

# 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 primary purpose of prayer is not to make requests. The primary purpose is to praise, to sing, to chant. Because the essence of prayer is a song, and man cannot live without a song."*  
~ Abraham Joshua Heschel: Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity: Essays

### THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

8:30AM. .... "I Trust, O Christ, In You Alone".....Pachelbel

### WELCOME AND CONCERNS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come and learn the ways of life.

**All: We have come to follow Jesus.**

One: Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

**All: We have come to follow Jesus.**

One: Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

**All: We have come to follow Jesus.**

One: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

**All: We have come to follow Jesus. Let us worship God!**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Inexhaustible source of love and life, be with us in our time of worship as we seek the love it takes to walk in the ways of your Son. Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone. Teach us the joy of treating others with all the same respect and goodness with which we hope to be treated. May our every word and deed make known that we are your beloved children and vessels of your love. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

#### \*HYMN ..... "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (Vs. 1-2) ..... #43

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven on earth be found, fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown. Jesus you are all compassion, pure, unbounded love impart. Visit us with your salvation; enter every trembling heart.	Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into every troubled breast. Let us all in you inherit, let us find your promised rest. Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be. End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
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### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but do not have much love for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### WORDS of ASSURANCE

Friends, hear the Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. **Alleluia! 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**

*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** ..... “*Sing Them Over Again to Me*” (Vs 1 & 3) ..... #319

Sing them over again to me, Wonderful words of life; Let me more of their beauty see, Wonderful words of life; Words of life and beauty Teach me faith and duty.	<b>Refrain:</b> Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life; Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life.	Sweetly echo the gospel call, Wonderful words of life; Offer pardon and peace to all, Wonderful words of life; Jesus, only Savior, Keep me with you forever. [Refrain]
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**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

**8:30AM & 11:00AM CHAMBER CHOIR** ..... “*Be Still*” ..... Beebe

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38

**SERMON**

“*A Lesson On Love*”

**\*HYMN** ..... “*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*” (Vs. 1 & 4) ..... #286

[Refrain] Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free, Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.	You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing; “Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” [Refrain]	You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise [Refrain]
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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**

Jesus said, “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure...running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

**\*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**

Source of every blessing, as you sent Joseph into Egypt to save the world from famine, you sent Jesus into our lives to save us from selfishness and greed. For teaching us to treat others as we would have them treat us, we give you our thanks and praise. Bless these gifts, that we have received from your bounty, and send them forth to those in need, whether they be friend or foe. For all are your beloved children and our sisters and brothers. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**.....“*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*” (Vs. 1, 2 & 4)..... #4

<p><i>Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, God of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before You, Opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the storms of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!</i></p>	<p><i>All Your works with joy surround You, Earth and heaven reflect Your rays, Stars and angels sing around You, Center of unbroken praise; Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird and flowing fountain Teach us what our praise should be!</i></p>	<p><i>Mortals, join the mighty chorus, Which the morning stars began; Boundless love is reigning over us, Reconciling race and clan. Ever singing, move we onward, Faithful in the midst of strife; Joyful music leads us onward In the triumph song of life.</i></p>
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**BENEDICTION**

One: Go with God’s blessings.

**All: As followers of Jesus, we will love our enemies and do good to those who hate us.**

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One: Go with God’s blessings.

**All: As followers of Jesus, we will do unto others as we would have them do unto us.**

One: Go with God’s blessings, with the power of the Holy Spirit, in Jesus’ name. **AMEN.**

**POSTLUDE**

**8:30AM**.....“*Our Hearts in Christian Love*”.....Roberts

***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 Robert R. Reisinger by Randy, Deb and Tyler Reisinger.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of Vivian Brenneman’s 97th Birthday by Jeff and Cheryl Hershey.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Brad Jacobs **11:00AM:** Linda Little  
*We are in search of additional Liturgists for both services. Please contact Sara Jacoby at 717-764-4520 if you are interested.*
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Jeanie Bentzel **11:00AM:** Tammy Hildebrecht
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM** Beverly & Milton Hoak **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM** Tim & Katie Bentzel **11:00AM** Volunteer
- **MUSIC: 8:30AM** Sandy Bamberger & Handbell Choir **11:00AM** Joan Hamme & Handbell 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!**

