

In the morning...
ye shall see
the glory
of the

Lord.

Exodus 16:7



Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ
Third Sunday of Easter
April 19th 2026 @ 10:00AM

MEDITATION ~ *Written by Carol Penner, <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/>
We need your presence on the long road, Lord.
The road between fear and hope,
the road between the place where all is lost
and the place of resurrection.
Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,
we are in need of your company!
Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,
let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour. Amen.*

PRELUDE

“The Lovely Name of Jesus”

Lewis

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Please, stand if you are able!*)

One: Sometimes good things are right in front of us and we don't see them.

All: Our fears and our prejudices blind us.

One: Open your eyes today to see the goodness of the Lord.

All: Open our hearts, loving God, to receive your blessings.

One: Rejoice, and call upon the name of the Lord!

All: Praise be to you, O God, who has raised us our Savior Jesus Christ!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION/ Rev. Elizabeth Dilley/**

One: Let us pray!

All: Almighty God, you have so much to show us and to tell us—

things that no human eyes have seen,

things that no human ears have heard,

things that you have prepared for those who love you.

Loving God, your promises are like shelter in a storm—

to us and to our children,

to all those far and near,

to everyone who hears your call.

Now, we wait as empty vessels,

ready to be filled to overflowing with your living water,

as you reveal your love for us through Jesus Christ,

in whose name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

"Yours Is the Glory"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

Lord, you are so patient with us. You brought us through Easter when we rejoiced at the news of the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. You were with us in the upper room when we remained hidden out of our fears, sharing with Thomas our doubts and anxieties. Now you come to us on the road. Today we must confess that we don't always recognize you and don't always feel your presence. We let many things into lives and these intrusions blot out our awareness of your presence. Forgive our blindness and our stubbornness. Help us keep our hearts open to you, to see and tell the good things you have done in our lives. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Even though you have not seen Jesus, one to one, you have assurance of his presence and his love with you. The promises of God are always true. God is with us, in the resurrection of Jesus, in our journeys, in our lives.

All: This we trust, and by this we live. Thanks be to God!

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.
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 welcomed. Parent's/caregivers are encouraged to accompany their young child(ren) during the message.)

*HYMN

"Give Me Jesus"

Video

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 116:1-4;12-19

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

MEN'S CHORUS

"Hallelujah! We Shall Rise

Thomas"

Third Reading: Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

“Recognizing Jesus”

Pastor Melinda

*HYMN

“Open our Eyes, Lord”

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 OFFERING BEFORE GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The first words of the Bible are about God’s generosity. God gave us the gifts of a beautiful creation, our home, the green earth and the animals that live here with us. On this spring morning, we come together to thank God and to offer our gifts so that the ministry of Shiloh UCC will continue to grow and be a blessing to the world. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise!

OFFERTORY

“For Me to Live Is Jesus”

Pachelbel

“Doxology”

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**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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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One: Let us pray!

All: God of Truth and Light, we offer you these gifts with humble hearts. We yearn to share your unmistakable presence with all people. While we often find temporary security in our possessions, remind us that true security comes from our relationship with you

through your son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen and entrust us to be your faithful disciples. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

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BENEDICTION

One: May God the Father prepare your journey,
Jesus the Son guide your footsteps,
The Holy Spirit strengthen your body,
The Three in One watch over you and bless you
on every road that you may follow.

All: We go with God’s blessing. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“The Risen Savior’s Diadem”

Mozart

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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Morning Prayer

(abide.com / blog / 5-powerful-morning-prayers-to-start-your-day; Kate Stannick)

Dear God, this morning as I contemplate a new day, I ask you to help me. I want to be aware of your Spirit—leading me in the decisions I take, the conversations I have, and the work I do. I want to be more like you, Jesus, as I relate to the people I meet today—friends or strangers. Jesus, you were always about your Father’s business. I thank you that He is now my Father, too, because of what you did on this earth. Although I am weak, I know that by the power of Your Spirit, I can be strong in the work I do, the decisions I make, and the words I speak. Thank you for your promise to be with me always, and for being the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.

Evening Prayer *(Author Unknown)*

Dear God, as I lay me down to sleep, relax the tension of my body; calm the restlessness of my mind; still the thoughts which worry and perplex me. Help me to rest myself and all my problems in your strong and loving arms. Let your Spirit speak to my mind and heart while I am asleep, so that, when I wake up in the morning, I may find that I have received in the night-time, light for my way; strength for my tasks; peace for my

worries; forgiveness for my sins. Grant me sleep tonight, and tomorrow power to live. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Myers Family, The Jordan Family, The Stough/Runkle Family,
The Limbert Family, The Bupp/Miller 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: are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Harry Jacoby by his wife Sara, daughters Vicki and Patti and their families. *“Gone but never forgotten”*

ALTAR FLOWERS: Presented in celebration of our grandson, Aidan Jacobs’ 20th birthday by Nana and Pop-pop Jacobs

VIDEO TEAM: Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, Jaron Flickinger

LITURGIST: Dani Bentzel

GREETERS: Ginny Heath and Natalie Fuhrman

USHER: Jackie Taft

NURSERY: Tim and Katie Bentzel

COFFEE CONNECTIONS: Cheryl Hershey

Be Thou My Vision

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody from the Carlin P. Volume 1903

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“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	Worship
	8:45	Wired Word (124) & Sunday School (202)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
MON	5:30	Gospel Choir (100)
TUES	6:00	Cub Scouts (100)
	6:00	Missions (Parlor)
	6:00	Children’s Choir Practice
	6:30	Quilt Club (202)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (202)
THUR	6:30	Choirs
	6:30	NA Group (100)
SUN	10:00	Worship

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 71

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