

A photograph of a church altar. In the foreground, a silver tray holds many small, clear glass wine cups, each filled with red wine. The cups are arranged in rows, receding into the background. In the background, a large, illuminated cross is visible on the wall, and other church fixtures are softly blurred. The lighting is warm and focused on the wine cups.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God;*  
**AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT**  
*within me.*

PSALM 51:10

**Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ**  
**Worship Service**  
**August 4, 2024**  
**10:00AM**

**MEDITATION**

*“You have need to pray to God, not only to help you in your troubles--but to help you in your blessings.”~Charles Spurgeon*

**PRELUDE**            *“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”*            Limbaugh

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**    *(Please stand as you are able!)*

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord:

**All: You are my refuge and my fortress.  
You are my God in whom I trust.**

One: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High will be your dwelling place.

**All: No evil shall befall us. No scourge shall come near our tents.**

One: Those who love the Lord, God will deliver. God protects those who know the name of the Lord. God saves them and honors them in times of trouble.

**All: Show us your salvation, O God. Show us your favor, as we offer you our worship. Let us worship the Almighty God!**

**\*HYMN**                    *“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”*                    #18

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

**All: In the quiet of this moment, in the stillness of this place, draw near to us, O God. As we seek the shelter of your refuge, as we celebrate the bounty of your provision, hearken to our need, Holy One. Transform this time and place into a land where you are among us, a land where your mighty hand and your outstretched arm protect us, a land where you alone are worthy of our worship and service. We ask this in the saving name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S STORY** (*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 during the message.*)

**\*HYMN**

*“Give Me Jesus”*

#409

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

**SPECIAL MUSIC BY STEPHANIE LIMBERT AND NATHAN LIMBERT**

*“On Eagle’s Wings”*

*Joncas*

Third Lesson: Psalm 91

**SERMON**

*“Trust God!”*

**\*HYMN**

*“When Peace Like a River”*

#438

**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**

There are multitudes of individuals who long for God, who are seeking God, but do not know where or how to search. May our congregation, Shiloh UCC, be a lamp to light the pathway for those who are seeking God. May our offerings help us to shine our light brightly, so that fellow-seekers may find their way. Now, let us gather our gifts and tithes together, and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above you heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray!

**All: We bring these gifts to you, O God, in recognition and gratitude for your loving provision. We offer you our very lives and bow before you in tribute to your many blessings. Take us and use us, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. This we pray in the name of the One who came in holy love, that we might have abundant life. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

*(All are welcome to partake of communion)*

\*HYMN

*“As We Gather at Your Table”*

#332

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*“A New Creed”*

#887

**INVITATION**

One: Jesus Christ said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**All: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

One: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God’s people.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

One: God is present to us, but we don’t always feel it. God is good to us, but we can’t always accept it. Fact is, there are things within and around us that attempt to step between us and our relationship to God’s goodness. There are things that we think, things that we do, that act to separate us from God. The church calls that “sin.”

**All: God of all mercy, I confess that sin grips me and I cannot break free. The sin is in my mind, on my lips, in my acts done or even ignored and stands between me and you. My entire heart is not always yours. My love of neighbor falls short. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on me. Grant me your renewing forgiveness. Lead me on your paths of righteousness, and I shall delight in you, and I shall follow you, giving glory to your holy name. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. Through Christ, our sins, every one of them: the sins of commission, the sins of omission, the sins we confessed with contrition – all are forgiven.

**All: By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

#### **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.**

**\*HYMN**                    *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*                    #14 Special Hymnal

#### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

#### **SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

*The members of Consistory will serve you the bread and juice. To demonstrate our unity in Christ, we will take the elements together. Please wait until everyone has been served. Thank you!*

#### **UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                    *“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”*                    #295

**\*BENEDICTION**

One: God will command the angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

**All: On their hands they will bear us up.**

One: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High will be your dwelling place.

**All: No evil shall befall us.**

One: Go in peace, in the provision and protection of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*"The Promise of Salvation"*

Broughton

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

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles E. Melhorn, Jr., Pauline Trimmer and Catherine and James Hershner by Gloria Melhorn and family
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert
- **LITURGIST:** Sallie Hagerman
- **GREETERS:** Steve & Sue Besecker
- **USHER:** Tammy Hildebrecht
- **NURSERY:** Carol Burns & Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC:** Sandy Bamberger

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

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Help is needed every other month on the first Sunday of the month. You will need to cut bread and buy grape juice. You would come Saturday to set up and then would need to clean up after the service. Training will be provided. Any help would be appreciated. See Tammy Hildebrecht or call 717-683-0440.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

### **Morning Prayer**

Dear God, as I rise to meet a new day, please let us be filled with Your Holy Spirit. Wherever I go, let me spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Let me desire to become more like you and to worship you in all I say and do. Help me desire these things much more than the sin that entices me. Thank you for always going before me. Thank you for this new day. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

### **Evening Prayer**

Heavenly Father, you know my worries and care for my troubles. So I give these heavy concerns to you. I lay these problems at your feet. Thank you that your love in me can transform not only my life but the whole world. I walk with peace into the new day, and I put my hope in you. Today, let me rest in the knowledge that you will light my path and guide my life. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

## **PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Judy Feeser, Thomas Hershey, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Brad Jacobs, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Mark Miller, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Steve Snyder, Rick & Sue Trimble, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

## **THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES**

The Hoover Family, The Wagner/Smeltzer Family, The Schaale/Little Family, The Funkhouser Family, The Zinn Family, The Corbin Family, The Zeigler Family, The Knott 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”*

## **THIS WEEK**

SUN	10:00	<b>Communion</b>
	9:00	Sunday School (202) – <b>Please note time change</b>
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
MON-FRI	9:00	ELC Camp (100)
	1:00	Women’s Guild (202)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (117)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
SUN	10:00	<b>Worship/Guest Preacher (Brad Jacobs)</b>

**Please note: Pastor Melinda will be on vacation from August 5<sup>th</sup> through August 19<sup>th</sup>. If you need pastoral assistance, please call Dave Martin – 716946-7349 - St. Paul’s UCC (Stoverstown) or Brenda Etters – 717-521-6469 – Hayshire UCC**

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 71**

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The **Women's Social and Support Group** will meet for lunch at **The Manchester Diner** on **Friday, August 16 at noon** . Please contact Carolyn Poff at 717-292-2893 by **August 12<sup>th</sup>** if you plan to attend.

The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **August 5, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The program will be from our study **Experiencing Contagious Joy, Chapter Our Hearts Rejoice in Him**. Julia Hahn leading this chapter. Special offering this for our missionary Sally Jane Johnson.



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*We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*



Mark your calendar for the next **Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast** on **Tuesday, August 13, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant**. Contact Brad Jacobs at [bcj402@verizon.net](mailto:bcj402@verizon.net) or 717-764-2773 for additional information.

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



Mission Fund



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** your desired date to have your wording placed in the bulletin.

**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.

