



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

"If all my friends were to jump off a bridge, I wouldn't follow. I'd be at the bottom to catch them when they fall." - Unknown, 18th century

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

8:30AM. "O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be" Powell

11:00AM. "Memorial Medley". Arr. Hamme

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

All: Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.

One: This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

All: Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.

One: Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One? And who shall stand in this holy place?

All: We come, seeking the face of God. Let us worship our Holy God!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Faithful Redeemer, you are the beginning and ending of all things. You promise to wipe away every tear, that death and mourning will be no more. You make your home among us, and abide with us as our God. Teach us to live as the saints you call us to be, that we may truly be your people, living and doing your will, in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

*HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" # 1

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,

Not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might;

Your justice like mountains high soaring above,

Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Your life is life giving- to both great and small;

In all life you're living, the true life of all;

We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,

Then wither and perish- but naught dims your powers.

So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light,

Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;

All praise we now render as your angels do:

In awe at the splendor of light hiding you.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient, Forgiving God, we come seeking your face. We hold on to old angers and hurts, and refuse to believe that you alone can make all things new. Like Mary and Martha, we have forgotten your promises of eternal life. Like the crowd that mourned for Lazarus, we have not believed that we would see your glory. Forgive our unbelief, O God. Bring us back, and restore our trust in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

One: The Holy One shows us a vision of a new heaven and a new earth, where everyone will live in peace and harmony. Trusting in God's promise to wipe away all our tears, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **All: Glory to God. Amen.**

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

Rejoicing in the love of the one for whom we wait, let us exchange signs of Christ’s peace:

The peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN’S TIME

***HYMN**“*Father, I Adore You*”

Father, I adore You, Lay my life before You, How I love You.	Jesus, I adore You, Lay my life before You, How I love You.	Spirit, I adore You, Lay my life before You, How I love You.
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A LITANY AND PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE

One: Jesus said “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. I go to prepare a place for you.

All: I will not leave you orphaned. I am coming to you.

One: The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I said to you.

All: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

One: “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

All: “And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

One: For God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of God’s own eternity.

All: The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and no torment will ever touch them.

One: “They are at peace and their hope is full of immortality”

All: “Because God tested them and found them worthy.” Amen.

REMEMBERING THE NAMES OF DEPARTED LOVED ONES See insert

MEN’S CHORUS“*Just Keep On A-Walking With My Lord*”.....Lang

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

Psalm 24, Isaiah 25:6-9, Gospel Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

SERMON “The Alpha and Omega”

***HYMN**“*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*”.....#295

I sing a song of the saints of God, faithful their whole lives through,
Who bravely labored, lived, and died for the God they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and another a shepherd in pastures green:
They were saints of God, if you know what I mean.
God help me to be one, too.

They loved their God and they lived that love. It was loving that made them strong.
They did what was right, for Jesus’ sake, lived justly their whole lives long.
And one was a prophet, and one was a priest, and another was slain by a fierce wild beast:
There is no earthly reason, none in the least,
why I shouldn’t be one, too.

They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is filled with living saints who choose to do God’s will.
You can meet them in school, on the road or at sea, in a church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea:
For the Saints are folk like you and like me,
And I meant to be one, too.

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

The invitation to bring our tithes, pledges, and offerings is an invitation to support one another, those within this community and beyond, to become all of what we are called to be. Our tithes, pledges, and offerings—both monetary and other—enable us to give thanks to God for the resources we have been given and enable us to be resources for others. Give generously and watch the miracles of God unfold in our lives and our ministry together.

