

CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL
by the people of God
gathered in the meeting house of
Shiloh United Church of Christ

Meditation

"When you stand at the edge of all the light you have and step off into the darkness, you can be certain that one of two things will happen. You will be given a solid ledge on which to stand, or you will be taught to fly." - Anonymous

The Prelude to Christian Worship *"Cleansing Fountain"* Paxton

Welcome and Concerns

***Call to Worship**

One: "The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Jacob".

All: God has made a new covenant with us in Christ Jesus.

One: Yet we have turned away, hardened our hearts and spirits.

All: Lord, help us to change.

"Change My Heart, O God"

By Eddie Espinoza

One: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people".

All: But we have failed to be God's people. We have chosen our own way.

One: Turn again, says the Lord, through the prophets and through God's own Son.

All: Turn us again to you, O Lord, and awaken our spirits to your love and mercy. Let us worship God!

***Invocation**

God of the journey,

you invite us, the church,

"to accept the cost and joy of discipleship"

and "to be your servants in the service of others."

In so doing, may your presence be our guide and Jesus our model.

May we respond to you in loving faithfulness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

****Please do not sing the hymn, just follow along****

Hymn *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus (vs. 1 and 2)"* No. 190

Beneath the cross of Jesus I gladly take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noon-tide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus within my mind I see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;

And from my grieving heart with tears two wonders I confess – the wonders of Christ's glorious love and my unworthiness.

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the message of peace and mercy you have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our own witness to your healing mercy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Acknowledging God's Grace

Even though the future is clouded; God is with us, guiding, healing, comforting, restoring. Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and healed. Amen.

Sharing the Blessing of Christ's Peace (*Please wave to one another*)

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's Peace

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson: Psalm 51:1-12

Second Lesson: John 12:20-33

Third Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon

"The New Covenant"

Chamber Choir "God's Love" Rhodes

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 compels us to join him in service to others. Our church accepts the invitation and challenge to show Jesus' Way using the resources we share. Let us give as we are able to the ministries of our church.

***Offertory Response** "Doxology"No. 778

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self**

God, there are so many who "wish to see Jesus." In joy and celebration of the many gifts that we share, we ask you to bless all of our offerings. May Jesus shine in all the world. Amen.

Please do not sing the hymn, just follow along

Hymn "Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross (vs. 1 and 4)" No. 197

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain, free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

***Benediction**

Fix your eyes on the Lord. Place your hand in His Hand, trusting in his guiding and comfort. Go into this world, that needs so much the words of healing love, and bring the good news of God's absolute love and presence to all people. Go in peace. **Amen.**

The Postlude "Glory To His Name" Ritter

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of our 34th Wedding Anniversary by Tim and Katie Bentzel.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of our 34th Anniversary by Tim and Katie Bentzel.
- **LITURGIST:** Carol Burns

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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (*www.living-prayers.com*)

I come before you, O Lord.
 As the sun rises may your hope rise up in me.
 As the birds sing may your love flow out of me.
 As the light floods into this new day,
 May your joy shine through me.
 I come before you, O Lord
 And drink in this moment of peace,
 That I may carry something of your hope, love and joy
 Today in my heart. Amen.

Evening Prayer (*by Rebecca Barlow Jordan*)

Heavenly Father, my day is drawing to an end, and I'm ready to turn in. But before I do, I have to thank you for your faithfulness today. It's always a good day, even when things may not go the way I plan, or when the world seems in chaos, because you are in control. For all the times when I was aware of your help today, all the times when your unseen presence seemed so near, thank you, God. But for all the ways you worked behind the scenes, unknown to me, moments when heaven-sent angels moved on my behalf in ways I'll never know, thank you for those also, Lord. Grant me a good night's sleep tonight, God, so that I can awake refreshed and ready to begin another day loving you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Nancy Hamme, Helen Luckenbaugh, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Helen Byers, Mary Emma Elicker, Catherine Lochman, Vanessa Seifarth, Bev Kirk, Julene Bechtel, Jim Bentzel Sr. Phil Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Dottie Limbert, Donna Krone, Elva Winter, Mary Rodgers, Oscar Bupp, Bob and Margie Behler, Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Sandy Barnes, Staff and Residents at Providence Place, Audrey Gerber, Richard Gruver, Rosabel Bentzel, Donna Robertson

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Harper Family, The Arnold Family, The Krout Family, The Harman Family, The Duttera Family, The Ellis Family, The Smith Family, The Steele Family, The Downs Family

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

***Palm Sunday:** March 28 at 9:15 a.m.

***Maundy Thursday:** April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

***Good Friday:** April 2 at 12:00 p.m.

***Easter/Communion:** Sunday, April 4 at 9:00 *and* 11:00 a.m. Please consider attending at 11.





Youth Fellowship will be selling **Hershey Park tickets**. The price for all tickets for ages 3+ is \$36.95 - a savings of 51% over regular price of \$75.80. The tickets will be good until Jan. 2, 2022. **The deadline to order and make the payment is Sunday, April 4.** Contact Carol Burns with any questions at 717-792-3796 or carolb2729@peoplepc.com.

Engaging Women will be meeting in the **sanctuary on Tuesday, April 13 at 6:30** Bentzel's presentation entitled "Overcoming Powerless," regarding the that occurred at her school 20 years ago. There will also be a video entitled a question and answer period following. Please see Sally Curren for information.



Women's Fellowship **p.m.** to hear Reen traumatic incident 'Forgiveness,' with

*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 9:15 **In-Person Worship/ Fifth Sunday in Lent**
1:00 Drive-in Sing Along
WED 9:30 Bible Study (100)
5:30 TOPS (100)
THURS 6:30 NA Group (100)
SUN 9:15 Palm Sunday



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

GROCERY GIFT CARDS = CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH. Weis and Giant grocery gift cards are available for purchase. 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. Please contact the office if you interested in purchasing one.



BULLETIN SPONSORS are needed. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks prior** to your date to have your "Special" wording placed in the bulletin.

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