

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

"Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery that it is. Touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it because in the last analysis all moments are sacred moments and life itself is grace." **Frederick Buechner**

The Prelude to Christian Worship *"Jesus, Thy Dying Love"* Broughton

Welcome and Concerns

***Call to Worship (based on Psalm 19)**

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

All: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

One: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

All: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

One: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

All: More to be desired are they than gold, sweeter also than honey.

One: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts

All: Be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Invocation**

O God, your weakness is mightier than human strength, your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. We rejoice that you are with us today. Open our hearts and discipline our will. Teach us to follow your perfect ways. Test us with your righteous decrees. As with a whip, drive us from unholy living, and turn us toward your holy light. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, comfort and redeem us with your holy gospel. In His name we pray. Amen.

Hymn *"Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling (Vs. 1-3)"* No. 67

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

Second Lesson: Psalm 19

Third Lesson: John 2:13-22

Sermon

"Spring Cleaning"

Duet – Dani Bentzel and Sandy Bamberger

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" McKechnie

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 19, John 2)

We worship a God of abundance,
from whose hands flow all the blessings of our lives.
May we be spared the sin of using these blessings
simply for our own pleasure and purposes.
Give us right and generous hearts, O God,
that your blessings may flow from our hands
to those in need.

***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**

The wisdom of the world tells us to hoard what we own, O God, while you invite us to share what we have with those in need. Accept these gifts for your purposes, that we may be your servants in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Hymn of Communion "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" No. 347

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #887 A New Creed**

Leader: We are not alone, we live in Gods' world.

People: We believe in God:

Who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

The Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus,

crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Amen.

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: God is present to us, but we don't always feel it. God is good to us, but we can't always accept it. Fact is, there are things within and around us that attempt to step between us and our relationship to God's goodness. There are things that we think, things that we do, that act to separate us from God. The church calls that "sin."

All: God of all mercy, I confess that sin grips me and I cannot break free. The sin is in my mind, on my lips, in my acts done or even ignored and stands between me and you. My entire heart is not always yours. My love of neighbor falls short. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on me. Grant me your renewing forgiveness. Lead me on your paths of righteousness, and I shall delight in you, and I shall follow you, giving glory to your holy name. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. Through Christ, our sins, everyone one of them: the sins of commission, the sins of omission, the sins we confessed with contrition – all are forgiven.

All: By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

Exchanging the Peace of Christ *(Please, wave to one another.)*

One: Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.

The peace of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hymn *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing The Bread and The Cup

***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.

Hymn *"O Savior, Let Me Walk With You"* No. 503

***Benediction**

The Postlude *"Lord, Thy Word Abideth"* Birchwood

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Katherine Behler Powell and Larry Powell by the Davis family.
- **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in honor of our daughters' birthdays, Emily's 29th and Dani's 25th. We love you both very much by Katie and Tim Bentzel.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of Dani's 25th Birthday - 3/1 and Emily's 29th Birthday - 3/19 with love, Dad and Mom.
- **LITURGIST:** Jen Miller

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (Lysa Terkeurst)

Lord, today... help me to rest in the truth of Psalm 86:13, "Great is your love toward me." You already see the ways I will fall short and mess up. But right now, I consciously tuck your whisper of absolute love for me into the deepest part of my heart. I recognize your love for me is not based on my performance. You love me warts and all. That's amazing. But what's most amazing is that the Savior of the world would desire a few minutes with me this morning. Lord, help me to forever remember what a gift it is to sit with you like this. Amen.

Evening Prayer (by Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

Dear God, we thank you tonight for the good day and for the special way you take care of us all the time. Thank you for the fun times outside and the quiet times inside, and for helping us learn new things every day.

Thank you for creating us special, exactly the way you wanted. Thank you for protecting us throughout the day. Forgive us for the wrong things we do. Thank you for loving us even when we disobey or try to do things our way. Help us to always choose your way, God, because it's always best.

We pray for all the people who don't know you, and that they will come to understand your love for them, too. Bless our family. Thank you for good times together and apart. Bless our friends and those we love... Thank you for our home and a place to sleep and good food to eat. Help us rest well, give us peaceful dreams, and send your angels around our home to protect us throughout the night. Teach us to trust you and to love you more and more. You are good; you are great; and you are faithful, God. And we love you. Good night. In Jesus's precious name, Amen

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FITH

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, The Steele Family

*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	Third Sunday in Lent/Communion
MON	7:00	Consistory (100)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (100)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
THURS	6:30	NA Group (100)
SUN	9:15	Fourth Sunday in Lent/One Great Hour of Sharing





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.



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

THE CHURCH STAFF

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is MARCH 14. This year’s theme for OGHS is **“Let Love Flow”**. This offering supports a variety of global and local concerns by addressing advocacy, sustainable development, refugee and asylum issues, migration and disasters and assist those most in need and vulnerable among us. It is administered by Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources.

Offering envelopes may be found in the Welcome Center. Thank you for your support of this offering.

Engaging Women will be meeting in Room 100 Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. to work on our Easter project. Please contact Sally Curren at dgft25@hotmail.com for information.



You are invited to join us for a Drive-in Sing Along on **Sunday, March 21** at 1:00 PM. A food collection for the Salvation Army will be held. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Flower orders will be taken along with One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes. **We ask that you remain in or at your car when you arrive.** Someone will come to greet you to provide a song sheet and collect any donations you might have. Please join us for some and fellowship (with social distancing and masks).

Easter lilies and tulips will brighten our worship on Easter Sunday. The cost will be **\$6.50**, and orders are due **by March 21**. Envelopes are available in the Welcome Center and church office. You can turn them in at the office or at the Sing Along on March 21. Please consider helping to make the church a lovely place for Easter morning!



Youth Fellowship will be selling **Hershey Park tickets**. The price for all tickets for ages 3+ is \$36.95 - a savings of 51% over regular price of \$75.80. The tickets will be good until Jan. 2, 2022. **The deadline to order and make the payment is Sunday, April 4.** Contact Carol Burns with any questions at 717-792-3796 or carolb2729@peoplepc.com.