

*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**

*"Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees."*  
- Victor Hugo, 19th century (in Les Miserables)

**The Prelude to Christian Worship** ..... *"God Loved The World"* ..... Lau

**Welcome and Concerns**

**\*Call to Worship (UCC Resource Guide)**

One: We are yearning for the day...

**All: The day of God's hope made real! The day when nobody is hungry, nobody thirsty! The day of God's Love flowing freely!**

One: Shade from Sun and Shelter from the Wind, The Compassionate One guides us to the springs of living water in the Word and in mighty deeds!

**All: Let us worship our God and Let Love Flow!**

**\*Prayer of Invocation (UCC Resource Guide)**

Source of Love-Made-Flesh, we stream to you from East and West seeking the right and holding on to the holy. Settle us body and soul in the land of hope your prophets proclaimed. Free our hearts and minds to hear anew the call to compassion, the challenge of community, the needs of our neighbors. Call to us in this One Great Hour that we may gather in Spirit and in Truth and be changed. Seated and settled now, this we pray in Jesus' name: Amen.

**Hymn** ..... *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* ..... No. 43

**Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy and patience, be with us this day as we celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing. Help us to remember that the gifts we give go to help many people in need. Remind us again that our lives are meant to be gifts to others, for healing, hope, comfort, peace and love. Forgive us when we get so caught up in the details of living and when we become so overwhelmed by our current economic woes that we neglect to help others. Enlighten us again with your spirit and your words of healing love. Caring and sharing are the hallmarks of discipleship with Jesus Christ. Heal and forgive us. Give us hearts for joyful caring and sharing; for it is in Jesus' name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

*Extended prayerful silence.*

**Acknowledging God's Grace**

Let God's love and mercy wash over you  
as the spring rains wash over the earth,  
bringing promise of new life and hope.  
Be at peace. 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: Numbers 21:4-9

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

Third Lesson: John 3:14-21

**Sermon**

"Eternal Light"

**Hand Bell Choir** . . . . . "Canon of Grace" . . . . . Arr. Linda R. Lamb

**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 (UCC Resource Guide)**

"Nobody hungry, nobody thirsty" is the hope of God in Isaiah. It is also the hope of this One Great Hour of our Sharing and caring. With the gifts of our hearts, we let love flow, like new well-water to a thirsty village; for crops, for cooking, for life! Let our giving be an upwelling of generosity and may the stream of love bring about God's kin-dom. Our gift is prayer in action. Praise be to God.

**\*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 (UCC Resource Guide)**

**Holy giver of all good gifts, bless now this offering that great hours of labor have made possible. Bless the drops that become mighty rivers of grace and transformation. Bless the vision of a world transformed. Let a shining river of love flow through us to your waiting world, in Christ's name. Amen.**

**Hymn** . . . . . "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" . . . . . No. 506

**\*Benediction (UCC Resource Guide)**

**May the Maker of rain and sea, Creator of all, and Giver of life awaken you that you may flourish with sister, brother, and human family. May Jesus, our brother, redeemer of the lost and hope of the poor, call your name to follow in his footsteps; and may the Holy Spirit flood you with such love, that you fill with joy all who drink from your well. God's peace is for all and is now with you! Our worship is over: Let our service begin! Amen.**

**The Postlude** . . . . . "Jesus Paid It All" . . . . . Broughton

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

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of Ginny and Skip Heath's 64th Wedding Anniversary by their family.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of Sallie's Birthday. Love, Mom, Dad and Family.
- **LITURGIST:** Jeanie Bentzel

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Morning Prayer ([www.crosswalk.com/devotionals](http://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals))**

**Read:**

John 16:33 "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

**Reflect:**

How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus has overcome the world?  
 Do you trust that He is with you during times of trouble?  
 Can you pray a prayer of surrender with confidence?

**Pray:**

Lord, Jesus, today is Your day, and I want Your will to be done. So, whatever happens, hold my hand and let's face it together. Amen.

**Evening Prayer (*Unknown*)**

Almighty God, radiant with light, cast your goodness to shine upon me. Most wonderful Lord, creator of all things, hold your truth to shield me. Majestic King who reigns over all, slay with great love all the shadows around me. Prince of Peace, glorious and true, lift your arms of strength to cover me. All this night through. 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 Downs Family.



**Engaging Women** will be meeting **Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30 in room 100**. Contact Sally Curren at [dgft25@hotmail.com](mailto:dgft25@hotmail.com) for information.

You are invited to join us for a Drive-in Sing Along on **Sunday, March 21** at 1:00 PM. A food collection for the Salvation Army will be held. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Flower orders will be taken along with One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes. **We ask that you remain in or at your car when you arrive.** Someone will come to greet you to provide a song sheet and collect any donations you might have. Please join us for some and fellowship (with social distancing and masks).



**Easter lilies and tulips** will brighten our worship on Easter Sunday. The cost will be **\$6.50**, and orders are due **by March 21**. Envelopes are available in the Welcome Center and church office. You can turn them in at the office or at the Sing Along on March 21. Please consider helping to make the church a lovely place for Easter morning!

**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.



**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.

*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 **Fourth Sunday in Lent/One Great Hour of Sharing**
- MON 7:00 Worship and Music (100)
- TUES 6:30 Engaging Women (100)
- WED 7:30 Soup Prep
- 9:30 Bible Study (100)
- 5:30 TOPS (100)
- THURS 6:30 NA Group (100)
- FRI 7-4 Relay for Life (100)
- SAT 7-4 Relay for Life (100)
- SUN 9:15 In-Person Worship
- 1:00 Drive-in Sing Along



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

**THE CHURCH STAFF**

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