

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."

WORSHIP SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION

"Grown-ups never understand anything by themselves, and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them."

— Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

"The soul is healed by being with children."

— Fyodor Dostoyevsky

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

8:30AM..... *"Sometimes A Light Surprises the Christian"* Powell

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus challenges us in today's gospel:

All: Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.

One: Then Jesus took a little child and put it among them; and taking the child in his arms, he said to them:

All: Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me welcomes not me, but the one who sent me.

One: We are still learning today what Jesus came to teach us two thousand years ago. To change the world we must change the way we love and welcome children!

All: Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child. All God's children are welcome here at Shiloh UCC!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Benevolent Creator before time you placed a spark of Divinity in our tiny souls. Like jars of clay you fashioned us into the people we have become. This morning we ask you to welcome all of your children, both young and old, as we prepare our hearts for worship. Fill these precious little jars of clay so fully with your essence that we go out and change the world. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *"Softly and Tenderly"* # 449

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me
See on the portals Christ's waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me
Come home, come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling, "O sinner come home"

O for the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Though we have sinned Jesus offers us pardon
Pardon for you and for me
Come home, come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling, "O sinner come home"

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of patience and mercy, we ask for forgiveness. When things get difficult; when we are called to do something which is hard for us, we turn our back on you. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Heal our fears and our weaknesses. Strengthen us and give us courage to truly be your disciples, not counting the rewards, but rejoicing in the work. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

This morning the Lord reaches out to you in healing love and compassion. Receive the blessings which God offers to you. Your sins are forgiven. Be healed and made whole. Be ready to serve God and change the world through love. Amen.

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

Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship. The peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

CHILDREN’S TIME

***HYMN**“*Jesus Loves Me*” # 327

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| <p>1 Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.</p> | <p>2 Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.</p> |
| <p>3. Jesus loves me, still today.
Walking with me on my way
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.</p> | |

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

Psalm 1; James 3:13-18; Mark 9:30-37

SERMON

“Welcome Home”

HYMN“*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*”

<p>O Master, let me walk with thee In lowly paths of service free; Tell me thy secret, help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.</p>	<p>Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love; Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.</p>
<p>Teach me thy patience; still with thee In closer, dearer company, In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.</p>	<p>In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broad'ning way, In peace that only thou canst give, With thee, O Master, let me live.</p>

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

God is always with us, not just when everything seems clear and times are good, but also when we struggle with questions and doubt. When we cry out to God, our prayers are heard. When the world cries out to God, we are part of God’s answer, offering water in the desert, offering nourishment to a world that is spiritually hungry. Our gifts this morning are our answer to God’s own goodness. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

CHANCEL CHOIR 8:30AM.“*He Put a New Song In My Heart*” Barrett

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** "Doxology" # 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**

God of grace, we hear your call to generous giving in the way you meet our needs each day, and in the peace you give which passes understanding. Having received so much, we offer all we have, our time, talents and money for your kingdom. Bless these gifts for the work of your church. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN.** "Be Not Dismayed (God Will Take Care of You)" # 460

1 Be not dismayed whate'er betide	Refrain: God will take care of you	2 Through days of toil when heart grows frail,
God will take care of you	Through every day, o'er all the way	God will take care of you;
Beneath God's wings of love abide	God will take care of you	When dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you [Refrain]	God will take care of you	God will take care of you. [Refrain]
3 All you may need, God will provide	4 No matter what may be the test	
God will take care of you	God will take care of you	
Nothing you ask will be denied	Lean, weary one, upon God's breast	
God will take care of you [Refrain]	God will take care of you [Refrain]	

BENEDICTION

Go forth and welcome all God's children,
making the last first, and becoming a servant to all.
Go forth to change the world as Jesus has commanded by
offering welcome, justice, and compassion to all.
Go forth in God's welcome and love. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

8:30AM. "Unite to Work for God's Realm" Wagner

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God by the Bentzel Family in loving memory of John Parke Bentzel by Janis & William Heindel.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Stephanie Berkheimer, **11:00AM:** Robert Limbert
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Gerry & Bart Funkhouser, **11:00AM:** Lew Wallace
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Lisa & Kevan Stough, **11:00AM:** Helen & Dick Hodgson
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Dani Bentzel & Natalie Fuhrman **11:00AM: Volunteers needed**
- **MUSIC: 8:30AM:** Sandy Bamberger, **11:00AM:** Joan Hamme
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Lew Wallace, Matt Hildebrecht, Sallie Hagerman, Jaron Flickinger

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND SANDY AND JOAN FOR PROVIDING THE WORSHIP MUSIC!

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (Martin Luther's Morning Prayer)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer (Martin Luther's Evening Prayer)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. 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 Hamme Family, The Limbert/Crone Family, The Behler Family, The Elicker Family, The Burg/Missinger Family.

TODAY IS WELCOME BACK SUNDAY!

*****Please join us for a reception in room 100 at 9:45 AM!!***

- Meet Pastor Melinda
- Enjoy coffee and conversation with friends.
- Learn what the Visioning Committee has planned for the future of Shiloh UCC.



The congregation is entering an exciting period, and we would like you to be part of it. Everyone is looking forward to seeing you!



This year's **Stewardship Challenge** is to raise enough money to "buy a farm" through Heifer International. We would like to buy chicks, ducks, honeybees, one sheep, one pig, one goat, one water buffalo, and one heifer. The total cost for those animals is \$1180. Of course we would be happy to buy more animals for our farm if we raise more money than that. Many times the Heifer Project received funds from our Sunday School classes and Vacation Bible School. Of course with the Covid Pandemic that was not happening. Also, during Covid our own country suffered, but the third world countries even more so. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's challenge and put your donation in your regular offering envelope or any envelope and mark it Stewardship Challenge. The challenge will end on October 10th before our many other holiday outreach projects begin.



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.**

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



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: 26
NOVEMBER: 14, 21 & 28
DECEMBER: 5

Our congregation will be walking on **Sunday October 10th** at the **Greater York Crop Hunger Walk**. A specific time and location will be determined at a later date. If you would like to participate or donate money please let Nathan Limbert know. He will be at the narthex after the service(s) on Sunday or, you can reach him at 717-873-9507 or nrlimb@gmail.com. Updates will be provided in the bulletins and October Communique when specific information has been determined.



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/Welcome Back Sunday
TUES	6:30	Boy Scouts (100)
	6:30	Stewardship (202)
WED	9:30	Bible Study
	5:30	TOPS (100)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	7:00	Choirs
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Youth Sunday School & SOS Group begins



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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 88

8:30 SERVICE: 67

11:00 SERVICE: 21

THE CHURCH STAFF

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