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Morning Prayer** (by Lysa Terkeurst)

Loving God, May nothing separate me from you today. Teach me how to choose only your way today so each step will lead me closer to You. Help me walk by the Word and not my feelings. Help me to keep my heart pure and undivided. Protect me from my own careless thoughts, words, and actions. And keep me from being distracted by my wants, my desires, my thoughts on how things should be. Help me to embrace what comes my way as an opportunity... rather than a personal inconvenience. And finally, help me to rest in the truth of Psalm 86:13, “Great is your love toward me.” In Jesus’ name. Amen.



**Evening Prayer** (by Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

Bless us with rest tonight, Jesus, and a good night’s sleep. Forgive us for the things we did today or when we did not love or honor You with our whole heart. Thank you for loving us so much and that you know us through and through. We need your help every day, and we thank you for the strength you give and for helping us know that with you, even hard things are possible. Bless our family and our home, and keep us safe through the night. May your angels guard us and watch over us, just like you promised. Amen.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Joyce Bowers, 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, Jessie Sechrist, Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Elva Winter

## THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Jordan Family, The Hohenshilt/Jordan Family, The Rodgers Family, The Matthews/Curren Family, The Myers Family, The Keith Family, The Anstein Family, The Wagner Family

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



Pastor Melinda would like to start a **grief group in March**, at the beginning of Lent. Please let her know if you, a family member or a friend is interested in joining it. The group will follow the book called "Good Grief" by Granger Westberg that goes through the stages of grief and helps us integrate a painful loss into our daily lives. You can never "get over" losing someone, but you can still live a meaningful life, filled with hope, joy, and love. If you have any questions about the group, please call the office or Pastor Melinda.

The American Cancer Society is holding a longtime favorite spring fundraiser, **Daffodil Days!** The campaign will once again celebrate the arrival of spring. Bunches of daffodils are available for \$10.00. Mini Potted Daffodils will be on sale for \$15.00 each. Bunches of colorful tulips may be purchased for \$15.00. Envelopes for your orders may be found on the tables in the narthex. All orders must be received by **Sunday, February 20**. Please make checks payable to the American Cancer Society. The Mini-Potted Daffodils will be displayed in the sanctuary on **Sunday, March 27**.



**Zook's** is having a Homemade Meat Pie sale to benefit the **Friends of Limon and our missionaries Sally and Crosby Johnston**. Orders will be taken through **Sunday, February 27 and may be picked up on Thursday, March 17 between 4-6 p.m. in room 100**. Order blanks will also be available in the gallery for your convenience. Please pay when submitting your order. Any questions may be directed to Marsha Reiber.

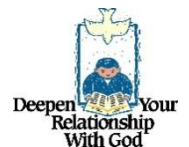
**OFFERING** is continually being collected for our missionaries, **Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson**.



### IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

From the beginning of the Covid-19 outbreak, Shiloh UCC has relied on Community Transmission rates (i.e. low, moderate, substantial, high) to guide our recommended precautionary measures. Our benchmark for social distancing and masking requirements go into effect when transmission rates in York County reach substantial (50-100 cases/100,000 and percentage of positive cases >5%). As of **February 17, the Community Transmission rate for York County is HIGH (197/100,000 and positivity rate is 12.78%)**. There are a total of **25,869 cases in Pennsylvania and 885 of those are in York County**. The **CDC is encouraging everyone to wear a mask in public, indoor settings**.

Please join us during the Sunday School hour for an eight week **"Journey Through the Psalms"**. The class will begin on **March 6th in Room 202 from 9:45 to 10:45**. The Psalms teach us that there are many different kinds of prayer and ways to pray to God. The Psalms remind us that faith includes struggle and doubt as well as gratitude and celebration. The course will feature eight video lessons by Dr Denise Dombrowski Hopkins plus small group discussion and activity.



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.

**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.



