

**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.”***

CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL

by the people of God

gathered in the meeting house of Shiloh United Church of Christ

Meditation

“Baptism is the door of the spiritual life and the gateway to the sacraments.”

- **Thomas Aquinas:** *Summa Theologica*

The Prelude to Christian Worship *“Liebster Immanuel”* Smith

Welcome and Concerns

***Call to Worship** (Cynthia Langston Kirk)

One: As we take our first breath

All: The God of miracles is present.

One: As we test our wings in adolescence and young adulthood

All: The God of faithfulness is ever with us.

One: When responsibilities, geography, and relationships are altered

All: God is there in the joy and in the sorrow.

One: And when we snuggle into the status quo

All: Christ inspires us to a life of caring and community.

One: Wherever we are on our journey

All: God calls us to a new day, a fresh beginning. Let us worship God!

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

God who watches over us, offering us light and hope, be with us this day as we hear the story of Jesus’ baptism. Help us to remember your healing, cleansing, and claiming love for us. Remind us again of the many ways in which you reach out to us. May the image of the waters be for us an image of hope. Bring us closer to you, loving God. Embrace us again with your love. We open our hearts to you this day. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Hymn *“Your Ways Are Not Our Own”* No. 170

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

Second Lesson: Psalm 29

Third Lesson: Mark 1:4-11

Sermon

“The Beloved”

Chamber Choir “Spirit Song” Wimber

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

Just as the waters of the earth are abundant and full of life, so are the blessings God pours upon us daily. Let us now joyfully offer our tithes, pledges, and offerings with the hope that they may enable others to feel immersed in God’s love.

***Offertory Response** “Doxology”No. 780

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 of Gifts and Self**

**Faithful God,
Bless us in our baptismal calling
to be in ministry of showing hospitality to others.
We offer the gifts that we have been given to be used
not for conquest and dominance,
but for use in liberating the poor and hurting people,
who pray for our liberation as well as their own.
Receive and multiply our gifts for life-giving ministry. Amen.**

Hymn “Crashing Waters at Creation” No. 326

***Benediction** (*Those who are able, please stand*)

Go forth joyfully! God is with you. Bring peace and hope to all you meet. And may God’s eternal love shine through you always. **Amen.**

The Postlude “Chorale Postlude”Wilson

Prayers for the Week

Morning Prayer (Lutheran morning prayer)

Heavenly Father, thank you that You have kept me from all harm and danger this night. I pray that You would keep me from sin and every evil this day, that all my doings and life may please You. Into Your hands I commend myself, my body, my soul, and all things. Let Your Holy Spirit be with me and guide me throughout this day. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



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Evening Prayer (Author unknown)

Lord,
You bless us as we rest
Restore us as we sleep
You care for us as we drift off
And make our dreaming sweet.

You are the safest place
You are the God of Grace
Forgiven, loved and held by you
Is each small seed of faith.

You know our thoughts and feelings
You see our deep desires
You understand our weariness
And catch each tear we cry.

You walk beside us every day
You are a constant friend
You stay with us all through the night
On you we can depend.
Amen.

Prayers for Our Community of Faith

Nancy Hamme, Helen Luckenbaugh, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Helen Byers, Charles Smith, Mary Emma Elicker, Catherine Lochman, Mary Ann Downs, Vanessa Seifarth, Bev Kirk, Julene Bechtel, Jim Bentzel Sr. Phil Myers, Joanne Overviller, Milton Hoak, 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

Those Who Grieve for Their Loved Ones

The Minck Family, The Fix Family, The Harper Family, The Arnold Family, The Krout Family, The Harman Family, The Duttera Family, The Ellis Family

Everyone is invited to a Drive-in Hymn Sing on **Sunday, January 17 at 1:00 PM!** You can send any hymn requests to the office for the program. Donations for the Salvation Army will again be collected. Please consider joining us in singing!





THE 2021 TEAM LISTS FOR GREETERS, USHERS, NURSERY AND OFFERING DUTY are available in the welcome center. This will not be in effect unless we are holding in person worship services again. The lists may be picked up during office hours or you can request to have them mailed or emailed.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in **the welcome center**. You may pick them up during office hours.



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.



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

THIS WEEK

- SUN 9:15 **Baptism of Christ/First Sunday after the Epiphany**
- WED 9:30 Bible Study (100)
- 5:30 TOPS (100)
- THURS 6:30 NA Group (100)
- SUN 1:00 Drive-in Sing Along



- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of grandparents, Annie and Melvin Latchaw and aunt and uncle, Charlotte and Ken Dittenhafer by Connie Redman.
- **LITURGIST:** Reen Bentzel

THE CHURCH STAFF

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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"*