



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

“The View”

~Anna Quindlen

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

8:30AM. *“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?”* Ritter

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Family of God, we gather as who we are, and we bring what we have.

All: Let us encounter the new thing God is doing among us.

One: We bring joy and sorrow, hope and despair, resources and need, certainty and questions.

All: Let us engage the new thing God is doing among us.

One: In this space, we meet the One who parts seas, creates paths, and changes circumstances.

All: Let us encourage the new thing God is doing among us.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy One, we rejoice in your presence. We acknowledge that you have done great things in our history, in our present, and in our future. Our hope rests in you. We rejoice in confidence that you abide in our dry spaces and in our flowing streams. Lead us through troubling times and empower us to continue to press toward you and your way. In our worship, part our lips in praise, open our hearts in love, and quench our spirits in worship. **Amen.**

*HYMN *“My Faith Is Built on Nothing Less”* (Vs. 1-2) #403

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness; I dare not trust the Earthly frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. [Refrain]	Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.	When shadows veil my savior's face, I rest upon unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]
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CALL TO CONFESSION

With trusting and penitent hearts, let us gather before the Lord to confess our sinful selves.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Never-Ending Creation, you call us to forget the things of old that weigh us down. Rather, you call us to embrace the fruitful future you have placed before us. However, we are a stubborn people, reluctant to let things go: we cling to "the good 'ole days" that we long for... we turn away from that which you call us to be: a people of hope, a people of joy, a people of love, a people of peace. Instead, we seek to return to Egypt rather than head for the promised land. Forgive us, Lord, for our shortsightedness and our stubbornness. Forgive us, Lord, for our fearfulness and our frailty. Forgive us, Lord, for we are a sinful people in need of your redemption. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear these words of comfort from the prophet Isaiah: "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. "Friends, even among us, sinners though we are, God is doing a new thing! The mercy of God has washed us clean and brought water to our thirsty souls. **Amen.**

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

In the face of a stranger, in the greeting of a friend, we see our Lord, Jesus Christ. In the love of Christ, welcome those around you today.

The peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

CHILDREN’S TIME

All children (including infants) and youth who desire to come forward for the Children’s Sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parent’s/ caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message.

***HYMN**“*I’ve Got Peace Like a River*” (Vs. 1-3) #478

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.	I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.	I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
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WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

Psalm 126; John 12:1-8

8:30AM & 11:00 AM MEN’S CHOIR“*God’s Love*” Rhodes

Gospel Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

SERMON

“Forget the Past”

***HYMN**“*Here I am Lord*” Insert

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night I will go, Lord If You lead me I will hold Your people in my heart	I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain. I wept for the love of them: they turned away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night I will go, Lord If You lead me I will hold Your people in my heart	I, the Lord of wind and flame I will tend the poor and lame I will set a feast for them My hand will save Finest bread I will provide ’Til their hearts be satisfied I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night I will go, Lord, If You lead me I will hold Your people in my heart
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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

In the gospel reading, we find a story of abundant generosity. Let us be like Mary who did not count the cost of the blessing she shared but only sought the good, purpose, and reward of her gift. Let us not hesitate to pour what we have out in order to touch lives, comfort and console, and meet the needs we encounter in our community and our world.

***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**

Anoint these gifts, Generous God, that they may fulfill their purpose. Through the pouring out of our financial resources, unique passions and skills, and faithful companionship with our community, may we impart hope, render joy, and participate in your kingdom. **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN**.....“*In the Bulb There is a Flower*”..... #433

In the bulb, there is a flower In the seed, an apple tree In cocoons, a hidden promise Butterflies will soon be free In the cold and snow of winter There's a spring that waits to be Unrevealed until its season Something God alone can see	There's a song in every silence Seeking word and melody There's a dawn in every darkness Bringing hope to you and me From the past will come the future What it holds, a mystery Unrevealed until its season Something God alone can see	In our end is our beginning In our time, infinity In our doubt, there is believing In our life, eternity In our death, a resurrection At the last, a victory Unrevealed until its season Something God alone can see
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BENEDICTION

