

# 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

A study of stewardship as it is found in the Bible will reveal that God's basic purpose in this whole business of giving is the enrichment of the life of the giver. This is one of God's great plans to make our spirit like God's. *Fred P. Register*

**THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP** ..... *"Songs of Hope"* ..... Smith

### WELCOME AND CONCERNS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Spirit of God calls us from many places.  
Some of us come from busy homes with many people  
Some of us live alone, yet...

**All: We are all part of the fellowship of the church.**

One: This week has been different for each one of us.  
Some of us have had happy news we want to celebrate.  
Some of us have faced grief and the need to cry, yet...

**All: We are all members of God's household.**

One: We come to this time of worship –  
All of us seeking God's presence in our lives,  
Community and a deeper purpose, because...

**All: Together we are a community of faith.**

One: We gather to worship the Lord, who knows us intimately,  
loves us eternally, teaches us through Word and Spirit,  
and comforts us in times of need.

**All: Blessed by the Spirit, we thank Christ for the family of God.**

#### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Our hearts overflow with longings too great for words, gracious God. You have been so good to us, yet we are dissatisfied. We have many things to enjoy, but seldom have we found our home with you. Meet us here to anoint us with the oil of gladness. Awaken us with singing and speak your truth to draw us away from the lure of wickedness. May this time of worship help us to become a wise and understanding people, eager to live as the body of Christ, making a difference in the world as Jesus did so long ago on the Galilean shore. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** ..... *"God is Truly With Us"* ..... # 68

<p>1 God is truly with us; sing we and adore now; praise the One we come before now. Here within this temple, here in sound and silence, worship God in deepest reverence. You alone, God, we own, you, our God and Savior; praise to you forever.</p>	<p>2 God is truly with us; loud our praise resounding! Echoes of the saints surrounding! "Holy, holy, holy," hear the hymn ascending, angels, saints, their voices blending! Bow your ear to us here; hear, O Christ, the praises that your Church now raises.</p>	<p>3 Source of every blessing, bless the ones who name you, let our words and deeds proclaim you. Like the saints and angels praising you in glory, may your servants sing your story. And in all, great and small, may we do most nearly what you love most dearly.</p>
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### CALL TO CONFESSION

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, we admit that all is not well with us. We are easily angered and slow to forgive. We speak without listening and pretend to listen without really hearing. Our tongues become weapons rather than instruments of healing. We are more critical than helpful toward the poor in our midst. Turn us around so we can accept your forgiveness and learn to love ourselves as you want us to be, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**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.**

**MISSION MOMENT**

Sallie Hagerman

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Lesson: Psalm 15; Second Lesson: James 1:2-8, 19-27; Third Lesson: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**SERMON.** . . . . . “Remembering our Image” . . . . . Rev. Charles Hull

**\*SUMMER CHOIR.** . . . . . “Melody of Love Medley” . . . . . Arr. Mauldin

**PASTORAL 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**

Let us not forget that the bounty we enjoy is only loaned to us for a little while, to be managed to the glory of God. Every generous act of giving is prompted by God’s own generosity toward us. We are invited to return the first fruits of our labors that, through the outreach of our church, God may accomplish much good for those who most need to know that someone cares.

**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.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Our hearts overflow with thanksgiving for all the bounty you entrust to our stewardship, O God of light. You have reached into the shadows, where we often flee, to rescue us and give us your work to do. As you have freed us from the chains of sin, we seek to offer healing to others as we listen and share and do. Bless our offering of self and substance, we pray. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN.** . . . . . “O How Glorious, Full of Wonder” . . . . . # 558

1: O, how glorious, full of wonder, Is your name o’er all the earth, God, who wrought creation’s splendor, Bringing suns and stars to birth! Rapt in rev’rence, we adore You, Marv’ling at your mystic ways. Humbly now we bow before You, Lifting up our hearts in praise.	2: When we see Your lights of heaven, Moon and stars, Your power displayed, Who are wee that You should love us, Creatures that Your hand has made? Born of earth, yet full of yearning, Mixture strange of good and ill, From Your ways so often turning, Yet Your love does seek us still.	3: You have set us in communion With the wonders of your hand. Made us fly with eagle pinion, Pilgrims over sea and land. Soaring spire and ruined city, These our hopes and failures show. Teach us more of human pity, That we in Your image grow.
4: Oh how wonderful, oh how glorious, Is your name in every land God, whose purpose shines before us Toward the goal that you have planned!	Yours the will our hearts are seeking Conscience of our human need Spirit in our spirit speaking Make us yours, oh God indeed.	

