



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.”

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BUTTERFLY SUNDAY

April 11, 2021

9:15 AM

MEDITATION

"Doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith."

- Paul Tillich, 20th century

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP *“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!”*Smith

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As a caterpillar spins into a cocoon,

All: Jesus lay in the tomb for three days.

One: As the chrysalis transforms in the time of waiting

All: So are we transformed when we live our lives in Christ.

One: The caterpillar that seemed lifeless for a while is now a butterfly! Jesus is alive!

All: He is risen! Alleluia! Let us worship the risen Christ!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of the resurrection, we gather as a community of believers. We come with joy to greet one another and to tell again and again the amazing news: Christ is risen! Love is victorious over death! You have given us new life in the name of your Son. Now we have hope for the future. May our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming be a testimony to the power of your love. We pray all this in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

HYMN *“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”*. See insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord, you wait for us to understand. You wait for us to remove the blinders of prejudice, fear, unbelief, confusion. You have offered to us the greatest miracle of all time, the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ. We sang and celebrated last Sunday, but a week has passed and we have slid back into our old ways of perceiving your presence and love. Shake us up, Lord! Shake us up and cause us to look with new eyes on our Savior, who came that we might have life, abundantly serving all who are in need. Forgive our stubbornness and our complacency. Reach out to us so that we may reach out with healing love to others, for we pray this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

When we walk in the light of Christ,
we have fellowship with one another.

When we confess our sins,
the One who is faithful and just forgives our sins
and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

For in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

God has showered mercy upon the entire world. **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: Acts 4:32-35

Second Lesson: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Third Lesson: John 20:19-31

SERMON "Easter Transformation"

SOLO BY JESSIE SECHRIEST "Crown Him With Many Crowns" Arr. Ray Jerry

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

All that we have belongs to God. As we celebrate our unity as a community of faith and focus our hearts on the risen Christ, we joyfully lay our possessions on the Lord's table. Through the grace of God and the bounty of this church, we have the ability to share our gifts so that all may have what they need to live. We thank God for the opportunity to truly be in fellowship with one another and with the world through our offerings today.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** "Doxology"

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND SELF**

Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. We lay our very lives at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel. Amen.

HYMN "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" See insert

***BENEDICTION**

One: Walk in the light of God.
Live in the light of God.
Bask in the light of God.
May the Light of all lights transform your doubts into faith,
and your sorrows into joy.
Go with the peace of God.

All: Amen.

THE POSTLUDE "We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight" Scott

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Lloyd and Grace Bosserman and Clair and Mary Heilman by Jeanette, Bob, Drew and Janelle Heilman.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of our 4th great grandchild by Bill and Charlotte Mickley.
- **LITURGIST:** Jane Harrison

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer *(By Lysa Terkeurst)*

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24



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Lord, may nothing separate me from You today. Teach me how to choose only Your way today so each step will lead me closer to You. Help me walk by the Word and not my feelings. Help me to keep my heart pure and undivided. Protect me from my own careless thoughts, words, and actions. And keep me from being distracted by my wants, my desires, and my thoughts on how things should be. I recognize that Your love for me is not based on my performance. You love me as I am. But what's most amazing is that the Savior of the world would desire a few minutes with me this morning. Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to sit in your presence. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Evening Prayer *(Unknown)*

"But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you." Matthew 6:6

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, 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, The Heath Family



The Consistory would like to thank the Choirs, Marvel and Gary Burg, the Worship and Music committee and all the others who made the Easter service so beautiful and meaningful. It was so nice to be back together to celebrate Easter.

We would like to thank Gladys Seigman for providing the cookies on this Butterfly Sunday!

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



We are establishing a **Visioning Team for Shiloh UCC** and our goal will be to Discover God's Vision for Shiloh UCC and we need your help. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in joining this team to contact Tim Bentzel or Pastor Melinda, or simply come to our first meeting which is scheduled for **Wednesday April 21, 2021 at 7pm in room 100.**



Zook pies are back! We are welcoming back those delicious Zook pies and apple dumplings for orders. Our **delivery date is set for Thursday, May 27, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with all orders due on Sunday, May 9th.** Pick up of your order will be done in two ways. You may come into the church kitchen to pick up your order OR you may call 717-586-9216 as you arrive at the church for your order to be delivered to your car. Order forms will be available in the gallery or by calling the church office. You may also call Charlie Hull at the above number to place your order. Payment for your order is requested at the time of ordering.

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.



"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	Worship/Butterfly Sunday
MON	7:00	Consistory (100)
TUES	6:30	Engaging Women (Sanctuary)
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
	9:30	Bible Study (100)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
THURS	6:30	NA Group (100)
SUN	9:15	Worship Service



Attendance last Sunday: 82



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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021

John 20:19-31

Marks of Faith

For years, maybe even decades, the church has wrestled with how to both retain the intimacy of in-person worship and also to embrace the technological changes in communication that are burgeoning in every other aspect of modern life.

When the church, along with the rest of society, was placed under quarantine, the decision was made for us. As communities of faith, we had to adapt some technological ways of staying in community in order to continue to worship with one another.

While many local churches moved their worship services online, the national United Church of Christ pivoted and moved online, too.

"Thursdays for the Soul" and "Tuesdays for Nurture" are offerings from the United Church of Christ to unite, uplift and equip the Church for such a time as this. These videos are streamed live and are available to rewatch and share at: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6VgfHt6zEy7yDgdSE-fLLYEVaNBM2943

These online offerings have opened church-wide conversations ranging from the decidedly practical to the unapologetically philosophical. They offer guidance for churches and church leaders seeking information about how to be church in these challenging times, along with conversations with a variety of individuals at the forefront of faith and social justice movements.

One of the gifts of these digital days is that if you missed the offerings at "Thursdays for the Soul" or "Tuesdays for Nurture" the first time around, they are still available to you now. You can find them by entering the above url or searching for *Worship and Care for the Entire Church Webinars* on YouTube.



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