

# 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** - *“Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.” ~Mother Teresa*

### THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

8:30AM.....“For Communion” ..... Eliot

### WELCOME AND CONCERNS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the midst of struggle and strife, God is with us.

**All: Praise be to God for God’s steadfast presence.**

One: Even though many things in life hurt and disappoint us, God is with us.

**All: We seek God’s mercy and grace to heal our wounded souls.**

One: Come, bring your needs and wants to God, for he will hear your cries and restore your souls.

**All: Praise be to God for mercy, peace, and hope. Let us worship God!**

#### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, we come to you today with so many things on our hearts. You call us to be in mature relationships of trust, and you offer healing and hope. Help us to be open to your spiritual opportunities. For we ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

#### \*HYMN .....“All Things Bright and Beautiful” ..... # 31

All things bright and beautiful All creatures great and small All things wise and wonderful our dear God made them all.  Each little flower that opens Each little bird that sings God made their glowing colors And made their tiny wings	All things bright and beautiful All creatures great and small All things wise and wonderful our dear God made them all.  The purpled mountains The rivers running by The sunset and the morning That brightens up the sky	All things bright and beautiful All creatures great and small All things wise and wonderful our dear God made them all.  The cold wind in the winter The pleasant summer sun The ripe fruits in the garden God made them every one  All things bright and beautiful All creatures great and small All things wise and wonderful our dear God made them all.
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### CHILDREN’S TIME

#### \*HYMN .....“What a Friend We Have In Jesus” ..... # 506

What a friend we have in Jesus All our sins and griefs to bear And what a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer Oh, what peace we often forfeit Oh, what needless pain we bear All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer	Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged Take it to our God in prayer Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness Take it to our God in prayer	Are we weak and heavy laden, Burdened with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge, Take it to our God in prayer! Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to our God in prayer! Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to our God in prayer!
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**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

Psalm 26  
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-1

**CHAMBER CHOIR**

11:00. ....“*One World, One Communion*”.....Choplin  
Job 1:1, 2:1-10

**SERMON**

“When Bad Things Happen to Good People”

\*HYMN ..... “*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (VS 1 & 4)*” .....# 286

<p>Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free, Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea. 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing; “Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”</p>	<p>Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free, Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea. 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise</p>
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**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**

In communion with one another, let us share what we have received, knowing that we are one flesh with all humanity.

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

8:30. ....“*Holy Manna*”..... Atkins/Arr. Raney

\*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. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Our gratitude for life and its gifts overflows, O God, into the giving of ourselves. We offer you what we have and what we are. Now take these gifts and use them to bless others. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**  
*(All are welcome to partake of communion)*

**\*HYMN OF COMMUNION.** . . . . . “*Let Us Break Bread Together*” . . . . . # 330

<b>1 Let us break bread together on our knees.</b> Let us break bread together on our knees.	<b>Refrain:</b> When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, My God have mercy on me.
<b>2 Let us drink wine together on our knees.</b> Let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]	<b>3 Let us praise God together on our knees.</b> Let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH– THE APOSTLES’ CREED** . . . . . #881

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.	believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting Amen.
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**INVITATION**

One: Jesus Christ said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**All: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

One: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God’s people.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

One: Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

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

Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.

The peace of God be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*HYMN. . . . . "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let there Be Peace on Earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God our Creator  
Children all are we  
Let us walk with each other  
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment and live  
Each moment in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*To demonstrate our unity in Christ, we will take the elements together. Please open the cup containing the bread first, then please open the juice. Thank you!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN. . . . . "In the Bulb There is a Flower" . . . . . # 433

In the bulb, there is a flower In the seed, an apple tree In cocoons, a hidden promise Butterflies will soon be free In the cold and snow of winter There's a spring that waits to be Unrevealed until its season Something God alone can see	There's a song in every silence Seeking word and melody There's a dawn in every darkness Bringing hope to you and me From the past will come the future What it holds, a mystery Unrevealed until its season Something God alone can see	In our end is our beginning In our time, infinity In our doubt, there is believing In our life, eternity In our death, a resurrection At the last, a victory Unrevealed until its season Something God alone can see
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BENEDICTION

May you care for those who are left out, may you comfort those who are lonely, and may you never be left out or lonely yourself. And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now, be in your homes and in your families and with all those whom you love and for whom you pray, now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

8:30AM. . . . . "Fanfare on St. Thomas" . . . . . Wagner  
11:00AM. . . . . "Open Up Your Heart" . . . . . Hamblen-Bock/ Arr. Hamblen

***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 my wife Phyllis Hoover by Chris, Robert and Mark Hoover.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of our son Eric and Kate Ferree's marriage on October 2.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Jim Bentzel, **11:00AM:** Bob Limbert
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Volunteers needed, **11:00AM:** Helen & Dick Hodgson
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Bart & Gerry Funkhouser, **11:00AM:** Linda Little
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Reen & Jim Bentzel, **11:00AM** Volunteers needed
- **MUSIC: 8:30AM: Sandy Bamberger, 11:00AM: Jessie Sechriest**
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Lew Wallace, Matt Hildebrecht, Sallie Hagerman, Jaron Flickinger

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS, STEPHANIE, THE CHANCEL AND CHAMBER CHOIRS AND OUR MUSICIANS, SANDY AND JESSIE, FOR PROVIDING THE WORSHIP MUSIC THIS SUNDAY!**

## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

### Morning Prayer ([www.davidtorkington.com](http://www.davidtorkington.com))

O God come to my aid O Lord make haste to help me. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.  
O God you are my God for you I long; For you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like dry weary land without water.  
(Psalm 62)

### Evening Prayer ([www.davidtorkington.com](http://www.davidtorkington.com))

Lord, help me to put aside everything that has fragmented me throughout this day, if only for a few moments. Teach me how to be still and come to know that you are my God, not just with my head, but with every feeling in every fiber of my being. Then, let me experience something of “the peace that surpasses the understanding”, to draw me together again in you and in Jesus Christ Our Lord. 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.*

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.



**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 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.

*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”*

## HOMEWOOD AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

During The month of October and November we will be accepting memberships for the Homewood Auxiliary at Plumcreek for a \$3.00 donation per person or \$5.00 per couple. You will receive a quarterly newsletter with updates from all the Homewood sites. Please see Pat Roth or Shirley Lohmann for a membership till the end of November.

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 10<sup>th</sup>.**



### THIS WEEK

SUN	8:30 & 11	<b>Worship/World Communion Sunday/NIN</b>
MON	1:00	Women’s Guild (202)
	5:00	ELC Board (100)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	7:00	Worship & Music (202)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
THUR	10:30	Shiloh Home Ec (202)
	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Hand bell Choirs
	7:00	Chamber Choirs
	7:30	Chancel Choirs
SUN	8:30 & 11	<b>Worship/Harvest Home Sunday</b>



**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 101**  
**8:30 SERVICE: 61**  
**11:00 SERVICE: 40**

#### THE CHURCH STAFF

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**Thursdays 9:00 AM-11:30 AM & 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM.**

Director of Music..... Stephanie Limbert  
 Organist .....Sandra Bamberger  
 Missionaries in Costa Rica ..... Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson  
 Early Learning Center Director ..... Allison Hartnett  
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