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CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL
by the people of God
gathered in the meeting house of
Shiloh United Church of Christ

Meditation

“True religion is always a deep intuition that we are already participating in something very good, in spite of our best efforts to deny it or avoid it.”

-Richard Rohr, 21st century (in Falling Upward)

The Prelude to Christian Worship“*Jesus Call Us*”Smith

Welcome and Concerns

Consistory Installation

***Call to Worship**

One: The God of all creation calls us.

All: We come, knowing that our deliverance and honor rest in God.

One: Power and steadfast love belong to God.

All: We come to sing and pray, celebrating the presence of our mighty, loving God.

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

From deep within us we know of a loving presence. All around us we see beauty, life and light. We have no words for what we experience, so we cry out, “God!”. In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper, may our awareness of the divine presence around us grow more intense. May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay more attention to God, who loves us at all times and in all places. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn“*You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*” No. 173

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-10

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Third Lesson: Mark 1:14-20

Sermon

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

Piano Solo by Jessie Sechriest "How Great Thou Art" Arr. Ray

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

Gestures of gratitude are a demonstration that a blessing or benefit has been received. We heard a call, dropped our nets and came to this place to find new life. The gifts we give today are but tokens of the blessings of the new life we live in Christ. Bring your gifts with joy for they remind us of just how blessed we are to know this love that flows so generously from the spirit of God.

***Offertory Response “Doxology” No. 782**

To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
to Christ revealed in earthly night,
to God the Spirit now we raise
our joyful songs of thankful praise.

***Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self**

May these gifts, given to these ministries of grace, be a blessing to friends and strangers, those like us and those not, those deserving and those not, for in this way the love of God reaches all of God’s beloved.

Hymn“Be Now My Vision” No. 451

***Benediction**

As the disciples walked with Jesus so long ago, walk with Christ in your hearts and spirits. Feel the power of the Holy Spirit guiding your path. Know the love of God which is poured out for you and rejoice. Go in peace and may God’s peace go with you. **Amen.**

The Postlude “In Thee Is Gladness” Gastoldi

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (*Written by Wendy Blight*)

Dear Lord, I don’t know who or what will cross my path today. But I do know that you are my Rock and my Fortress. You are my Shield and my Strong Tower. Help me to anchor myself to you today. Teach me how to stand strong in you and choose only your way today. Help me walk by your truth and not my feelings. Help me to embrace anything that comes my way as an opportunity to see you at work and as an opportunity to point others to you. Thank you that you love me and nothing can ever take that away from me! Even if I fail today and fall short, you whisper your unconditional love deep into my soul and remind me that your mercies are new every morning. That truly amazes me, Lord. Thank you for meeting with me today. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Evening Prayer (*Rebecca Barlow Jordan*)

Loving God, Bless us with rest tonight, and a good night’s sleep. Forgive us for the things we did today that did not honor you. Thank you for loving us so much that you sent your Son, Jesus Christ to walk with us on our journey. We need your help every day, and we thank you for the strength you give us and for helping us know that with you, even the hard things are possible. Bless our family and our home, and keep us safe through the night. May your angels guard us and watch over us, just like you promised. In Jesus’ holy name we pray. Amen.

Prayers for Our Community of Faith

Nancy Hamme, Helen Luckenbaugh, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Helen Byers, Charles Smith, Mary Emma Elicker, Catherine Lochman, Mary Ann Downs, Vanessa Seifarth, Bev Kirk, Julene Bechtel, Jim Bentzel Sr. Phil Myers, Joanne Overviller, 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, Audrey Gerber, Richard Gruver, Rosabel Bentzel, Donna Robertson

Those Who Grieve for Their Loved Ones

The Minck Family, The Fix Family, The Harper Family, The Arnold Family, The Krout Family, The Harman Family, The Duttera Family, The Ellis Family



The Women's Guild will try to meet **February 1 at 1:00 p.m.** in room 100. Please be advised we will social distance and wear masks. We will work on our new book Bad Girls of the Bible. Because the guild did not meet in January we will study **Chapter 2: Bored to Distraction Potiphar Wife**. Joyce Mummert will be leading our study. ***We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.***



Engaging Women will be meeting on-line **via Google Meets** to discuss the book 'Rules for Visiting' by Jessica Francis Kane. That on-line meeting will be **Tuesday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m.** Contact Sally Curren at 717-634-6353 or dgft25@hotmail.com for information.



2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in **the welcome center**. You may pick them up during office hours.



The Church staff is currently working to resolve some glitches with the Church Windows software. We anticipate on the statements being available next week sometime and plan on emailing or mailing them unless they can be handed out. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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.



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.

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



THE 2021 TEAM LISTS FOR GREETERS, USHERS, NURSERY AND OFFERING DUTY are available in the welcome center. This will not be in effect unless we are holding in person worship services again. The lists may be picked up during office hours or you can request to have them mailed or emailed.

*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 **On-line Worship/Third Sunday after the Epiphany**
WED 9:30 Bible Study (100)
5:30 TOPS (100)
THURS 6:30 NA Group (100)
SUN 9:15 On-line Worship/Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** Thanks to the Shiloh UCC staff, Consistory and members for their dedication to our church and community. Brad and Sue Jacobs.
- **LITURGIST:** Patti Goodyear

THE CHURCH STAFF

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Early Learning Center Director	Allison Hartnett
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Follow Me *Ecumenical Sunday*

Last summer, the killing of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis, Minnesota galvanized the nation and sparked urgent protests in many cities. Although the Black Lives Matter movement was not new, it was newly urgent for many as marchers took to the streets, chanting, "Say their names" and "No justice, no peace." For the first time for many Americans, our eyes were lifted to the role of policing in our communities.

Calls for change in policing include plans to shift financing to other social services and methods of protection. Activists invited us to imagine a 911 call resulting in response by the right person to help with a social service or mental health need. Those who called for changes in policing noted how seldom police are able to interrupt crimes in progress, and how inefficient the bureaucracy of policing has become. They drew a line from modern police forces back to slave times, when police forces were established to control enslaved African Americans.

It can be very hard to imagine a new way of organizing ourselves and our society. Even though modern policing is a relatively new idea, it can seem as if things were "always this way."

When the men who became the disciples were called by Jesus to follow him, they could not imagine any other way of living. Their fathers and grandfathers and all the many generations before had been fishermen. Everyone they knew in their villages were fishermen. Yet, Christ called them to imagine something completely new. And once they did, they initiated a way of life that literally changed the world.

We are a resurrection people. This means that as Christians we understand as the most important tenet of our faith that something old must pass away in order for something new to be born. With the introduction of a movement to change policing, we have a unique opportunity to see our resurrection belief transformed from theological idea to lived reality.

