

**Shiloh United Church of Christ**  
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JULY 11, 2021

**Our Mission Statement**

*"Shiloh United Church of Christ is called to show Christ's love for all through witness, word, and worship."*

<p>WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> JULY 11, 2021 9:15 AM</p>
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**MEDITATION**

*"Being a Christian means fixing ourselves and helping others - not the other way around."*

*- Connie Schultz*

**THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP** . . . . . *"Stand Up and Bless The Lord"*. . . . . Smith

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, let us sing and dance before the Lord.

**All: Let us praise God with the sound of music!**

One: Let every soul sing God's praises!

**All: Let the mountains tremble and the seas roar!**

One: Praise the King of glory who guides our lives.

**All: Praise the Lord of hosts who watches over us. May God's praise always be in our hearts and on our minds. Let us worship God!**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of all creation, our spirits dance before you today. You have fashioned this wondrous universe and opened our hearts to it. Thank you for your blessings. Thank you for watching over us all the days of our lives. Our spirits soar with gratitude! Let us sing boldly of your love. We celebrate your presence, and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we offer this prayer. Amen.

**\*HYMN** . . . . . *"Come Now, Almighty God"* . . . . . # 275

Come Now, almighty God,  
Help us Thy Name to laud, our songs to raise!  
Ruler all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, holy Comforter,  
Your sacred witness bear in this glad hour;  
Your grace to us impart, now rule in every heart,  
Never from us depart, Spirit of power!

Come now, Incarnate Word,  
By heaven and earth adored, our prayer attend:  
Come, and your people bless, and give your word success;  
Grant us your holiness, Savior and Friend.

To You, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be, for evermore;  
Your sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore!

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

O Lord, so many things claim our attention. So many things distract us from this moment and the joy that can be had when we are open to it. We worked hard this year to earn a little rest and recreation, to break away from the stresses of our everyday living. We deserve to relax, but at the same time, we must remember to keep the sabbath holy. We must make time for worship. Forgive us when we are tempted to focus entirely on ourselves. Today help us remember to live holy lives conscious of your presence. Be with us during the warm days of summer, so that we do not wander too far from your church. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: God is infinitely loving and merciful. God pours His grace and blessings on us abundantly.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah! Amen.**

**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.**

**SOLO BY STEPHANIE LIMBERT.** . . . . . *“Brighten the Corner Where You Are”*. . . . . Ogdon/Gabriel

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Second Lesson: Psalm 24

Third Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

**SERMON**

“God’s Mysterious Will”

**\*HYMN** . . . . . *“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”*. . . . . # 117

Lift up your heads, O mighty gates;  
behold, the glorious ruler waits;  
the Sovereign One is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here!

Redeemer, come, I open wide  
my heart to you: here, Christ, abide!  
Let me your inner presence feel;  
Your grace and love in me reveal.

Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

So come my Sovereign, enter in!  
Let new and nobler life begin;  
Your Holy Spirit guide us on,  
Until the glorious crown be won.

**PASTORAL 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**

This very day you and I are called to a sweet labor of generosity, healing, and peace. Let us bring our gifts, so that the ministry of Shiloh UCC may be a growing, vibrant witness to God’s love. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise!

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

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We recognize that the greatest gift in the world is the gift of love. May our offerings distribute this love to everyone: the small world we inhabit with the suffering people we know; the larger world where the power of love is sorely needed. In Jesus’ holy name we pray. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN..... *"This Is My Father's World"..... See Page 7*

This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world:  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world:  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
The battle is not done,  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heav'n be one. Amen

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: God's love for you is real and alive in your hearts today. Go in peace, knowing that the Lord of Love and Life is with you. Bring God's peace to all you meet, this day and all your days.

All: Amen

POSTLUDE:..... *"Hail The Lord of All Creation"..... Ritter*

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

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret Elizabeth Ross' birthday on July 13 by Jennifer and Martin Hershner.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God by the family of Harry Jacoby and in honor of our church family here at Shiloh UCC, for all of your love, caring, and support during this difficult time of his passing.
- **LITURGIST:** Dani Bentzel
- **USHERS:** Sara Jacoby and Gail Chronister
- **GREETERS:** Keith and Elaine Krout
- **NURSERY DUTY:** Volunteers needed
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Reen Bentzel, Dani Bentzel, Lew Wallace, Matt Hildebrecht, Sallie Hagerman, Jaron Flickinger

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Morning Prayer** (<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/franciscan-spirit-blog/talking-to-god-morning-prayers>)

Good morning, Lord! I offer to you my day, All of my joys and my sufferings, my cares and my concerns, my accomplishments and my failures. All that I have, all that I do, is yours. Keep me in your care. Guard me in my actions. Teach me to love, and help me to turn to you throughout the day. The world is filled with temptations. As I move through my day, keep me close. May those I encounter feel your loving presence. Lord, be the work of my hands and my heart. Amen.



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**Evening Prayer**

Dear God, as I lay me down to sleep, relax the tension of my body; calm the restlessness of my mind; still the thoughts which worry and perplex me. Help me to rest myself and all my problems in your strong and loving arms. Let your Spirit speak to my mind and heart while I am asleep, so that, when I wake up in the morning, I may find that I have received in the night-time, light for my way; strength for my tasks; peace for my worries; forgiveness for my sins. Grant me sleep tonight, and tomorrow strength to live. In Jesus' name we 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, Richard Gruver, Rosabel Bentzel, Donna Robertson, Randy Reisinger

**THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES**

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



We are now 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 church is looking for volunteers to make **prayer shawls** which are given to our shut-ins. Please contact **Karen Bupp** at 717-292-2821 for instructions for either knitting or crocheting a shawl. Your assistance would be appreciated!



**Volunteers** are needed to help in the **nursery** during service. Child abuse clearances are required. If you are interested, please contact Maira in the office.

**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.



**GROCERY GIFT CARDS = CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH.** Weis and Giant grocery gift cards are available for purchase in the gallery. 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.

**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	<b>Worship</b>
MON		NO Consistory this month
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
SUN	9:15	<b>Worship</b>



**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 87**

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