***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**

Generous Giver of all that we need, accept these gifts, that we may one day share in your holy feast spread out through all the world. We pray in the name of Jesus, your holy child, who sets the table for all people — a table of rich food and abundant joy. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** “Blessed Assurance” #473

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!	Perfect submission, perfect delight!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!	Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,	Angels descending, bring from above,
Born of the Spirit, washed in Christ’s blood.	Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song,	This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;	Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,	This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.	Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blessed;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with God’s goodness, lost in Christ’s love.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

BENEDICTION

One: Go into the world as the living body of Christ, bringing eternal life to all who seek God’s face. **All: Amen.**

POSTLUDE

8:30AM “Saint’s Delight” Harris
11:00AM “Soon and Very Soon” Andrae Crouch

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 Mae Anthony, mother of Katie Bentzel and Joe Ambrose, Katie's Godfather with love from Katie, Tim, Emily and Dani Bentzel.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of Dave Althoff's 70th birthday today. Love, Deb.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Brad Jacobs, **11:00AM:** Jane Harrison
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Don & Jeanie Bentzel, **11:00AM:** Mark Garber
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Donna Robertson, **11:00AM:** Joyce Mummert
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Tim & Katie Bentzel **11:00AM:** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC: 8:30AM** Sandy Bamberger & Men's Chorus **11:00AM:** Men's Chorus & Joan Hamme
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Lew Wallace, Jaron Flickinger, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS, THE MEN'S CHORUS, SANDY AND JOAN FOR PROVIDING THE WORSHIP MUSIC!

SHILOH UCC'S HISTORY

On October 3, in the SOS (Share Our Story) class, many members of the congregation shared personal important events from the history of Shiloh UCC. They wrote these on sticky notes and placed them on the church's timeline. These events and timelines are now on tables in the church parlor.

From October 31-November 14, we are hoping more members of the congregation will add events to these timelines. You can include personal events like a baptism or marriage or some event you were a part of that occurred in the church.

Please try to stop in the parlor before or after worship on one of those Sundays and add your memories to the timeline. There are pens and sticky notes available in the parlor for your use. After November 14, the timelines will be removed. At some future point they will be turned into a more refined, finished product for all to view. We are proud of how we got to this point in Shiloh's history and are preparing to write the next chapter.

The Visioning Committee

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (*prayray.com/short-family-prayer*)

Lord, we thank you for watching over us through the night. We are grateful for the blessing of a brand new day. As the Psalmist said, this is the day that you have made. We shall rejoice and be glad in it. Lord, we thank you in advance for the many opportunities to rejoice and be glad today. Guide us and our family members throughout the day. In Jesus name, we believe and pray. **Amen.**

Evening Prayer (*prayray.com/short-family-prayer*)

Father in heaven, we come to you with hearts that are full of thanksgiving. You have watched over us all day. God, you have ordered our steps. You have blessed the work of our hands. God, you have protected us from the pestilence that wastes at noonday. And now, as we retire to bed, we pray that you will keep us from the arrow that flies at night. We thank you, Lord, because you never sleep nor slumber. In Jesus name we pray. **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, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Elva Winter, Sue Trimble.

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

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

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 will be the last Sunday that the church will accept donations for the **Crop Walk**. Donations can either be put in church envelopes and marked for that or directly given to Nathan Limbert.



The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **November 1** in room **202**. The program will be from our study book **Bad Girls of the Bible, Chapter Nine: Out of Step – Michal: Bad for a Moment**. Karen Bupp will be leading this chapter. **Remember to bring your items for New Life for Girls. We invite all women of the church to join us at any time!**

We will be collecting the **"Cash Rally"** special offering on **Sunday, November 7th**. The money collected will be used to start an improvement fund for Church's kitchen. Also, on **Sunday, November 25th** we will collect the **"Special Thanksgiving Offering,"** which will be split between the Dover Food Bank and the Salvation Army."



Engaging Women will be meeting on **Tuesday, November 9 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.



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 until the end of November.

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 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.

*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/Memorial Sunday
	9:45	Sunday School
MON	1:00	Women's Guild (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
THUR	10:30	Shiloh Home Ec (202)
	6:30	NA Group (100)
		Bell Choir
	7:00	Chamber Choir
	7:30	Chancel Choir
FRI	1:00	Church Women United (202/Library)
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Communion/Cash Rally
	9:45	Sunday School (100)



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 90

8:30 SERVICE: 64

11:00 SERVICE: 26

THE CHURCH STAFF

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Wednesday 9AM-2PM & 5PM-8PM

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Fridays 9:00 AM-2 PM

Director of Music..... Stephanie Limbert

Organist..... Sandra Bamberger

Missionaries in Costa Rica Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson

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