

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

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SEPTEMBER 13, 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

“By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are.”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

The Prelude to Christian Worship

“Spirit of Faith, Come Down”.....Martin

Welcome and Concerns

***Call to Worship**

One: We welcome you! We welcome you who are weak and strong, poor and rich, old and young. We welcome all people, for diversity is valued by this spiritual community.

All: Christ Jesus welcomes all of us here.

One: We welcome sinners and saints, and those who are a bit of both. We welcome all people who are searching for God in this holy sanctuary.

All: God’s grace embraces all of us here.

One: Welcome to Shiloh UCC, where together with the help of the Holy Spirit we are creating a non-judgmental zone.

All: Together as a diverse community, let us worship God!

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Loving God, we thank you for this special time to reflect and to celebrate. We look backward now, over the years behind us, and see evidence of your leading. Help us to look ahead now in confidence that you will also provide for us in the future. Thank you for the friendships that have grown between us as we worshiped and worked together. May our congregation, Shiloh UCC, fulfill the purposes of your kingdom here on earth. Speak to us now, Gentle God, through melodies, Scripture, through meditations, and through your still speaking, but quiet. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Hymn

“Pues Si Vivimos (In All Our Living)”.....No. 499

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson: Psalm 114

Second Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

Third Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

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

God gives to us continually.
In each breath, we receive God’s spirit.
Responding to God’s generosity,
let us give back to God in thanksgiving and praise.

*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, you have honored us by calling us your church. In that calling you have promised to be our guide and our strength. As we look ahead we are deeply aware of our need for your presence. The tasks are large and the volunteers few. It would be easy for us to become weary, cynical, or bitter. Help us today to keep our eyes on Jesus, who has brought this church to the place it is today. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon us. We dedicate ourselves anew to Shiloh UCC, to your church universal, and to You, loving God. May we become a worthier instrument in the realization of your kingdom. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Hymn “How Great Thou Art”

*Benediction (Rom 15:13)

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. **Amen.**

The Postlude “All Praise To Thee, My God”Lau

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP is available on the sign-up sheet is in the narthex. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks prior** to your date to have your “Special” wording placed in the bulletin.



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

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.



PLEASE NOTE: *THE OFFICE CARPET WILL BE REPLACED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15. WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU NOT COME TO THE OFFICE DURING THIS TIME.

***OFFICE HOURS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 ARE 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM.**

Prayers for the Week

Morning:



Eternal God, I thank you for this day. Thank you for another opportunity to be lost in the wonder of who you are. I am amazed that not a sparrow falls without your notice, and I am moved to know that you care about the smallest details of our little lives and the lives of our neighbors. Thank you that your love is not restricted to those I deem worthy, but is generous and unconditional. I ask that the love of your Son, Jesus, would overflow from my heart and life into the hearts and lives of those I will see today. Move me to weep with those who weep, and to ache with those who are unemployed, hungry, ill, oppressed, powerless, or hopeless. Come alongside them through me, loving God, so that all may know your presence. I ask all these things through Jesus Christ, Your Son, and my Savior. Amen.

The Examen (Evening Reflection)

Written by St. Ignatius Loyola, the Examen is a daily process for prayerfully reflecting on your day.

1. Remember God's presence.

Even after a trying day, God will quiet your soul as you remember His presence and intentionally seek to enter into it. Remember He's with you. Invite Him to make Himself present to you.

2. Respond to Him with thanks.

Giving thanks gives God glory and helps us look on the bright side of a bad day. What small blessings can you thank God for?

3. Reflect on how God showed Himself to you.

God reveals himself through scripture, but we also see glimpses of him in nature, events, and people. Sometimes He shows up loudly through miraculous, divine intervention. Other times He shows Himself quietly through the beauty of a flower or an earnest conversation. As you look back over your day, can you identify moments where you sensed God's revelation or intervention?

4. Repent of your failings.

I don't like recognizing my own sin, but repentance is key to continual renewal in our relationship with God. As you reflect on your day, remember specific points where you failed. Bring your shortcomings before God and ask Him to forgive you.

5. Resolve to grow.

God is in the business of changing us, so don't let your failings discourage or define you. His mercies are always new. Accept His forgiveness. Ask Him for grace to change. Is there anything you need to make right or anyone you need to apologize to? What can you do differently tomorrow?

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



Engaging Women will resume meeting the **third Tuesday of the month, beginning Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m.** Weather permitting, we will be out on the lawn under the tree. Please bring a lawn chair. Should the weather not permit, we will meet in the Gallery, wearing masks and social distancing. Our discussion topic will be Hope. If you plan on attending please contact Sally Curren at 717-634-6353 or dgft25@hotmail.com.

Consistory is seeking additional **Ushers** to volunteer during Sunday worship services. A new list will be created with members who have been attending. Please contact Maira in the office or a member of Consistory if you are interested.



The 2020 Stewardship Challenge is to raise \$2020 for the organization called **Just For Today**. Their website is www.jft-rvss.org. The challenge began on **August 30 and will end on October 11**. You can use your regular offering and mark the "other" line as Stewardship Challenge or you may use any envelope and denote what the contribution is for. Please prayerfully consider supporting this worthwhile organization that supports veterans and others in recovery.



"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	9:00	ELC Classes Start
	7:00	Consistory (100)
TUE	6:30	Engaging Women (Gallery or lawn)
	6:30	Boy Scouts (100)
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
	5:30	TOPS (100)
THURS	6:15	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsals (Sanct.)
	6:30	NA Group (100)
SUN	9:15	Worship



Attendance last Sunday: 71

- THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in honor of Connie and Phillip Redman's 50th Wedding Anniversary by Romaine Walton.
- THE BULLETINS are dedicated to the glory of God and sponsored in honor of Grandparents Day and also a special thank you to everyone who worked very hard to make it possible for all of us to return to our Church Services in a safe and friendly environment. Thank you and God bless, Harry and Sara Jacoby.
- LITURGIST: Patti Goodyear

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