

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

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SEPTEMBER 27, 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

“It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err.”
— **Mahatma Gandhi**

The Prelude to Christian Worship “At The Name of Jesus Every Knee Shall Bow”Zundel

Welcome and Concerns

***Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 25)**

One: Jesus has called us here this day.

All: We are here, although for some of us it was not an easy choice.

One: Often what we say and do are very different.

All: Almighty God, help us follow your will, not with lip service, but with true humility.

One: Come, now is the time to worship.

All: Now is the time of healing, restoration, and hope. Let us worship God!

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Holy and compassionate God, to you we lift up our souls, to you we offer our praise and prayer, our worship and thanksgiving, even our very lives. Make your ways known to us. May your comforting presence at this service change the paths we take. Show us your ways and teach us through your Spirit, for you alone are the God who saves, the God in whom we trust, and the One on whom we wait. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Hymn “When Morning Gilds The Skies” No. 86

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Second Lesson: Psalm 25:1-9

Third Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

Sermon “Imitatio Christi”

Hand Bell Choir "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"Herren/ Arr. Larson

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

Paul exhorts: Let each of us look not to our own interests, but to the interests of others. In so doing, we share the mind of Christ. May we share generously of our gifts, and dedicate ourselves to lives of services and compassion as we gather today's 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

God of overflowing abundance, when your people suffered from thirst, you brought water from a rock to satisfy their need. From the rock of your love, Holy One our blessings flow like ever-flowing streams. Receive our thanks and praise for your many gifts. Receive also our hearts, our hands, our dreams, our industry, and our love. May our gifts draw us closer to you and to one another, that we might all share the love and mind of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn "There Is a Name I Love to Hear"No. 52

*Benediction (*Philippians 1*)

Go bravely and boldly into this world of confusion and pain. Bring God's healing words of love and forgiveness. Know the power of mercy and grace in your life, and use those wonderful gifts to serve God by serving the people. Go in peace. **Amen.**

The Postlude "Teach Me Thy Way, Lord" Clarke

Prayers for the Week



Morning: (*Attributed to Augustine of Hippo, 354-430*)

Loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn towards you is to rise, and to stand before you is to live forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our work, your help; in all our uncertainties, your guidance; in all our dangers, your protection; and in all our sorrows, your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Evening Prayer: (Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

Bless us with rest tonight, Jesus, and a good night's sleep. Forgive us for the things we did today that did not honor you. Thank you for loving us so much and that you know us through and through. We need your help every day, and we thank you for the strength you give and for helping us know that with you, even hard things are possible. Bless our family and our home, and keep us safe through the night. May your angels guard us and watch over us, just like you promised. Thank you for your good plan for our lives. Help us to obey you and love you more and more. When we awake in the morning, put a smile on our face and your purpose in our hearts, ready to start a new day. We love you, Jesus. Good night. Amen.

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, Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Sandy Barnes, Staff and Residents at Providence Place

Those Who Grieve for Their Loved Ones

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




During the month of **October**, the **Women's Guild**, through the Sunday School, will be having a special collection to support the needs of the residents of "**New Life for Girls**." New Life for Girls is a residential ministry for women with drug and alcohol related problems. Due to Covid-19 concerns, our support will be limited to monetary contributions. Please use the "other" line on your offering envelope and designate **New Life For Girls**. The deadline to donate is **October 25**.

Please do not use the comcastbiz.net email for the church office or Pastor Melinda. It will be discontinued in January. You can continue to use Office@shilohucc.com and PastorMelinda@shilohucc.com.



Please consider the following guidelines if you plan on attending **Worldwide Communion on Sunday, October 4**.

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- Members of the Altar Guild will prepare the elements using individual plastic cups with lids. Masks and gloves will be worn during the preparation.
 - Distribution of the elements will occur prior to the service. Where you are seated will determine how you receive the elements.
 - Sanctuary – elements will be placed in the hymnal racks.
 - Narthex /Gallery/Room 100– elements can be found on trays on the tables, please pick them up before you are seated.
 - After the communion portion of the service, you can put the lids on the cups, and return them to the hymnal rack or sit them on the floor under your chair. They will be collected after everyone is dismissed.

Consistory members will be available to help if assistance is needed.

As a reminder, Consistory is seeking additional **Ushers and or Greeters** 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 **Women's Guild** will finally meet after a long absent **on October 5** in the church sanctuary at 1:00 p.m. Please be advised we will social distance and wear masks. We will complete our study book on *Growing Older & Wiser, Lifelong Trust*. Hopefully, we can relate to the past couple of months with the review of this lesson. Norene Edgar will be leading our study. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*



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.

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.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

The back parking lot parallel to School Street will be blocked off to allow the ELC more room to social distance during the week. Visitors should use the main entrance to gain access to the church. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

*“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
	3:00	Pastor Melinda Installation
MON	6:30	Worship & Music (100)
TUES	6:30	Boy Scouts (100)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (100)
	4:30	Church Women United (202)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
THURS	6:15	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsals (Sanct.)
	6:30	NA Group (100)
SUN	9:15	Worldwide Communion Sunday
	11:00	Drive Through Pet Blessing (portico)



Attendance last Sunday: 72

- Guest Preacher – Tancrede LaMontagne
- THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in honor and appreciation of the church school teachers, officers, pianists, choristers and helpers for their dedication by Jeanie and Don Bentzel.
- THE BULLETINS are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of our granddaughter, Amelia Marion Bentzel’s 5th birthday on October 5th by Jim and Reen Bentzel.
- LITURGIST: James Baker

THE CHURCH STAFF

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