



WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP SERVICE
PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 2, 2023
8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION

"Palm Sunday is like a glimpse of Easter. It's a little bit joyful after being somber during Lent."

- Laura Gale

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN MUSIC

"Hosanna to the Son!"

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WELCOME

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

Reader 1: When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples ahead, saying to them,

Reader 2: "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

All: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Reader 1: The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

Reader 2: A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

Silence

Reader 1: Open the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to God.

Reader 2: This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

All: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

Silence

Reader 1: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Reader 1: The crowds that went ahead of Jesus and that followed him were shouting:

(Please, wave your palms)

All Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Reader 1: The Lord is God, and God has given us light.

Silence

(Candles are lit)

Reader 2: With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

Reader 1: When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying,

All: “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Reader 1: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Reader 2: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God and I will exalt you.

(Please, wave your palms)

All: Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the one who comes in God’s name!

*HYMN *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”* #216

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us Pray!

O God, we stand at the gate, hesitant and uncertain; we are reluctant to answer your invitation; we are slow to embark on the journey toward your reign. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us the help we need to be your people—the courage to join you in the procession; the selflessness to lay our cloaks before you; the freedom to lift our palms to your glory; and the knowledge that by your grace we are forgiven. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Hear this good news! The procession is ever moving forward. We can join at any moment. The invitation still stands! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord. 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 (including infants) and youth who desire to come forward for the Children’s Sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parent’s/ caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message.*

*HYMN *“Majesty”* Insert

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

CHANCEL CHOIR *“Blessed is He”* Wright

Third Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON *“A City in Turmoil”*

*HYMN *“Filled with Excitement”* #214

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Join in the chorus! Give honor to Jesus Christ and bring your offering of praise to him. Rejoice in the Lord. Lay your treasures at his feet. These gifts are a sign of the offering of our whole selves to the service of God and each other.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE *“A Lenten Doxology”*

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts God’s love in
Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray!
Generous God, today we remember Jesus’ triumphant ride from the Mount of Olives. Jesus obediently gave everything so that we could live a life worthy of your calling. Grant us the courage and the determination to be your faithful disciples. Instill within us the desire to proclaim, “Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.” Increase our generosity so that these monetary gifts may be transformed into inspired ministries. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”* #213

BENEDICTION

One: Passing from joy into sorrow and on to elation,
All: we come to Christ this holy week.

One: Today is only a part of the story.
All: Jesus’ triumph leads to his death, his death to his resurrection.

One: May the journey of this week lead you into the fullness of Christ’s love. **All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Palm Sunday Procession” Powell

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

Morning Prayer (www.ibelieve.com/faith/a-daily-morning-prayer.html)

"In the morning, O Lord, I will direct my song and my prayer unto You and will look up." (Psalm 5:3)

God, this is the day that you have made, I will rejoice and be glad in it. With gratitude, I thank you for preserving my life for one more day. With gratitude, I thank you for your ultimate gift of love for me, in the form of your son and the sacrifice of his life on my behalf. Because of this overwhelming gift that I often cannot comprehend, I humbly submit to you. I know Lord, that I am a mere human and cannot instruct you, but you Lord can instruct me. So teach me your ways that I may rely on your faithfulness. Teach us to number our days and to use our time wisely. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer

*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
(Matthew 11:28)*

Bless us with rest tonight, O God, 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 forgive all our sins and mistakes. We need your help every day. We thank you for the strength you give, and for helping us know that with you, even 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’ name we 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, Ross Hopple, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite 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

*“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”*

- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht & Nathan Limbert.
- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gordon “Skip” Heath by Ginny and family.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband Skip Heath by Ginny.
- **LITURGIST:** **8:30AM** Judy Clark, **11:00AM** Tom Klunk
- **USHERS:** **8:30AM** Milton & Bev Hoak, **11:00AM** Volunteer
- **GREETERS:** **8:30AM** Cindy & Rick Repman, **11:00AM** Richard & Helen Hodgson
- **NURSERY DUTY:** **8:30AM** Patti Goodyear & Kaitlin Rentzel, **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest

MUSIC: Chancel Choir, Sandy Bamberger

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



The Sunday School Group is collecting money for **Heifer International for our Lenten Project**. Concurrently, the special Lenten offering will also go towards Heifer International. Both collections will continue thru **Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023**. Your support to this great cause is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

This year’s **special Easter offering** collected will go to the **Bell Family Shelter**.



The church is collecting donations for the **ELC’s Scholarship Fund**. This Scholarship Fund benefits students and families that attend the ELC that may be having trouble making their monthly payments towards tuition. The ELC offers this scholarship to ensure that their students can continue to attend the preschool without families 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**.

THIS WEEK

SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Palm Sunday
	9:45	Palm Sunday Brunch (100)
	2:00	Easter Egg Hunt
MON	1:00	Women’s Guild (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (100)
	6:30	Lenten Study (202)
THURS	6:30	NA Group (100)
	7:00	Maundy Thursday Service
FRI	12:00	Good Friday Service (Office Closed)
SAT	9:00	Private Event (100)
SUN	8:30 & 11	Easter/Holy Communion

Attendance last week: 96

THE CHURCH STAFF

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The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **April 3, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The program will be from our new study book **Encouraging One Another. Chapter Two: The Word Encourages**. Charlotte Mickley will be leading this chapter. Special offering for this month will be for missionary Sally Jane Johnson. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*



Engaging Women will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor**. Contact Sally

Curren at dgft25@hotmail.com for additional information.

Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday, April 11, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant**. Contact Brad Jacobs at 717-764-2773 or bcj402@verizon.net for additional information.



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.

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.



UPDATE FROM THE VISIONING COMMITTEE

The **Visioning Committee** has been meeting for over two years and after many discussions regarding our concern for the future of Shiloh UCC, we feel God's calling us to focus on one issue at a time and to always keep in the forefront that we are to be leading people to Jesus Christ. The one issue we want to focus on at this time, is how to bring more families and youth to participate in our church. We are asking each member of the congregation to consider this mission and suggest any ways to carry it out. You may speak to any committee member-our names are listed in the annual report-with any ideas. We would like all of our church committees to focus on this goal. Imagine the possibilities if all of us are working together to bring this to fruition. Remember Romans 8:31, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" We would like to also welcome everyone to join our committee. **We will be meeting again on April 26, at 7pm, in room 202.**



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