

**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**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
JUNE 13, 2021 9:15 AM

**MEDITATION**

*"Everyone has inside of [them] a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!"*  
**- Anne Frank, 20th century**

**THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP** . . . . . *"The Love of God"* . . . . . Thygerson

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Small as a mustard seed and lofty as a cedar:  
**All: The kingdom of God is growing.**

One: While we sleep and rise, night and day:  
**All: The kingdom of God is growing.**

One: The low are brought high; the high are brought low:  
**All: The kingdom of God is growing.**

One: Its large branches are home to all kinds of people! Everyone's welcome at Shiloh UCC!  
**All: The kingdom of God is growing. Let us worship our loving God!**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**O God, maker of all that is beautiful, Jesus gave us the seeds of your love, justice, and peace. In this time together, teach us and inspire us to sow those seeds through our ministries; so that all may share in Creation's abundance to make true the promise -no one will know scarcity and no one will suffer deprivation in this community and beyond. Amen.**

**HYMN** . . . . . *"We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed"* . . . . . # 540

We plant a grain of mustard seed, and in our faith we find  
The proof of God is love, indeed, which blossoms from its kind.  
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Make love our purpose, love our aim, for love endures all things,  
And choosing love our lives will claim the peace forgiveness brings.  
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Our actions, more than words, define how love's example feeds  
A greater love, for love divine bursts forth from smallest seeds;  
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So may our new beginnings prove, like living bread and wine,  
That through our common human love we taste what is divine.  
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When stooped to lend a helping hand, we find a touch that heals,  
For love invested will expand to bear the fruit love yields.  
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Our lives will be fulfilled and blessed if through the seeds we've  
sown  
And by the love that we profess the love of Christ is known.  
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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Holy God, you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith.

**All: Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. It's hard to live by faith.**

One: You call us to place our trust in you, to live according to your direction.

**All: Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view. It's hard to live by faith.**

One: You call us to feel the mystery of life, to marvel at the power of your love.

**All: Yet it's not easy to accept your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith.**

One: Forgive us, holy maker of reality.

**All: Forgive us for playing god instead of accepting our humanity. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Fear not, for our Creator,  
the Almighty God,  
sows the good news in tiny, frail seeds,  
inviting us to tend the soil of community,  
and marvel as they grow.  
In the name of Jesus, who is the risen Christ,  
you are forgiven. **Amen**

**EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (*Please wave to one another*)

God calls us in surprising ways,  
inviting us into a new creation.  
Share the good news with one another:  
The peace of Christ is with you!  
**And also with you!**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24;      Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17;      Third Lesson: Mark 4:26-34

**SERMON**

“Hope in Unexpected Places”

**CHAMBER CHOIR** ..... “*You are My All in All*” .....

**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' teachings give us many seeds to sow in this community and beyond. It is, however, through our offering that we can nurture these seeds so all may know the Gospel's promise.

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**      “Doxology” ..... # 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**

You have been exceedingly generous to us, O God. Now, we return a portion of what we have to you, in grateful thanksgiving. Bless our offerings that they may nurture the seeds of hope and healing, in this community and beyond. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**..... *"In the Bulb There is a Flower"*..... # 433

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.	There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.	In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see
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**BENEDICTION**

Feel the love of God growing within your heart. Go into this world, planting seeds of love, mercy, joy, and peace in all that you say and do. Go in peace and serve God. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**:..... *"Faith the Cornerstone"*..... Broughton

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

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in Honor of our grandchildren who graduated from college. Hunter Mummert, Coastal South Carolina, degree in Business Management and Finance, Alexis Mummert, South Carolina University, degree in Operations and Supply Chain and Finance, magna cum laude, and Wesley Mummert, Penn State University, degree in Information Technology, by Jay and Joyce Mummert.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of Del W Bowers, Love always, Joyce
- **LITURGIST**: Sallie Hagerman
- **VIDEO TEAM**: Lew Wallace, Matt Hildebrecht, Sallie Hagerman, Jaron Flickinger, Reen Bentzel, Dani Bentzel

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Morning Prayer** (Sarah Coleman, <https://www.crosswalk.com>)

Everlasting God, today I ask forgiveness of all the negative and harmful words I have spoken about myself and others. Forgive me for not trusting you enough. I do not want to behave this way. Transform my thoughts and let me understand how marvelously you made me and the people around me. Fill my heart with your Agape-love. Change my habits, so I may use my tongue to speak hope, faith, and favor in this world. In Jesus' Name. Amen.



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**Evening Prayer** (Mary Southerland, <https://www.crosswalk.com>)

Loving God, my heart is filled with chaos and confusion. I feel as if I am drowning in my circumstances and my heart is filled with fear. I really need the strength and peace that only You can give. Right now, I choose to rest in Your loving arms. Tonight, please watch over my family and friends and give them your peace, as well. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

Nancy Hamme, 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. Joanne Overmiller, 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, Richard Gruver, Rosabel Bentzel, Donna Robertson

## THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Downs Family, The Heath Family, The Jacoby Family, The Luckenbaugh Family, The Myers Family.

A strawberry festival will be held in the parking lot this **Sunday, June 13**. Strawberries, ice cream and desserts will be served under the portico at **1:30 p.m.** There is no price list. However, donations will be accepted.

Donations of baked goods are needed and can be dropped off in room 100 before worship service or before the festival. There will be a **sing-a-long at 2:00 p.m.** in the parking lot following the festival.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors to room 100.



We will soon begin using all the **Team Lists** that were distributed back in November. If you are a **Nursery, Usher, Greeter or Offering** volunteer and need a copy of a list, please contact the office.

The **Love Offering** is being collected to offset the cost of buying Bibles for the 3 year olds in our ELC. Please put your contribution in the Love Offering envelopes found on the tables in the Narthex or you may use your regular offering envelope and mark ELC Bibles on the "other" line. Prayerfully consider supporting this wonderful mission.



**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE OFFICE HOURS FOR FRIDAY'S WILL BE 8:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

**PASTOR MELINDA WILL BE ON VACATION FROM JUNE 14 THROUGH JUNE 28.**



**Hoffman Homes for Youth** provides comprehensive psychiatric care, treatment, and education to emotionally and behaviorally troubled children and their families. The children placed at Hoffman are considered very high risk. Last year 99 children were helped, with 92% of them meeting their treatment goals. The therapy programs at Hoffman offer help for the children to express and build self-confidence. The purpose of the **Friends of Hoffman Homes** has been to acquaint supporters within the churches with the mission of Hoffman Homes for Youth, and also to educate supporters of the unique programs that HHY offers to the children in care. The Friends group has membership drives each year to help with the extras for the children. You can help to support them with a donation of \$5.00 or more. Funds will be collected during the **month of June** and can be given to Carolyn Poff. Any checks should be made out to **Hoffman Homes for Youth**. **Thank you for your support.**

**Casting Crowns** with special guests **Cain** will perform on **Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at the York State Fair**. ALL Grandstand show tickets include admission to the Fair when presented at the entrance gates to the Fair on the date of the Grandstand Show. Ticket sales range from \$20-\$35. Please call or email Linda Little to reserve your ticket! 717-309-4523 or [Lslcmt@yahoo.com](mailto:Lslcmt@yahoo.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.

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



*“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**
- MON 7:00 Consistory meeting
- TUES 6:00 Stewardship meeting (202)
- WED 7:30 Soup Kitchen
- 9:30 Bible Study (202)
- 5:30 TOPS (100)
- THUR 6:15 Hand bell Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 NA Group (100)
- SAT 12:00 Paint Party (100)
- SUN 9:15 Worship/Father’s Day



**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 86**

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