

Be ye transformed

by the renewing of your mind,
that ye may prove what is that good,
and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:2



Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ
Worship
April 27th , 2025 @ 10:00AM

MEDITATION

“We don’t stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.”

~George Bernard Shaw

PRELUDE

“Christ The Lord Has Risen” Majesty/Sprunger
(Duet by Dani Bentzel & Sandy Bamberger)

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

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

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 your holy name. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Insert

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

Merciful One,

you know when we are afraid to love;

you know when we are too weak

to show mercy.

**Remind us again
that perfect love casts out such fears.
Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love,
even in the face of our imperfections.
Infuse us with a love so strong,
that we may cast aside our pride
and embrace the power of love.**

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.

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: 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 MUSIC PROGRAM

Early Learning Center Students

"Hosanna!"

"My God is So Big"

Children's Message

"Jesus Loves Me"

"God is So Good"

"Jesus is Alive!"

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 150

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

HANDBELL CHOIR

“Jesus Loves Me”

Arr. Page

Third Reading: John 20:19-31

SERMON

“Have Faith!”

Pastor Melinda

***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

Jesus reminds us that lovers of God must be lovers of people. And so, we are invited to show our love, as we offer ourselves and our gifts to God, and to one another. May we share freely and generously the love and abundance that God has given us. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise!

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

“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.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray!

Generous God, our hearts sing with gratitude for the many gifts and graces you bring into our lives. We give you thanks for your steadfast love and faithful Spirit. Receive this offering and the gift of our whole selves that we might give, as we have received, and love, as we have been loved. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"In the Bulb There is a Flower"

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BENEDICTION

The peace of God be in your heart,
The grace of God be in your words,
The love of God be in your hands,
The joy of God be in your soul,
and in the song that your life sings. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Peterson

**WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR
WORSHIP TODAY! PLEASE COME AGAIN!**

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (askgodtoday.com)

Dear Lord, You have brought me to the beginning of a new day. As the world is renewed fresh and clean, so I ask You to renew my heart with Your strength and purpose. Forgive me the errors of yesterday, and bless me to walk closer in Your way today. This is the day I begin my life anew; shine through me so that every person I meet may feel Your presence in me. Take my hand, precious Lord for I cannot make it by myself. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (www.christianity.com)

Psalm 121:7-8: "The Lord will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Thank you, Lord, for your constant watch over me. I rest in the assurance of your protection. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Helen Byers, Judy Feeser, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Brad Jacobs, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Steve Snyder, Rick & Sue Trimble, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter, Susan Emmons, Jane Harrison, Theo Shoff

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Taft Family, The Robertson/Jordan Family, Suzanne Kozuch Family

THE ALTAR FLOWERS Presented in loving memory of Betty and Bill Harper by their family.

THE BULLETINS: The pansies blossoming near the portico are a heartfelt tribute from Suzanne Kozuch honoring the memory of her beloved brother, Edward Jacob, who left this world on March 5th. At the age of 72, Edward spent his years just outside Nashville, TN. After retirement, he poured his soul into becoming a master gardener, cultivating beauty and joy in every bloom. Each vibrant petal of those pansies shares the love that will forever grow in his memory.

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

LITURGIST: Allison Hartnett

GREETERS: Melinda and David Kreiser

USHER: Keith Krout

NURSERY: John Reiber and Nathan Limbert

COFFEE CONNECTIONS: Patti Goodyear

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

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord;

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to His name.

1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;
4. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God;

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for - ev - er. Al - le -
 Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

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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
	9:00	Sunday School (202) & Wired Word (124)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
MON	6:00	ELC Art Set Show Up(100)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
WED	5:00	TOPS (202)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	10:00	Worship

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 114

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