see, Jesus makes beautiful things of my life.
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**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: Psalm 128

Second Reading: Isaiah 49: 8-15

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

**8:30AM & 11:00AM.** . . . . .*“Sanctuary with God’s Holy Temple”*. . . . . Arr. Larson

Third Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

**SERMON**

*“Gentle Love”*

**\*HYMN** . . . . . *“All Things Bright and Beautiful”* . . . . . #31

Chorus: All things bright and beautiful All creatures great and small All things wise and wonderful our dear God made them all.	Each little flower that opens Each little bird that sings God made their glowing colors And made their tiny wings	The purpled mountains The rivers running by The sunset and the morning That brightens up the sky
	The cold wind in the winter The pleasant summer sun The ripe fruits in the garden God made them every one	He gave us eyes to see them And lips that we might tell How great is the Almighty Who has made all things well

**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**

The God who loves us and gives us all that we need for our spiritual growth invites us to sacrifice for one another. Let us share our time, talents, and treasures generously so that God's Kingdom may spread everywhere on earth.

**\*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.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**We offer ourselves for the healing of the world, and for the transformation of lives. Use us and our gifts to bring wholeness, hope, and joy into this community. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN.** . . . . . *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.* . . . . . #43

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven on earth be found, fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown. Jesus you are all compassion, pure, unbounded love impart. Visit us with your salvation; enter every trembling heart.	2 Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into every troubled breast. Let us all in you inherit, let us find your promised rest. Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be. End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.	3 Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all your life receive. Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore your temples leave. You we would be always blessing, love you as your angels love, Pray and praise for your unfailing, Wounded arms outstretched above.	4 Finish, then, your new creation; pure and spotless may we prove.. Let us see your great salvation perfectly restored in you. Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, Crowned as saints we ever shall be Lost in wonder, love and praise.
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**BENEDICTION**

May the God who fills us with the Spirit,  
strengthen us for the Christian life.  
May the God who provides for all our needs,  
sustain us day by day.  
May the God whose steadfast love is constant, as a mother's care,  
send us out into the world to live and work for the benefit of others. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

**8:30AM.** . . . . . *“Happy Are They Who Walk With the Lord”*. . . . . Gawthrop

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



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.

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Lloyd and Grace Bosserman and Clair and Mary Heilman by Jeanette, Bob, Drew and Janelle Heilman.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Reen Bentzel, **11:00AM:** Jane Harrison
- **ACOLYTE:** Keith Krout
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Ken & Patti Goodyear, **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** John & Mary Reiber, **11:00AM:** Bob Myers
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Jeanie Bentzel, **11:00AM** Volunteer
- **MUSIC: Sandy Bamberger, Joan Hamme & Chancel Choir**
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, Jaron Flickinger

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Morning Prayer** (Jennifer White)

Lord, my heart is broken, but You are near. My spirit is crushed, but You are my rescuer. Your Word is my hope. It revives me and comforts me in, especially now. My soul faints, but you are the breath of life within me. You are my help, the One who sustains me. I am weak, but You are strong. You bless those who mourn, and I trust You to bless me and my family with all that we need. You will rescue me from this dark cloud of despair because You delight in me. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.



**Evening Prayer** (Mary Southerland)

Loving God, I am tempted to worry about so many things. Our world is such a mess! Forgive me for focusing on anything or anyone but You. Thank You for the Bible that equips and empowers me to live faithfully each day. Right now, I declare that You are my Hope and future. Please help me remember that You really are in control. Give me peace for the night and strength for the day. In Jesus' Name. 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



It's time to worship outdoors! Everyone is invited to attend our **church picnic!** We can relax and enjoy nature as we worship. **A sign-up sheet** will be in the **Welcome Center and the Gallery on May 1 through May 14.** **Please bring: Place settings, beverage, chairs.** We hope you will plan to attend!

**When:** Sunday, May 22

**Where:** Sunset Lane Park/Pavilion  
2458 Sunset Lane, York PA 17408

**Time:** Worship at 10:00 AM

Pot-Luck Lunch: 11:30 AM (burgers and hotdogs will be provided)

**The Women's Guild** will be collecting baby items for **Wellspan Mother/Child Clinic** until **Mother's Day May 8.** The following baby items 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. **There will be a bin marked "Women's Guild" in the gallery for donations.**



Shiloh UCC will be donating this year's special **Mothers' Day Offering to New Life for Girls.** New Life for Girls is a non-profit rehab located in Dover, PA. New Life for Girls provides a comprehensive residential program for those women who are struggling with life-controlling problems such as drug and alcohol addiction, eating disorders, and sexual abuse issues. Their mission is not only to liberate women from the bondage of addiction and other life-controlling issues, but to restore self-worth and train them to successfully re-enter society, ready to give back as the strong and capable women that they truly are by providing a safe and loving environment. Contributions for New Life for Girls may be made by using the special Mothers' Day Offering envelope, using the "other" line on the offering envelopes by writing in Mothers' Day Offering, or using a regular envelope with Mothers' Day Offering written on the front.

**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!



**Engaging Women** will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor.**

*"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>Worship/Mother's Day</b>	9:30	Bible Study (202)	
	9:45	Sunday School	5:30	TOPS (100)	
	6:00	Confirmation	THUR	8:00	ELC Spring Programs (100)
MON	7:00	Consistory (100)	6:30	NA Group	
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)	6:30	Choirs	
	6:30	Engaging Women (Parlor)	FRI	8:00	ELC Spring Programs (100)
	8:00	ELC Spring Programs (100)	SUN	8:30 & 11	<b>Anniversary/New Member</b>
WED	8:00	ELC Spring Programs (100)	12:00		Private Event (100)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 113

8:30 SERVICE: 70

11:00 SERVICE 43

THE CHURCH STAFF

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**Pastor Melinda office hours: Please call for an appointment.**

**Wednesdays 9AM-2PM & 5-8PM; Thursdays 9:00-11:30AM & 6-8:30PM; Fridays 9AM-2PM**

Director of Music ..... Stephanie Limbert

Organist ..... Sandra Bamberger

Missionaries in Costa Rica ..... Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson

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ELC Eagle Scout Project

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.

The Men's breakfast will meet at **Dover Valley Restaurant** on **Tuesday, May 17 at 8:30 am.**



**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.

