

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

MAY 9, 2021
9:15 AM

MEDITATION

"We are born of love; Love is our mother." ~ Rumi

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP . . . *"Love of the Father"* . . . Paxton

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Today we recognize God's creation of women. We thank God for the many ways that women help us each day. For women who raise children,

All: We thank you, God.

One: For women who heal us when we are sick,

All: We thank you, God.

One: For women who prepare meals,

All: We thank you, God.

One: For women who teach us,

All: We thank you, God.

One: For women who drive us where we need to go,

All: We thank you, God.

One: For women who help in construction,

All: We thank you, God.

One: For women who sell us things that we need,

All: We thank you, God.

One: For women who work in churches and in businesses,

All: We thank you, God.

One: For women who do many other things that make our lives more beautiful and pleasant,

All: We thank you, God.

One: We ask your blessings on these women who are a part of our congregation, and on those who cannot be with us today.

All: On this Mother's Day, we come to worship the living God, our Mother and Father, and to find peace in God's presence. Let us worship our loving God!

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of Wise Women, on this day we celebrate and honor our mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, and women who have been like mothers to us. We remember that you are our Mother and Father, the Creator of us all, and in your image we are beautifully made. We are loved. We are your children. You cry with us, you laugh with us, and you celebrate with us. Laugh, cry, and celebrate with us today, loving God, as we share your love with each other. With the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

****Please do not sing the hymn, just follow along****

HYMN. *"Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls (vs 1-4)"*. No. 383

Come, let us join with faithful souls our song of faith to raise;
One family in heart are we, and one the God we praise.

Faithful are all who love the truth and perfect truth proclaim,
Who steadfast stand at God's right hand and glorify God's name.

And faithful are the gentle hearts to whom the power is given
Of every hearth to make a home, of every home a heaven.

O God of hosts, our faith re-new, and grant us, in your grace,
To join the songs sung by the saints in every time and place.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(on Proverbs 31:10-12, 25-30 by Rick Lindholtz)*

Lord, many of us read these words from Your Holy Word
And are inspired, encouraged, and grateful.
But some of us are tempted to doubt
That Your grace could ever produce
these kinds of virtues in our lives.
Some of us are tempted by resentment and unforgiveness
Because of those who have let us down.
Some of us are tempted to condemn ourselves for past failings,
and all of us remember times when we have fallen short.

Forgive us for doubt, resentment,
unforgiving hearts, self-condemning attitudes.
Remind us of your forgiveness, always available in Jesus Christ.

In Spite of our failures and sin,
We trust in Your power to transform our lives.
Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord Jesus,
So that our lives may bring Joy to Your world
And Praise to Your Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God remembers His steadfast love to all the people. We are healed, renewed, and called to be God's beloved children and witnesses. Receive that healing love and share the good news with all you meet, that God is love; and in God there is no darkness or fear.

SHARING THE BLESSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE *(Please wave to one another)*

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's Peace.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Lesson: Psalm 98
Second Lesson: Proverbs 31:10-b-31
Third Lesson: John 4:5-42

SERMON. "What Does the Water Remember"

PIANO SOLO-JESSIE SECHRIEST *"Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble"* Smith

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

Perhaps the most joyful and challenging of all the commandments is the call to generosity and mutual care: to love one another as God loves us. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude, heartfelt commitment, and praise.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Doxology"No. 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.

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Beloved Jesus, you surprise us by calling us your friends. You showed us the way of unconditional love. You opened a way of unexpected justice, equality, and peace among us. Take these gifts, and bless them. Let these tithes and offerings become a blessing in the lives of your people here in Shiloh and throughout the world. In your name we pray. Amen.

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HYMN. "O God, Whose Steadfast Love vs 1& 4" No. 426

O God, whose steadfast love true motherhood has blessed;
Who shields the infant small upon its mother's breast:
Embrace us, too, O God, our God, and hold us in your
Loving arms, and hold us in your loving arms.

May your household of faith one family become,
That love may be increased and none may be alone;
That mother's love and father's care and children's joy we
All might share, and children's joy we all may share.

*BENEDICTION

Jesus speaks again today:
"This is my commandment, that you love one another
as I have loved you." Go in joy and faithfulness, knowing that you,
the chosen friends of Jesus, abide in God's love
and bear the gift of this love to the world. **Amen.**

THE POSTLUDE. "Sing To The Lord A Song of Rejoicing" Smith

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God with love to all Mothers, Step-mothers, Grandmothers, Great Grandmothers and all women who have been an inspiration and great example to all children.
- **LITURGIST:** Bob Limbert

BULLETIN SPONSORS are needed. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks prior** to your date to have your "Special" wording placed in the bulletin.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (By Debbie McDaniel)

*"Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord.
Each morning I bring my requests to you
and wait expectantly."* (Psalm 5:3)

Dear God, at the start of each day, help me to recognize you above all else. Enlighten the eyes of my heart that I might see you, and notice how you're at work through our lives. Give me wisdom to make the best choices; fill me with a desire to seek after you more than anything else in this world. Let your Spirit and power breathe in me, through me, again, fresh and new. Thank you that you are greater than anything I may face today. Thank you that your presence goes with me and that your joy is never dependent on my circumstances, but it is my true and lasting strength, no matter what I'm up against. I ask that your peace lead me and my loved ones today. Guard our hearts and



