



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

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*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 gap between the committed and the indifferent is a Sahara whose faint trails, followed by the mind's eye only,
fade out in sand".*
- Nadine Gordimer /South African writer 20th century/

The Prelude to Christian Worship *"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"* Smith

Welcome and Concerns

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

One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust.

All: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.

One: Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.

All: Good and upright is the Lord; he leads the humble in what is right.

One: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
Come, let us worship the Lord!

All: Let us worship our Everlasting God!

***Invocation**

**As in days of old, Creator God,
we come to look for your signs of covenant promises.
Like the rainbow days of Noah, we see and know your signs
and hear your voice again
directing us to the places of preparation
and transformation in our lives and in our world.
Thank you God for your covenant signs in this season of Lent. Amen.**

Hymn *"Forty Days and Forty Nights"* No. 205
(Link https://hymnary.org/text/forty_days_and_forty_nights_thou_wast)

Call to Confession

Sisters and Brothers, in our daily lives we need the gift of the season of Lent.
These 40 days can help us restore right relationships with God and with others.
This is a fine time to focus, clear our hearts and minds of distractions, re-orient and restore our whole selves.
May God be with us. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Creating and Renewing God.

**In this Lenten season we need the opportunity
to clear our eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy.**

**Help us get our mind off our distractions, obsessions and self-pity
so that we don't feel helpless.**

Help us to start over.

Re-orient our hearts

**so that we may fill our whole selves
with life-affirming activities and thoughts.**

May we be in right relationship with you and all your creation.

**May we find courage and clarity to do
works of justice and compassion
which make daily life bearable for many.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Acknowledging God's Grace

Brothers and Sisters,

God hears our prayers and, even in our human frailty,
promises to be with us in the wilderness times.

Observe, find comfort, and offer with courage
to restore and build relationships among God's people.

Experience a new and renewed sense of hope.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Sharing the Blessing of Christ's Peace *(Please wave to one another)*

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's Peace

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17

Second Lesson: Psalm 25:1-10

Third Lesson: Mark 1:9-15

Sermon

"The Lenten Journey"

Chamber Choir "*Lenten Meditation*" Althouse

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

Psalm 25:10 reminds us,
"All the paths of God are steadfast love and faithfulness
for those who keep God's covenant and decrees."
Our church's ministries are extensions of God's love
and faithfulness made possible through the generous giving
of our time, energy, and money.
With love let us offer our gifts to God.

***Offertory Response** "Doxology"No. 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 of Gifts and Self**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe. From your hands we receive all that we need, often before we even know how to ask. Along with our thanks, we return to you a portion of these gifts. Let them be used in Jesus' name to serve those in need, that whatever good works these gifts accomplish might glorify you. Amen.

Hymn "*The Old Rugged Cross*" No. 195

(Link: https://hymnary.org/text/on_a_hill_far_away_stood_an_old_rugged)

***Benediction**

Walk in the paths of steadfast love and faithfulness.
Dwell under the rainbow of God's love.
Proclaim the good news of God, for God's realm is near. **Amen.**

The Postlude "*My Soul Waits in Silence*"Shea

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert R. Reisinger by Randy, Deb and Tyler Reisinger.
- **LITURGIST:** Carol Burns

~WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!~

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Nancy Hamme, Helen Luckenbaugh, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Helen Byers, Mary Emma Elicker, Catherine Lochman, Mary Ann Downs, Vanessa Seifarth, Bev Kirk, Julene Bechtel, Jim Bentzel Sr. Phil Myers, Joanne Overmiller, 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, Audrey Gerber, Richard Gruver, Rosabel Bentzel, Donna Robertson

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Minck Family, The Fix Family, The Harper Family, The Arnold Family, The Krout Family, The Harman Family, The Duttera Family, The Ellis Family, The Smith Family

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (by Traci Miles)

Dear Lord,

Help me remember what a difference it makes when I make time with You a priority in my morning. Awaken me in body and spirit each day with a desire to meet with You and to hear You speak words of affirmation, assurance and wisdom in my heart as I prepare to go into my day. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Evening Prayer (by Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

Oh Lord, sometimes my insides feel like a battle zone, where missiles are falling too close to home. Other times I'm caught in an endless storm, with thoughts flying out of control. Confusion reigns, and defeat creeps in to steal my joy. I need your peace—the deep-down-in-your-heart kind that stays with me day and night and speaks confidently into the wind. Calm my anxious spirit, Lord; all the attacking "if-onlys" and "what-ifs" fill me with needless worry. I know that trust is a big part of experiencing peace and that fear has no place in my life. Most of the things I worry about or dread don't even happen. So I'm declaring my trust in you. I'm releasing the reins of my life again and asking you to take control. I may need to pray this same prayer daily, but I'm tired of the frenzy of life that leaves my schedule and my thoughts without any margin. I need more of you, Lord, and less of me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Women's Guild will try to meet **March 1 at 1:00 p.m. in room 100**. Please be advised we will social distance and wear masks. We will work on our new book *Bad Girls of the Bible*. Because the guild did not meet in January or February we will study Chapter 2: Bored to Distraction Potiphar Wife. Joyce Mummert will be leading our study. We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.



Donations for **Dover High School's clothing closet** for students are being accepted. Items needed are adolescent sized clothing; junior sizes for females and all sizes for males (mostly needed). If you are interested in donating gently used items, **they can be taken directly to the High School's main office or placed in the church's Welcome Center**. They are aiming for an opening date of **March 1** so please have donations to them prior to that if possible.

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.



*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 **First Sunday in Lent**
- 1:00 Drive-in Sing Along
- MON 6:00 ELC Staff meeting (100)
- TUES 7:00 Worship & Music (100)
- WED 9:30 Bible Study (100)
- 5:30 TOPS (100)
- THURS 6:30 NA Group (100)
- SUN 9:15 Second Sunday in Lent



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

BULLETIN SPONSORS are needed. 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.



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