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:**.....“Heavenly Love”.....Giordani

***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 Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Bentzel by the Reisinger family.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of our Dad, Luther M. Garber Sr.’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday today July 25, 2021 by Diane Robertson, Luther M. “Buck” Garber Jr. & Mark M. Garber. Happy Birthday Dad.
- **LITURGIST:** Pat Roth
- **USHERS:** Lisa & Kevan Stough
- **GREETERS:** Helen Hodgson & Carolyn Poff
- **NURSERY DUTY:** Karen Bupp & Carol Burns
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Matt Hildebrecht, Sallie Hagerman, Jaron Flickinger, Reen Bentzel, Dani Bentzel

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Morning Prayer** (*Benjamin R. DeJong*)

Teach me, Lord, to keep sweet and gentle in all the events of life, in disappointments, in thoughtlessness of others, in the insincerity of those I trusted, in the unfaithfulness of those on whom I relied. Help me to put myself aside, to think of the happiness of others, to hide my little pains and heartaches, so that I may be the only one to suffer from them. Teach me to profit by the suffering that comes to me. Help me to use it that it may mellow me, not harden or embitter me; that it may make me broad in my forgiveness; kindly, sympathetic, and helpful. Amen.



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**Evening Prayer** (*Benjamin R. DeJong*)

I started early with my chores, but even so I started wrong. My labor yielded me no gain – I should have started with a song. I battled time this trying day to find my efforts were a loss; I had to leave some plans undone – tasks multiplied and I grew cross. Tonight I ponder while I rest – all day I fought rebellious vices. Yet that has always been my lot when days do not begin with prayer. 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 Downs Family, The Heath Family, The Jacoby Family, The Luckenbaugh Family, The Myers Family, The Hamme Family, The Limbert/Crone Family, The Behler Family, The Elicker Family.

**The Women’s Guild** will be meeting again on **August 30 at 1 p.m. in room 202.** The program will be from our study book *Bad Girls of the Bible*. Chapter Seven: Knockin’ on Heaven’s Door – Rehab: Bad for a Season, but Not Forever. Julia Hahn will be leading this chapter. We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.



Our missionary **Sally Jane Johnson** will be visiting Shiloh from **August 19th through September 13th.** She will be preaching at Shiloh UCC on Sunday Sept 5th. If you would like Sally to join any of your group meetings or invite her for dinner, please contact the church office to get on her calendar. It has been several years since she has been here and she is excited to come and reconnect with old and new friends.

**Sally Jane Johnson and Hearts and Hands for Jesus** will be preparing and serving lunch for York Giving Helping Hands on **Saturday Sept 4th.** On **Friday Sept 3rd** we will be making 150 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and baked ziti. Anyone who would like to help prepare the lunch can come to **Room 100 at 5:30.** Everyone is also welcome to help serve the meal on Saturday the 4th. **We will meet at the York Transit station at the corner of Market and Pershing Streets at 11:30.**

We will have rehearsals on **Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the Choir Room**. Singers from all Choirs (any age) are welcome as well as any new singers. We will be exercising our voices to get them back in shape, so this is a perfect time to come and join one of our Choirs or Men's Chorus. Please prayerfully consider joining one of our choirs, and if singing is not your thing we are also looking for new Hand bell Choir members. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Limbert. Thank you & looking forward to seeing you!



As a reminder, the office will be **closed on Monday, September 6** in observance of **Labor Day**. Also, the **office hours on Tuesday, September 7 will be 9am-12pm**.

Beginning **September 12**, the two services will begin. The first one is at **8:30 a.m.** and the second one is at **11:00 a.m.** If you are on one of the volunteer lists, Maira will be contacting you to inquire which of the two services you will be attending. As a reminder, our September 12 services will include communion as well.



**Engaging Women** will be meeting again starting **Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**. We will be doing a book study called "The Power of a Woman's Words," by Sharon Jaynes. Sally Curren will be ordering books for anyone who is interested in joining us.

**Sunday school classes will resume on Sunday Sept 26th from 9:45 to 10:45**. Youth will meet in Room 117. Be on the lookout for more classes and small group sessions as the year progresses.



Starting on **Sunday, September 26**, between the two church services the **Visioning Committee** will host a discussion group called **SOS which stands for "share our story"**. This group will meet in **room 100** and will be discussing many topics including the history of Shiloh UCC, the culture of our church, and what our future Sunday School classes should look like and be called, as well as many other topics that arise. At no time are we trying to rewrite Shiloh UCC's story, or change anything that already is working well, but rather begin writing the next chapter. **This needs the participation of the congregation, so please plan on participating in all or some of these group discussions.**

Please contact the office if you're interested in **sponsoring bulletins**. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks prior** your desired date to have your "Special" wording placed in the bulletin. The following dates are still available:

- SEPTEMBER:** 12, 19 & 26
- OCTOBER:** 3, 10 & 31
- NOVEMBER:** 14, 21 & 28
- DECEMBER:** 5



**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.

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



**THIS WEEK**

- SUN 9:15 **Worship/Guest Preacher, Charles Hull**
- MON 9:00 ELC Staff (100)
- 9:30 ELC Drop-ins (Thru Friday)
- 1:00 Women's Guild (202)
- TUES 9:30 ELC Drop-ins
- WED 5:30 TOPS (100)
- 7:00 Worship & Music (202)
- THUR 10:30 Shiloh Home Ec (100-*subject to change*)
- 6:30 NA Group (100)
- 7:00 Choirs
- FRI 9:00 Fundraiser event prep (100)
- SAT 9:00 Fundraiser event prep (100)
- SUN 9:15 **Worship/Guest Preacher, Sally Jane Johnson**



*"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"*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 69**  
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