

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.”*

MEDITATION

“But the man who is not afraid to admit everything that he sees to be wrong with himself, and yet recognizes that he may be the object of God’s love precisely because of his shortcomings, can begin to be sincere. His sincerity is based on confidence, not in his own illusions about himself, but in the endless, unfailing mercy of God.”

— Thomas Merton, *No Man Is an Island*

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

8:30AM.....“*God’s Wondrous Grace*”..... Wilson
11:00AM.....“*His Strength is Perfect*”..... Chapman/Salley
11:00AM.....“*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*”..... Temple/Arr.Larson

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations.

All: God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.

One: We struggle and worry.

All: God’s loving presence sustains and strengthens us.

One: Listen for God’s call to you.

All: Lord, we are listening and seeking your guidance. Amen.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God, you create us and you rescue us. Be here with us now. Help us know how much we need you. Teach us that no other power can support us like your power. As you share your power with us, teach us to be Christ to the world, proclaiming your reign for all people. As you lavish your love upon us, help us receive that love and offer it to the world, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*HYMN“*This is the Day*” # 84

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord, we know that you call us to service, but we often feel inadequate. We love to make excuses for not doing something or for doing something only half-heartedly. Remind us again of your loving and guiding presence. Forgive us when we stumble and falter. Turn us again to you, serving joyfully and confidently. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Beloved Ones, you are the salty people - those who bring flavor to living. Your spirit of love and confidence gives hope to others. Remember that the Lord is always with you. Amen.

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (*Please wave to one another*)

When we are rescued from danger and trouble, we know the power of Jesus Christ.

When we are welcomed into the reign of God, we know the peace of Jesus Christ.

As those who are loved and welcomed, let us greet one another with signs of Christ’s peace.

Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.
The peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

CHILDREN’S TIME

***HYMN.**“*God is So Good*”(See Insert)

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

SERMON

“Handless in Heaven”

HYMN.“*I Was There*”# 351

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus Christ is with us in every circumstance, suffering with us when we are in trouble, and rejoicing with us when we are glad. The generosity of Christ calls us to lives of gratitude and generosity. In Jesus Christ we are given new life. Let us celebrate this life by giving generously to the work of God’s redeeming love.

CHANCEL CHOIR

8:30 AM.“*Tell It To Jesus/What a Friend*”Arr. Martin

DUET BY SHELLEY STEWART AND OLIVIA PITUCH

11:00AM.“*As the Deer*”Nystrom/Arr. Larson

***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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Giving God, we can never match your generosity. When we are in need, you are at our side, present to us even in our darkest moments. You rescue us from harm. Make us into a people who celebrate your goodness, drawing others into the celebration of your many blessings. Receive our offerings, even if they are as small as a drink for someone who thirsts. May these tangible gifts and all the intangible gifts we share make known to the world that God is within us and among us. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN.**“*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*”(See Insert)

BENEDICTION

Go in peace to serve the Lord. Remember the healing love that has taken place in your life. Be open to all the wonders and opportunities that God puts before you. Go in peace and may the peace of God go with you. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

8:30AM.“*My Rock, My Fortress*”Eliot

11:00AM.“*Where There is Faith*”Simon

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 children and grandchildren with much love, Jeanie and Don Bentzel.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Mary Reiber, **11:00AM:** Patti Goodyear
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** George & Jaron Flickinger, **11:00AM:** Joyce Mummert
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM: Volunteers needed, 11:00AM: Volunteers needed**
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** John & Mary Reiber **11:00AM: Volunteers needed**
- **MUSIC: 8:30AM:** Sandy Bamberger, **11:00AM:** Donna Seifarth, Shelley Steward & Olivia Pituch
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Lew Wallace, Matt Hildebrecht, Sallie Hagerman, Jaron Flickinger

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS, THE CHANCEL CHOIR, STEPHANIE, SANDY, DONNA, SHELLEY AND OLIVIA FOR PROVIDING THE WORSHIP MUSIC!

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (www.lightbook.org)

Lord Jesus, come with me, a new day has begun. You who have accepted the incarnation of infinite divine love, within the limits of family, village, and country, and in a routine human profession, come and guide me throughout this day! Let Your presence transform this day into a wonderful embodiment of Your great love! Come, meet those whom I meet on the roads, in the streets, and in the squares! In Your Holy name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (faithfulchristian.net)

"When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet." Proverbs 3:24

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for this evening. All through the day, you have interceded on my behalf. Thank you for your mercies. Now, I put all my troubles and worries in your hands. Take away my pain and bring hope to my mind. I ask for a sound sleep tonight. Let me sleep like a baby and wake up in good health. Lord, I ask for protection for my family members and friends. Only in you, I have everlasting hope and calming peace. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Oscar Bupp, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Mary Rodgers, Vanessa Seifarth, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Elva Winter.

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Hamme Family, The Limbert/Crone Family, The Behler Family, The Elicker Family, The Burg/Missinger Family.



The **Women's Guild** will be meeting on **October 4** in room 202 at 1:00 p.m. The program will be from our study book ***Bad Girls of the Bible. Chapter Eight: Friends in Low Places – Jezebel: Bad to the Bone.*** Susan Reidy will be leading this chapter. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*



Engaging Women will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** They will continue with the book called "The Power of a Woman's Words," by Sharon Jaynes.

The **Crop Walk** will be held on **Sunday October 10th at 2:30 pm at Sunset Lane Park**. We will walk for as long as we want to. I will have more information about money that is raised closer to the actual date and updates will be provided in the bulletin. If you would like to participate or donate please notify Nathan Limbert



The youth of Shiloh UCC will be holding a **Trunk or Treat** event on **Sunday Oct 24th from 2-3 in the Shiloh UCC parking lot**. We need adults to come and give out treats to our Early Learning Center students. Come and decorate your car trunk and hand out treats to our trick or treaters!!



During the month of **October**, the **Women's Guild**, in cooperation with Sunday School, will be having a special collection to support the needs of the residents and staff of "**New Life for Girls**" which is a residential ministry for women with drug and alcohol related problems. Due to ongoing Covid-19 concerns, our support will be limited to monetary contributions again this year. Donations will be used to repair and enhance the safety of the agencies residential buildings. **The deadline to donate is October 31**. Church members can use the "other" line on their offering envelope and designate **New Life For Girls**. Sunday School classes and other groups may give their donation

directly to the church treasurer, Natalie Fuhrman.

This years **Stewardship Challenge** is to raise enough money to "buy a farm" through Heifer International. We would like to buy chicks, ducks, honeybees, one sheep, one pig, one goat, one water buffalo, and one heifer. **The total cost for those animals is \$1180**. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's challenge and put your donation in your regular offering envelope or any envelope and mark it Stewardship Challenge. **The challenge will end on October 10th** before our many other holiday outreach projects begin.



Please contact the office if you're interested in **sponsoring bulletins**. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks prior** your desired date to have your "Special" wording placed in the bulletin. The following dates are still available:

NOVEMBER: 14 & 21

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	8:30 & 11	Worship/ Youth Sunday School & SOS Group begins
TUES	6:30	Boy Scouts (100)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
THUR	10:00	Outreach Committee (202)
	6:30	NA Group (100)
	7:00	Choirs
FRI	5:00	Wedding Rehearsal
SAT	2:00	Ferree Wedding
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/World Communion Sunday/NIN



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 102

8:30 SERVICE: 69

11:00 SERVICE: 33

THE CHURCH STAFF

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