

# 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

JULY 18, 2021

9:15 AM

### MEDITATION

*“It seems to me that in joining a church you leave home and home town to join a larger world. The whole world is your new neighborhood and all who dwell therein – black, white, yellow, red, stuffed and starving, smart and stupid, mighty and lowly, criminal and self-respecting, American or Russian – all become your sisters and brothers in the new family formed in Jesus. By joining a church, you declare your individuality in the most radical way in order to affirm community on the widest possible scale.”*

*William Sloane Coffin, from Credo (pages 142-143)*

**THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP . . . . .** *“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”*. . . . . Thyngerson

### WELCOME AND CONCERNS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, out of your busy lives to a quiet time and place.

**All: Our souls thirst for some peace and quiet.**

One: Come, and rest in the Lord who will restore your souls.

**All: Our lives need moments of rest.**

One: Come and find the quiet center. Come, be at peace.

**All: Praise God who offers us spiritual shelter and calming place.**

#### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Lord, we gather here this morning with lives that are filled with activity and movement. We rush from one thing to another as though we are going to run out of time. But with you we will live forever. Help us remember eternity. Help us let go of stress and find our rest in you. Relax our mind and body, and refresh our souls, that we might smell the roses this summer. Remind us to rest in you, and trust the holy guidance you provide. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN . . . . . *“How Firm a Foundation”* . . . . . # 407

### CALL TO CONFESSION

**You know us, Lord. We make commitments to take time to refresh our souls and then we quickly crowd our lives with activities to the point of exhaustion. We turn to you for spiritual food, asking you to give us your essence that we may be sustained in the time of trial. Forgive us our sin, Lord. Create in us a new heart, and turn us from our bad habits. Receive what we have, our gifts, and our needs. The world abounds with your miracles of love and hope. You know us, Lord. You know every sin and every saintly deed. Open our eyes to see the unity of your love, that we may turn from our ways, and delight in you once again. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Cease your fearful fretting! God's love is lavished upon you. It is always there for you, offering healing and hope. Rest in God's love. **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.**

**PIANO SOLO BY JESSIE SECHRIEST.** . . . . . *“Room At The Cross For You”*. . . . . Arr. By Bock

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Second Lesson: Psalm 89:20-37

Third Lesson: Mark 6:30-44

**SERMON**

“Food For Thought”

**\*HYMN** . . . . . *“Dear God, Embracing Humankind”*. . . . . # 502

**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**

God’s beautiful creation overflows with water, sunlight, and the rich, dark soil to grow our food. When we share the fruits of this earth, there is more than enough for all: there is a table of plenty set by a God who loves every one of us. At this table, all are fed and still there are gifts overflowing into the world God loves. Our giving supports this ministry that God is growing stronger each day. 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**

**Loving God, you have cared to make us your family. You have cared to show us your love. You have given us your guidance and provided for us according to our need. We make this offering in gratitude, and pray that you use us, and these gifts of your church, to further the gathering, redeeming work of Christ in the world. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN.** . . . . . *“Near to the Heart of God”*. . . . . See Page 7

**BENEDICTION**

You have been given every good gift for proclaiming God’s presence and God’s love. The world is thirsting for this good news. People are hungry for words of hope and peace. As you have been blessed, now go to be a blessing in God’s Name. **AMEN.**

**POSTLUDE:** . . . . . *“God is My Strong Salvation”*. . . . . Martin

***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 grandson Drew's 11th birthday by Julia and Marlyn Hahn.
- **THE PINK ROSES** on the windowsills are in celebration of Julene Bechtel's 85th birthday with love from Stephanie and Richard Berkheimer.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of Julene Bechtel's 85th Birthday. With love from Rick, Steph and family.
- **LITURGIST:** Jackson Reiber
- **USHERS:** Pat & Nelson Roth
- **GREETERS:** Jay and Joyce Mummert
- **NURSERY DUTY:** Tim and Katie Bentzel
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Sallie Hagerman, Jaron Flickinger, Reen Bentzel, Dani Bentzel, Lew Wallace, Matt Hildebrecht

### PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

#### Morning Prayer (David Mathis)

Lord, thank you for your abundant, abounding grace. Thank you that we don't have to earn a drop of the mighty river of grace that flows freely for us today. Thank you for the unexpected, unmerited favor you've showered on my life. Help me put myself in the path of your love and grace. Help me not neglect the disciplines I need to meet with you regularly and to drink from the water of life. Thank you for your rich love. Amen.



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#### Evening Prayer (Mary Duncan)

Jesus, tender shepherd, hear me.  
 Bless this little lamb tonight.  
 Through the darkness be down near me,  
 Keep me safe till morning light. Amen.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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, Herb Groff

### THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

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



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!

Our missionary Sally Jane Johnson will be visiting Shiloh from August 19th through September 13th. She will be preaching at Shiloh UCC on Sunday Sept 5th. If you would like Sally to join any of your group meetings or invite her for dinner, please contact the church office to get on her calendar. It has been several years since she has been here and she is excited to come and reconnect with old and new friends.



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.



**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 **Worship**  
 MON 8-12 ELC Camp (All week – 100)  
 WED 5:30 TOPS (100)  
 THUR 6:30 NA Group (100)  
 SUN 9:15 **Worship**



**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 82**

**THE CHURCH STAFF**

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