



Welcome to this time of worship at
Shiloh United Church of Christ

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Our Mission Statement

*“Shiloh United Church of Christ is called to
show Christ’s love for all
through witness, word, and worship.”*

MEDITATION:

“A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.”

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, 20th century

PRELUDE

8:30 AM

“Make Me A Channel of Blessing”

Warriner

11:00 AM

“Come As You Are”

Glover & Tornquist

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

All: Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.

One: Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

All: Help us, Loving God, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

One: Remind us, O God, that we are called to be your disciples.

All: As we worship You this morning, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service. Amen.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

This morning, O God,

your voice sounds into our lives again.

We are grateful to hear your call,

for on many mornings we hear other voices—

voices urging us to care only about ourselves;

voices urging us to serve other gods:

our work, our bank accounts, our egos,

our peer groups, our ideologies.

By the end of the week,

we feel trapped in anxiety,

our need for control, and our excuses.

And then we hear your voice again,

calling us to your healing care,

to your spacious freedom,

to your giving humility.

We come into your holy Presence to rest and be fed.

Call us to your freeing love again.

Feed us now. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#43

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

Merciful God, we find it hard to see in ourselves the trappings our society so admires and serves—power, wealth, and access that forget mutual love. We fail to see our allegiance to these dangerous gods—rushing for places of honor, scorning the humble and lowly, supporting systems that survive on greed and abuse. Forgive us when we are fearful that there is not enough. Remind us that you are enough. Teach us your generosity. Teach us your world-changing humility. Teach us your expansive love.

Transform us and heal our lives. Amen.

Silence is observed for reflection and prayer.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

God's promises are not only to our ancestors; they are to us as well: "I will feed you with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I will satisfy you." In the living God, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

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

One: Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.

The peace of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

CHILDREN’S TIME

***HYMN**

“Pure Joy”

Chris Falson

Gives me pure joy to sing to You And that joy becomes my strength	Gives me pure joy to walk with You And that joy becomes my strength	There is no other life There is no other way
Gives me pure joy to sing Your name Jesus, Jesus	Gives me pure joy to be with You Jesus, Jesus	There is no higher love There is no higher name

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 112; Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

8:30 & 11:00 AM PIANO SOLO BY JESSIE SECHRIEST

“People Need the Lord”

Nelson & Bock

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

SERMON

“Humility & Hospitality”

***HYMN**

“Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant” (Vs. 1-4)

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PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORDS 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

Hospitality – a warm welcome – is generosity. When we welcome each child of God into the life of this church, we extend God’s own generous hospitality. Our gifts help this graceful ministry to flourish and to grow and to give glory to God. 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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray!

Dear God, you have offered us a place at the table and you have called us to share without expectation of being repaid. You have called us to make a place for the poor, the outcast and the oppressed. So we ask that you bless these resources so that they might support ministries of compassion and justice until all of your children have a place at the table. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing” #77

BENEDICTION

Beloved of the Lord, go in peace, knowing that God's peace will be with you always. Go in service in God's world, helping those in need, sharing the gifts you have been given. Go in love, bring hope to all. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

8:30 AM	<i>“Love Is The Only Power”</i>	Smith
11:00 AM	<i>“Once to Every Man & Nation</i>	Williams

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 family by Gerry and Bart Funkhouser.
- **LITURGIST:** 8:30AM: Patti Goodyear, 11:00AM: Steve Besecker
- **USHERS:** 8:30AM: Katie Bentzel & Jackie Taft, 11:00AM: Volunteer
- **GREETERS:** 8:30AM: Bob Heilman & Carolyn Poff 11:00AM: Dick & Helen Hodgson
- **NURSERY DUTY:** 8:30AM: John Reiber, 11:00AM: Marsha Reiber
- **MUSIC:** Sandy Bamberger, Jessie Sechriest
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, George & Jaron Flickinger, Nathan Limbert

Please contact the office if you're interested in **sponsoring bulletins**. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2-weeks prior** to your desired date to have your "Special" wording placed in the bulletin.



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

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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (By John Calvin @ www.thegospelcoalition.org)

My God—my Father and Preserver—who of your goodness has watched over me during the past night, and brought me to this day, grant also that I may spend it wholly in the worship and service of your most holy deity. Let me not think, or say, or do a single thing which tends not to your service and submission to your will, that thus all my actions may aim at your glory and the salvation of my brethren, while they are taught by my example to serve you.

And as you are giving light to this world for the purposes of external life by the rays of the sun, so enlighten my mind by the effulgence of your Spirit, that he may guide me in the way of your righteousness.

To whatever purpose I apply my mind, may the end which I ever propose to myself be your honor and service. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Evening Prayer (By John Calvin @ www.thegospelcoalition.org)

O Lord God—who has given man the night for rest, as you have created the day in which he may employ himself in labor—grant, I pray, that my body may so rest during this night that my mind cease not to be awake to you, nor my heart faint or be overcome with torpor, preventing it from adhering steadfastly to the love of you.

While laying aside my cares to relax and relieve my mind, may I not, in the meanwhile, forget you, nor may the remembrance of your goodness and grace, which ought always to be deeply engraven on my mind, escape my memory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Mark Garber, Linda Glass, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, 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 Landis/Burns Family, The Harman Family, The Wheeler Family, The Kirk Family, The Frost Family, The Leppo Family, The Little Family



Women's Fellowship The pandemic stopped the **Women's Support & Social Group** from gathering for fellowship in early 2020. Some ladies have expressed they wanted to meet again for lunch once a month. Our first meeting for this year will be at **Isaac's in West York at 11:30 on Friday, September 16**. We will decide at that time if we want to meet again and where. **Come join us. Please sign up in the office with your name and phone number**, so the number of ladies attending can be given to the restaurant before that date. You can also leave a message with Carolyn Poff at 717-292-2893.

As a reminder, the **first Sunday of every month** is food collection for the Salvation Army. The food should be placed in the shopping cart in the Welcoming Center.



The **Women's Guild** will be meeting on **August 29, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. At that time, we will study **Chapter Seven: Balancing Faith and Works**. Zoe Bordes will be leading this chapter. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

The **Sunday School** Board Members have arranged for two separate and distinct adult Sunday School learning sessions. Each session will **begin at 9:45 and end at 10:45**. One session will return to meeting starting on **September 11**. This session is the "Wired Word", utilizing information downloaded from the internet and sent to the class members through e-mail. The current topic from the news will be discussed and related to scriptures. If any member of the congregation would like to receive this info, please contact the church office and add your name to the current list. **This class will meet in the Library** since we are a small group. If our group grows (which would be great) we will find other accommodations. The **DVD Video and commentary type** of learning experience will continue in **room 100 through August and this Fall and Winter**. Please plan to participate in one of these truly informative learning experiences.



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/Missions Challenge Begins
	9:45	Sunday School (100)
MON	1:00	Women's Guild (202)
WED	5:00	TOPS (100)
	7:00	Worship & Music (202)
THUR	10:30	Shiloh Home Ec (202)
	6:30	NA Group (100)
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 119

8:30 – 73

11:00 - 46

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