

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

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*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

"From the oyster to the eagle, from the swine to the tiger, all animals are to be found in men and each of them exists in some man, sometimes several at the time. Animals are nothing but the portrayal of our virtues and vices made manifest to our eyes, the visible reflections of our souls. God displays them to us to give us food for thought."

– Victor Hugo

The Prelude to Christian Worship "Praise to the Lord of Boundless Might" Scott

Welcome and Concerns

***Call to Worship**

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

All: Our great and everlasting God meets us where we are.

One: Servants of the Most High, open your ears to hear. Children of the light, open your hearts, and know that God loves you.

All: We have seen, heard, and known that our God strengthens the powerless, gives hope to the hopeless. God lifts us up on eagle's wings, so that we won't grow weary. Our God is great and mighty, full of endless love and compassion. Let us worship God!

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Open our ears, O God, that we might hear you speaking to us in this hour. Open our hearts, O God, that we might listen for your voice calling to us through scripture. Open our minds, O God, that we might understand your promises to both young and old, weak and strong. Open our spirits, O God, that we might enter into the love you offer us today. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Hymn "On Eagles Wings"

(Lyrics: <http://catholichymn.blogspot.com/2015/07/on-eagles-wings.html>)

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Second Lesson: Mark 1:29-39

Third Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31

Sermon

"Fly Like an Eagle"

Duet by Nathan and Stephanie Limbert "Gonna Be a Great Day" Arr. Martin

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

Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: It is more blessed to give than to receive.

***Offertory Response "Doxology" No. 782**

To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
to Christ revealed in earthly night,
to God the Spirit now we raise
our joyful songs of thankful praise.
Amen.

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

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe. From your hands we receive all that we need, often before we even know how to ask. Along with our thanks, we return to you a portion of these gifts. Let them be used in Jesus' name to serve those in need, that whatever good works these gifts accomplish might glorify you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Hymn of Communion "Somos Pueblo Que Camina" (We Are People on a Journey) No. 340

We are people on a journey; pain is with us all the way.
Joyfully we come together at the holy feast of God.
God has sent the invitation to the humble and the poor.
Joyfully we come together at the holy feast of God.
This is the bread that God provides us, nourishing our unity.
Joyfully we come together at the holy feast of God.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #887 A New Creed**

Leader: We are not alone, we live in Gods' world.

People: We believe in God:

Who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

The Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and other by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

To celebrate God's presence,

To love and serve others,

To seek justice and resist evil,

To proclaim Jesus,

crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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, everyone 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"* See Insert

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing The Bread and The Cup

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.

Hymn *"In the Bulb There is a Flower"* No. 433

(Lyrics: [https://hymnary.org/text/in the bulb there is a flower](https://hymnary.org/text/in_the_bulb_there_is_a_flower))

*Benediction

Go into the world, listening for God's call in your lives.

Go into the world, ready to follow Jesus Christ.

Go into the world, sustained by the love and power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Postlude *"Jesus is My Life"* Kendall

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (*unknown*)

God, please enlighten my mind with truth; inflame my heart with love; inspire my will with courage; enrich my life with service. Pardon what I have been; sanctify what I am; and order what I shall be. Amen.

Evening Prayer (*Rebecca Weston – 1890*)

Father, we thank thee for the night, and for the pleasant morning light; for rest and food and loving care, and all that makes the day so fair. Help us to do the things we should, to be to others kind and good; In all we do, in work or play, to grow more loving every day. 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, 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

Engaging Women will be meeting on-line **via Google Meets** to discuss the book Jessica Francis Kane. That on-line meeting will be **Tuesday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m.** Contact Sally Curren at 717-634-6353 or dgft25@hotmail.com for information.



Women's Fellowship 'Rules for Visiting' by 6:30 p.m. Contact Sally



The next **sing along** is scheduled for **Sunday February 21 at 1:00 PM**. In addition to food for the Salvation Army, we will be collecting for the Mother and Child Clinic at Wellspan. This is a group we usually collect for at Mother's Day. Currently, they are in need of newborn diapers, unscented baby wipes, Similac-Proadvance (blue can), baby blankets, new or gently used 0-3 months or clothes, and money for prescription copays. Donations can be brought to the sing along or placed in the Welcome Center. We hope to see you on February 21!

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.



THIS WEEK

SUN 9:15 **On-line Worship/Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**
WED 9:30 Bible Study (100)
5:30 TOPS (100)
THURS 6:30 NA Group (100)
SUN 9:15 **Transfiguration Sunday**



- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving celebration of Charlie Hull's 80th birthday today by his family.
- **LITURGIST:** Sara Jacoby



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

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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*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"*