

# 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

AUGUST 15, 2021

9:15 AM

#### MEDITATION

*"Patience is the companion of wisdom."*

*Augustine (354 – 430)*

**THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP** . . . . . *"God Leads Us Along"*. . . . . Leatherman

#### WELCOME AND CONCERNS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, give thanks to the Lord with all your heart and soul!

**All: We come, rejoicing over God's many blessings poured out on us!**

One: God's works are great!

**All: We delight in learning about them.**

One: Respect for God and all that God offers to us is the beginning of wisdom.

**All: With gratefulness, we shall praise and honor God all our lives. Let us worship God!**

#### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O Lord our God,  
though we are as little children,  
not fully able to discern the spiritual forces  
coming in and out of our lives,  
you have chosen us as your people

Give your servants understanding minds  
to discern between the good and evil  
surrounding us each day,  
that we may choose what is good and pleasing  
in your sight. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### \*HYMN . . . . . *"We Worship You, God"* . . . . . # 26

1. We worship you, God; your power and your love Are blazoned abroad, around, and above. Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise	2. We tell of your might, we sing of your grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space Your chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form And broad is your path on the wings of the storm.
3. The earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your power has founded of old. Established it fast by a changeless decree And round it you cast, like a mantle, the sea.	4. Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light. It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
	5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In you do we trust, nor find you to fail; Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: Lord, we have lived as unwise people.

**All: God, forgive us for wasting time.**

One: We have been foolish.

**All: Jesus, forgive us for not understanding your will.**

One: We have filled ourselves with the wine of worldliness.

**All: Holy Spirit, forgive us for not being filled with you.**

One: We have forsaken your spiritual food.

**All: Great Triune God of grace, forgive us for not drawing our strength from Your holy presence. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

The Lord is gracious to us and gentle.

The Lord heals our souls with love.

The Lord is merciful,

providing spiritual food for the hungry.

Be healed in your hearts and be fed in your souls

by the forgiveness found in Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Lesson: Ephesians 5:15-20

Second Lesson: Proverbs 9:1-6

Third Lesson: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

**SERMON**

“Be Careful What You Wish For”

\*HYMN.....“Be Now My Vision”..... # 451

1. Be now my vision, O God of my heart Nothing surpasses the love you impart You my best thought, by day or by night Waking or sleeping, your presence my light	2. Be now my wisdom, and be my true word Ever within me, my soul is assured Mother and Father, you are both to me Now and forever, your child I will be.
3. Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise You, my inheritance, now and always You and you only are first in my heart Great God, my treasure, may we never part	4. Sovereign of heaven, my victory won May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun Heart of my own heart, whatever befall Still be my vision, O ruler of all

**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 provides in every age, in every generation, and in our own day. Now we give back a portion of what God has given us so that we might work with God through the ministry of Shiloh UCC. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

**\*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.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Giver of all good things, may our gifts honor you this morning, inspiring us to give more, do more, be more of your presence in this suffering and struggling world. May our actions today say more about you than us. Magnify these gifts far beyond their material worth, according to the spirit in which they are given. Bless us to your service in our giving and receiving. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** ..... “*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*” ..... # 290

<p>1 Spirit of God, descent upon my heart, wean it from earth, through all its pulses move. Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are, and make me love you as I ought to love.</p>	<p>2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.</p>
<p>3 Have you not bid us love you, everyway All, all your own; soul, heart, and strength and mind; I see the cross - there teach my heart to stay: O let me seek you and O let me find!</p>	<p>4 Teach me to feel that you are always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear, to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.</p>
	<p>5 Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame: The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove; my heart an altar, and your love the flame.</p>

**BENEDICTION**

Filled to the brim with the wisdom of God; the love of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, go now in peace to serve God in all that you think, do, and say. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE:** ..... “*Sing Joyfully To God*” ..... Powell

***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 Dale Hoffman by his Wife Mary and Family.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving thoughts and wishes to our God Children and their families; Michael Steward, Melissa Bridge, Melinda Fink, Matt Steward and mother, Julia Steward by Dick and Helen Hodgson.
- **LITURGIST:** Mark Miller
- **USHERS:** Keith and Elaine Krout
- **GREETERS:** John & Mary Reiber
- **NURSERY DUTY:** Reen and Jim Bentzel Jr.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Sallie Hagerman, Jaron Flickinger, Reen Bentzel, Dani Bentzel, Lew Wallace, Matt Hildebrecht

**PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Sandy Barnes, Julene Bechtel, Margie Behler, Jim Bentzel Sr., Rosabel Bentzel, Oscar Bupp, Helen Byers, Mary Emma Elicker, Herb Groff, Richard Gruver, Milton Hoak, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Mary Rodgers, Charlotte Rohrbagha, Vanessa Seifarth, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Elva Winter.

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

## Morning Prayer

Loving God, what a blessing it is to be in your presence. Today I bring before you the names of those who are struggling with loss, with illness, with depression, with addiction, with alienation from those that they love. Be with each of them. Lay your hand of healing gently over their lives and pour out your balm of peace on them. Help me to reach out, to be of service in Jesus' name. Lord, I also bring to you situations of celebration: birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, family gatherings, special occasions which lift us up and remind us of the goodness that there is in life. Breathe your spirit into these wonderful events that all who gather may rejoice and celebrate the blessings you have given them. In Jesus' name. AMEN



## Evening Prayer

Holy God, I can barely lift my eyes to you. It's all I can do to cry out for help. Please extend your grace to me. Help me to see that you are present here and that you are with me. Help me to remember that you are not surprised or taken off guard by the events of this day. Forgive me for my fears and worries. Forgive me for how I have complained and muttered about how hard this day has been. Forgive me for forgetting that you are with me. Forgive me for forgetting who I am because of what your Son, Jesus Christ, has done. Forgive me for failing to remember the glorious truths and riches I have because of the gospel. Lord, hear my prayer. Grant me gospel hope and help me to cling to your grace, your wisdom, and your strength. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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## 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 Behler Family.

Please be advised that effective **August 22**, Shiloh UCC will return to the previous Covid-19 restrictions due to York's high transmission rate of the new Delta variant. Members will be required to social distance. Face coverings are highly recommended. If you or any of your family/friends have recently tested positive or haven't been feeling well, please consider staying home. We will continue to record and/or stream the services for those who can't attend.



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.

**Sally Jane Johnson and Hearts and Hands for Jesus** will be preparing and serving lunch for York Giving Helping Hands on **Saturday Sept 4th**. On **Friday Sept 3rd** we will be making 150 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and baked ziti. Anyone who would like to help prepare the lunch can come to **Room 100 at 5:30**. Everyone is also welcome to help serve the meal on Saturday the 4th. **We will meet at the York Transit station at the corner of Market and Pershing Streets at 11:30.**



Informal Choir rehearsals will begin on August 12<sup>th</sup> this year, because there is a need to get our voices acclimated to singing again. We will have rehearsals on Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the Choir Room, singers from all Choirs (any age) are welcome as well as any new singers. We will be exercising our voices to get them back in shape, so this is a perfect time to come and join one of our Choirs or Men's Chorus. Please prayerfully consider joining one of our choirs, and if singing is not your thing we are also looking for new Hand bell Choir members. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Limbert. Thank you & looking forward to seeing you!

The Women's Guild will be meeting again on **August 30 at 1 p.m. in room 202.** The program will be from our study book *Bad Girls of the Bible*. Chapter Seven: Knockin' on Heaven's Door – Rehab: Bad for a Season, but Not Forever. Julia Hahn will be leading this chapter. We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.



Beginning **September 12**, we will be having two services. The first one is at **8:30 a.m. and the second one is at 11:00 a.m.** If you are on one of the volunteer lists, Maira will be contacting you to inquire which of the two services you will be attending. As a reminder, our September 12 services will include communion as well.

**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**
- TUES Pastor Melinda Vac thru Aug 31
- WED 7:30 Soup Prep
- 5:30 TOPS (100)
- THUR 6:30 NA Group (100)
- 7:00 Choirs
- SUN 9:15 **Worship/Guest Preacher, Tancrede LaMontagne**



**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 85**  
**THE CHURCH STAFF**

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Missionaries in Costa Rica .....	Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson
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