

**Welcome to this time of worship at
Shiloh United Church of Christ**

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AUGUST 23, 2020 – 9:15 AM

Our Mission Statement

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

CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL

by the people of God

gathered in the meeting house of Shiloh United Church of Christ

Meditation

“The happiness of love is in action; its test is what one is willing to do for others.”

~ Lew Wallace, Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ, 19th century

The Prelude to Christian Worship

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”Cruger

Welcome and Concerns

*Call to Worship

One: Life can be very difficult sometimes.

All: We look around and wonder where God is.

One: In the midst of our trials and tribulations, God is with us.

All: God surrounds us with love and courage.

One: Come, let us praise God for God’s abiding presence.

All: Lord God, thank you for always being with us, even when we don’t recognize your loving presence. Amen.

*Unison Prayer of Invocation

We thank you, O Lord, that we are not alone. You watch over us, guide us, and lead us in your righteous pathways.

When we stumble and fall, you lift us up and gently place us on the pathway again. When we doubt, you surround

us with your mercy and peace, reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and of our Savior, Jesus

Christ. Keep our hearts and minds open and ready to serve you, for we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”No. 43

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson: Psalm 138

Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

Gospel: Matthew: 16:13-20

Sermon

“Who is Jesus”

Solo by Stephanie Limbert
"In Christ Alone" Getty and Townend

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
(Offering plates are located next to the bulletins in the Narthex)

Invitation to the Offering

In gratitude for all that you have done for us and given to us, we return a portion of these gifts that they may be used in service to others. Let us receive our morning offering.

*Offertory Response "Doxology" No. 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. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, who always gives to each one of us the best, we thank you for this opportunity to share from our abundance. Bless these gifts, offered through the ministries and mission of this church. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn. "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" No. 433

*Benediction (1 Thess. 5:13-22)

One: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted;
Honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

The Postlude

"Sound The Trumpet, Praise The Lord!" Williams

*"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**
WED 5:30 TOPS (100)
THURS 6:30 NA Group (100)
SUN 9:15 **Worship**



Attendance last Sunday: 77

- THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Catherine and Oscar Bupp by Karen and Oscar Bupp.
- LITURGIST: Marsha Reiber

THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D. pastormelinda@shilohucc.com
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Prayers for the Week

Morning:

Holy God,
 Please enlighten my mind with truth;
 In flame my heart with love;
 Inspire my will with courage;
 Enrich my life with service.
 Pardon what I have been;
 Sanctify what I am;
 And order what I shall be.
 In Jesus' name. Amen

Evening:

Heavenly Father, my day is drawing to an end, and I'm ready to turn in. But before I do, I have to thank you for your faithfulness today. It's always a good day, even when things may not go the way I plan, or when the world seems in chaos, because you are in control. For all the times when I was aware of your help today, all the times when your unseen presence seemed so near, thank you, God. But for all the ways you worked behind the scenes, unknown to me, moments when heaven-sent angels moved on my behalf in ways I'll never know, thank you for those also, Lord. Forgive me for any foolish actions on my part today or things I did without first asking your blessing or wisdom. Those are moments I'd rather forget, but I'm so grateful for your forgiveness when I ask. Thank you for loving me just as I am. Your love compels me to give you my all and fills my heart with praise for the relationship we share because of Jesus. In His name I pray. Amen.



The listening devices are available for anyone that isn't comfortable sitting in the sanctuary during worship. You can listen to the service from the church parking lot in your car. If you are interested, please make arrangements with the office to sign one out. All the devices have an ear cord and a fresh battery. We ask that you replace the battery as needed (9-Volt). You may keep the device until you no longer need it.

Prayers for Our Community of Faith

Nancy Hamme, Betty Harper, Helen Luckenbaugh, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Jessie Fix, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Mary Jane Arnold, Helen Byers, Charles Smith, Mary Emma Elicker, Elmer Duttera, Catherine Lochman, Elona Ellis, Mary Ann Downs, Vanessa Seifarth, Bev Kirk, Julene Bechtel, Jim Bentzel Sr. Phil Myers, Joanne Overviller, Milton Hoak, Dottie Limbert, Donna Krone, Elva Winter, Mary Rodgers, Oscar Bupp, Bob and Margie Behler, Mildred Minck, Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Sandy Barnes, Staff and Residents at Providence Place, Brad Jacobs

Those Who Grieve for Their Loved Ones

The Carney Family, The Anderson Family, The Huntsman Family, The Perez and Rivera Family

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

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