

*He has made  
everything*  
**BEAUTIFUL**  
*in its time.*



WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
*BUTTERFLY SUNDAY*  
APRIL 12, 2026



**MEDITATION**

*“We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes  
it has gone through to achieve that beauty.”*

~ *Maya Angelou*

**PRELUDE**

*“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”*

*Peterson*

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: As a caterpillar spins into a cocoon

**All: Jesus lay in the tomb for three days.**

One: As the chrysalis is transformed in that time of waiting

**All: So are we transformed when we die with Christ.**

One: The caterpillar that was life-less now is alive and well as a butterfly!

**All: Jesus is alive! He is risen! Alleluia!**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

**All: Breathe the breath of new life into us, O God, that we may fully feel the power of your love and the awesome glory of the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. May we be transformed into your butterfly people, winging through the earth with messages of beauty, hope and life. May we be a blessing to others! In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*“Because He Lives?”*

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray!

**Must we see you in order to believe you, Lord?**

**Is seeing truly believing?**

**Are we to be prisoners of our senses,**

**distrusting and rejecting**

**whatever we cannot see, touch, or hear?**

Yet you are faithful—  
you give sight to the blind,  
you carry us when we are weary,  
you call us to your side.

The locked room of our hearts  
opens at the turn of your key.  
Speak your words of life to us again:  
“Do not doubt, only believe.”  
Speak your words of life,  
that we might live. Amen.

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The peace of God be with you. Receive God’s forgiveness and the promise of the Spirit, for Jesus is risen from the dead. Happy are those who have not seen, yet have come to believe. Amen.

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

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: May the peace of Christ fill you this day.

**All: Christ is the source of our joy and gladness.**

One: Please share a joyful sign of Christ’s peace with those near you.  
The peace of God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON** *(All children of God who desire to come forward for the Children’s Sermon are welcome. Parents/ caregivers are encouraged to accompany their young child(ren) during the message.)*

**\*HYMN**

“If I were a Butterfly”

Video

#### WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 16

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

**HANDBELL CHOIR**

“Because He Lives”

Gaither/Waldrop

Third Reading: John 20:19-31

**SERMON**

“Peace Be With you”

Spring Davidson

**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**

All that we have belongs to God. As we celebrate our unity as a community of faith here at Shiloh UCC, and focus our hearts on the risen Christ, we joyfully lay down our possessions before God. Through the grace of God, we have the ability to share our gifts so that all may have what they need to live.

**OFFERTORY**      *“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”*      Leatherman

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**      *“Doxology”*      #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, You heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us Pray!

**Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your Son, Jesus Christ, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into spiritual gifts that will transform the world. We lay our very lives at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**      *“In the Bulb There is a Flower”*      #433

## **BENEDICTION**

One: Go forth as God's chosen witnesses, to proclaim all you have heard, seen and experienced.

**All: We go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.**

One: Go forth sustained by God's steadfast love.

**All: We go forth transformed and transforming.**

One: Go forth with shouts of joy. Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia. Amen.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"*

*Smith*

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**THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!  
PLEASE COME AGAIN SOON!**

## **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

### **Morning Prayer** ([www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com))

Loving God, Thank You. You made the heavens and the earth, the land and the sea, the fish that swim in the waters and the creatures that crawl upon the shores. You made me. Thank you! Truly, You hand crafted everything in this universe. Help me, Lord, not to take any of this for granted. Help me know in my soul I do not deserve the blessings You choose to bestow, yet You offer them anyway. You do this because You love me, because You are perfect and good, and because Your ways are infinitely higher than my own. Thank you, God, for breath in my lungs and sun on my skin. Thank You for the opportunity of salvation and for the gift of Your son, Jesus Christ. Help me to hold this gratitude in my heart all day long and to overflow with joy so I can share it with others in all I think, say, and do. In Jesus' holy name I pray. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer** (Christina Fox)

Heavenly Father, I can barely lift my eyes to you. It's all I can do to cry out for help. Please extend your grace to me tonight. Help me to see that you are with me every moment of every day. Your Holy Spirit comforts me. Help me to remember that you are not surprised or taken off guard by the events of this day. Forgive me for my fears and doubts. Forgive me for forgetting that you are with me. Forgive me for forgetting who I am because of what your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant me gospel hope in the midst of a hard day. Show me your presence and fill me with your Spirit. Help me to cling to your love, grace, and strength. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

## THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Myers Family, The Jordan Family, The Stough/Runkle Family,  
The Limbert Family

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Helen Byers, Judy Feeser, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Catherine Lochman, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Steve Snyder, Rick & Sue Trimble, Romaine Walton, Gloria Melhorn, Fay Myers



WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS  
AND MUSICIANS WHO CONTRIBUTED  
TO THE WORSHIP SERVICE!

**BULLETIN:** *Anonymous*

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Presented in celebration of my wife Sue's birthday on April 16<sup>th</sup> by Rick Trimble.

**VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel

**LITURGIST:** Brad Jacobs

**GREETERS:** Ken and Patti Goodyear

**USHER:** Jessie Sechriest

**NURSERY:** Patti Goodyear & Kaitlin Rentzel

**COFFEE CONNECTIONS:** Patti Goodyear

# Because He Lives

1. God sent His Son, they called him Je-sus; He came to love,  
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba-by, And feel the pride,  
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv-er; I'll fight life's fi-

heal, and for-give; He lived and died to buy my  
 and joy he gives; But great-er still the calm as-  
 nal war with pain; And then as death gives way to

par-don, An emp-ty grave is there to prove my Sav-ior lives.  
 sur-ance, This child can face un-cer-tain days be-cause He lives.  
 vic-t'ry, I'll see the lights of glo-ry and I'll know He lives.

*Refrain*

Be-cause He lives I can face to-mor-row; Be-cause He lives

all fear is gone; Be-cause I know He holds the

fu-ture, And life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause He lives.

*“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	10:00	<b>Worship</b>
	8:45	Wired Word (124) & Sunday School (202)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
MON	5:30	Gospel Choir (100)
	6:30	Consistory (202)
TUES	8:30	Men’s Breakfast
	6:00	Cub Scouts (100)
	6:30	Engaging Woman (Parlor)
	8:00	Men’s Chorus
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (202))
THUR	10:30	Our Daily Bread
	4-6	Zooks Pie Pick Up (100)
	6:30	Choirs
	6:30	NA Group (100)
SUN	10:00	<b>Worship</b>

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 117**

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