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minds in you. I ask for your grace to cover our lives this day. I love you Lord...and I need you every day. In Jesus' holy name. Amen

Evening Prayer (*Written by Josh Walker, posted on <http://lighting-beacons-liturgy.com/>*)

*Father God, we rest in you.
Jesus the Son, we rest in you.
Holy Spirit, we rest in you.*

Silence

Loving Father, for the things this day that have brought us joy, we give you thanks. Healing Lord, for the things this day that have brought us sorrow, bring peace. Spirit of life, in the closing of this day, Give us rest. O God, you create all things, drawing them to yourself. You made time, space, and matter from nothing, and yet through you they are given life and meaning. May the words of these prayers, brought from nothing, rise to you as a sufficient offering of praise and thanksgiving. Amen

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Nancy Hamme, Helen Luckenbaugh, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Helen Byers, Mary Emma Elicker, Catherine Lochman, Vanessa Seifarth, Bev Kirk, Julene Bechtel, Jim Bentzel Sr. Phil Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Milton Hoak, Dottie Limbert, Donna Krone, Elva Winter, Mary Rodgers, Oscar Bupp, Bob and Margie Behler, Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Sandy Barnes, Staff and Residents at Providence Place, Richard Gruver, Rosabel Bentzel, Donna Robertson

*“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 9:15 **Mother’s Day**
- MON 7:00 Consistory meeting (100)
- TUES 4-9 Elc Closing Program (100)
- WED 9:30 Bible Study (100)
- 4-9 Elc Closing Program (100)
- 5:30 TOPS (100)
- 7:00 Vision Team Meeting (100)
- THUR 4-9 Elc Closing Program (100)
- 6:15 Hand Bell Choir (Sanct)
- 6:30 NA Group (100)
- SUN 9:15 Worship



Attendance last Sunday: 74

THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor..... Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D.

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Pastor Melinda office hours: Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Director of Music.....Stephanie Limbert

Organist Sandra Bamberger

Missionaries in Costa RicaSally Jane and Crosby Johnson

Early Learning Center DirectorAllison Hartnett

Administrative Assistant.....Maira Rivera

Facebook Page.....www.facebook.com/shilohuccyorkpa



THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Arnold Family, The Krout Family, The Harman Family, The Duttera Family, The Ellis Family, The Smith Family, The Steele Family, The Downs Family, The Heath Family, The Jacoby Family



IMPORTANT MESSAGES

If you have been in church and test positive for Covid please let the church office know. We will not release any names, but we will let our congregation know that we have had a positive test of someone at our church service. We all need to remain diligent in the protection of our congregation's health.

We are looking for volunteers to be trained on how to stream the Sunday services. If you are interested, please let Jaron know at admin@ShilohUCCYorkPa.org.



The offering for **Mother's Day** will go to the **Crisis Nursery at the Lehman Center**. It costs \$250 a day to provide the care for one baby in the emergency crisis nursery. This nursery provides a loving space for a child to stay when parents require temporary respite and need help caring for their child.

It's time to celebrate! Everyone is invited to attend the **church picnic!** We will celebrate Pentecost, and our ability to worship and gather as a group!



When: Sunday, May 23

Where: Cousler Park, 1060 Church Rd. York PA 17408

Time: Worship at 10:00 AM followed by lunch

*A sing-along will be held following lunch (Let's fill the park with music!)

Why: celebrate the life of our church and Pentecost

What to bring: your lunch, lawn chairs

(with Covid restrictions in place, we will provide only for our families)

YOU ARE REMINDED TO WEAR RED FOR THIS EVENT.

Today is the last day to order you Zook pies and goodies. There are order blanks in the gallery. The pies will be ready for pick-up on **Thursday, May 27 between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.** Please enter through the kitchen door. Questions - contact Charlie Hull - 717-586-9216.



As part of the **Pentecost celebration**, red geraniums will be used to decorate the picnic tables. After the picnic they will be planted in the gardens of the church. If you are interested, you can sponsor a geranium for \$5.00. This contribution can be given through the regular envelope using the "other" category. **The deadline to order is May 9.** Thank you for your continued support.

Engaging women will meet on **Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary** to make patriotic wreaths. Please see Diane Jordan with any questions."



HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND OTHER GRADUATES

The Recognition of Graduates will be held on Sunday, **June 6**. If you are graduating, please contact the church office by **May 23** with your graduation information. We would like to include this information in the bulletin on Recognition Sunday and also in the *June Communique*.

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





We will be celebrating the **Early Learning Center on Sunday, May 30th** and will be collecting a special offering to replenish the funds used to purchase children's bibles for the students of the ELC. The "Love Offering" envelopes on the tables in in the Narthex next to the bulletins can be used for this special collection or you can include it with your regular offering, using the blank line on your regular offering envelope.



GROCERY GIFT CARDS = CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH. Weis and Giant grocery gift cards are available for purchase. 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. Please contact the office if you interested in purchasing one.