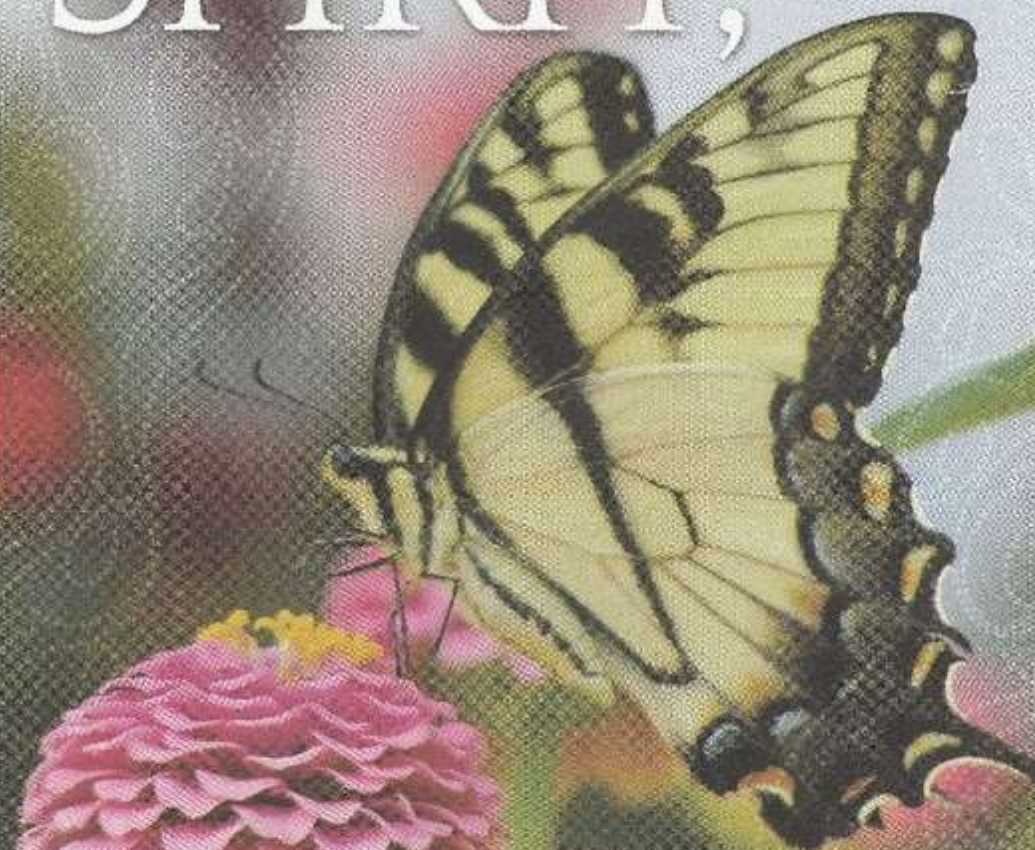


The words that I speak unto you,

they are

SPIRIT,



and they are

LIFE

John 6:63

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WORSHIP SERVICE

BUTTERFLY SUNDAY

APRIL 16, 2023

8:30AM AND 11:00AM



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

8:30AM "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain" Peterson

11:00AM "Rejoice in the Lord Always" Arr. Tornquist

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"

Insert

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

MEN’S CHORUS

Third Reading: John 20:19-31

SERMON “Bring Your Doubt to Church This Sunday”

*HYMN “Lord of the Dance” Insert

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 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.

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

8:30AM	<i>"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"</i>	Leatherman
11:00AM	<i>"He Is The King of Kings"</i>	Mearer

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of our grandson, Aidan Jacobs' 17th birthday by Nana and Pop-pop Jacobs.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and to acknowledge and honor the birthday of Sandy Fox on April 15 by Ray Fox.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Tim Bentzel **11:00AM:** Tom Klunk
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Wilbert & Charlotte Mickley **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** John & Mary Reiber, **11:00AM:** Steve & Sue Besecker
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Carol Burns, **11:00AM** Volunteer
- **MUSIC:** Sandy Bamberger, Jessie Sechriest & Men's Chorus

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

A **HUGE** thank you to **Gladys Seigman** for providing the beautiful and delicious cookies again this year for **Butterfly Sunday!**



Morning Prayer (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.

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

Thank you to everyone behind the scenes! The **Worship and Music Committee** has done a fabulous job on decorating our church like so many before us where would we be without you!



The Women's Guild will be collecting items for Wellspan Mother/Child Clinic in April and May. The following items are needed: newborn diapers, unscented wipes, formula (powder), heavy menstrual pads, breast pads, breast cream, baby clothes (newborn to 3 months), blankets (fleece or lighter ones for summer). All items should be new except clothes and blankets in good shape. Place them in tubs marked Women's Guild. Items will be displayed on Mother's Day, May 14.

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 church is collecting donations for the **ELC's Scholarship Fund**. That benefits students and families that may be having a hardship to pay for tuition. This scholarship ensures their students can continue to attend the preschool without having to worry about how they will make their next payment. If you are interested in donating, please use the **Love Offering envelopes found in your pews**. We will be collecting donations **through the end of April**.



The Women's Social and Support Group will meet for lunch at **Cheddar's Restaurant on April 21st at 12:00pm**. Please contact Judy Feeser at 717-764-9935 by April 17th if you plan to attend.



Remember Our Missionaries 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.



"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	Worship/Butterfly Sunday
	9:45	Sunday School (100) Wired Word (202)
MON	7:00	Consistory (202)
TUES	6:00	Missions (Parlor)
	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	7:00	Quilt Club (202)
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	10:00	Staff (Office)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
	7:00	Worship & Music (202)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
FRI	10:00	Grief Group (202)
	12:00	Women's Social Group Lunch (Cheddars)
SUN	10:00	Worship/ELC Sunday



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 197
(MAUNDY THURSDAY: 32, GOOD FRIDAY: 41, EASTER SUNDAY: 124)

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