As you go into the world, may the aroma of your faith fill the air around you. May your hope perfume your encounters. May your touch mend broken walls. And may the God of hope and peace, guide you, envelope you, and sustain you on the journey and in the work.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

8:30AM.....“*My Song Is Love Unknown*”.....Krapf

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 Gordon “Skip” Heath by Ginny and family.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lee (Husband-Father) and Laura (Daughter-Sister) by Joan, Matthew Hamme and family.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Ray Fox **11:00AM:** Bobby Limbert
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Kevan & Lisa Stough **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM** Jack & Diane Jordan **11:00AM:** Stephanie Berkheimer
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM** Nathan Limbert **11:00AM** Linda Little
- **MUSIC: 8:30AM** Sandy Bamberger & Men’s Choir **11:00AM** Joan Hamme & Men’s Choir.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, Jaron Flickinger

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSICIANS FOR PROVIDING THE WORSHIP MUSIC THIS SUNDAY!

The **Women’s Guild** will be meeting **April 4** at 1:00 pm in room 202. The program will be from our study book ***Leading a Life of Balance, Chapter Three: Balancing Schedules and Interruptions.*** Susan Reidy will be leading this chapter. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:



Morning Prayer: All-Loving God, the night has passed, and the day lies open before me. As I rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set my heart on fire with love for you; now and forever. Amen.

Evening Prayer: As my evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy come down upon me to cleanse my heart and set me free to sing your praise now and forever. Amen



During Lent, the Sunday school classes are collecting offerings for the **Friends and Neighbors of Pennsylvania**. This group is based in York and cares for the homeless. They go out daily to find the homeless wherever they are living - under bridges, in tents etc. The group makes the homeless aware of upcoming severe weather conditions and attempts to provide resources where they can be safe. They also provide tents, sleeping bags, long underwear and other supplies for daily living. If you would like to help the Sunday School classes, you can mark your offering envelope with Sunday School -Lent or use another envelope marked for the Sunday School Lent offering.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Oscar Bupp, Uble & Nan Frost, Mark Garber, Beverly Hoak, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Cindy Repman, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Jessie Sechriest, Gladys Seigman, Cedric Simpson, Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Rodgers Family, The Matthews/Curren Family, The Myers Family, The Keith Family, The Anstein Family, The Wagner Family, The Heath Family, The Hoak/McGinnis Family, The Reiber Family



We are hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** for the **ELC** on **Sunday, April 10 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.** We are in need of plastic eggs and candy to fill them. There will be a basket in the gallery for the collection. Please drop off any donations by April 4. We are hoping to fill about 600 eggs!

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO BRUNCH!

On Palm **Sunday, April 10**, there will be a brunch buffet during the Sunday School hour - **9:45 to 10:45 in room 100**. We will not have Sunday School on this day. We hope to see you all there!

***Food will be provided by Consistory committees. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gallery and the Welcome Center.**



APRIL 10	PALM SUNDAY SERVICE
APRIL 14	MAUNDY THURSDAY & COMMUNION SERVICE AT 7:00 PM
APRIL 15	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT 12:00 PM
APRIL 17	EASTER SUNDAY & COMMUNION SERVICE

Engaging Women will be meeting on Tuesday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. They will continue with the book called "The Power of a Woman's Words," by Sharon Jaynes.



Easter lilies and tulips will brighten our worship on **Easter Sunday (April 17)**. The cost is **\$7.00** and orders are due **by April 3**. Envelopes are available in the narthex and church office. You can turn them in at the office or put in the offering plate. Please consider helping to make the church a lovely place for Easter morning!

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 in Costa Rica, **Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson.**

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.



"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 & 11:00	Worship/Guest speaker, Spring Davidson
	9:45	Sunday School
MON	1:00	Women's Guild (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	7:00	Worship & Music (202)
	8:00	Men's Chorus
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:30	Tops (100)
THUR	10:30	Shiloh Home Ec (202)
	5:00	ELC Board Meeting (100)
	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SAT	4:00	Private Event (100)
SUN	8:30 & 11:00	Worship/Palm Sunday
	2:00	Easter Egg Hunt



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 102
8:30 SERVICE: 69
11:00 SERVICE: 33

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