

CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL
by the people of God
gathered in the meeting house of
Shiloh United Church of Christ

Meditation

"We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls."

- Mother Teresa

The Prelude to Christian Worship*"Wonderful Words of Life"*Smith

Welcome and Concerns

***Call to Worship**

Beloved of God, what hopes do you bring to worship?

We bring hopes to meet and know the God of all wisdom for our daily lives.

Beloved of God, what hopes do you bring to worship?

We bring hopes of healing from the God of all healing.

In the Gospel lesson this morning, Jesus brings wisdom above all wisdom to the people.

We pray for that wisdom this morning.

In the Gospel lesson, Jesus heals with a power that frees and liberates.

We pray for that healing this morning.

Where does the miracle of the Gospel story appear in our stories?

When we bring all of who we are and all of our needs.

Come let us bring our whole selves before God this morning!

Come, let us worship!

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Holy One of Love and Light; teacher and healer who gives us the wisdom and healing to live day by day; be with us especially close during this worship time. Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts to your words and your Word, to your soothing touch. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Hymn*"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"* No. 18

(Link to words: https://hymnary.org/text/guide_me_o_thou_great_jehovah)

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Second Lesson: Psalm 111

Third Lesson: Mark 1:21-28

Sermon

"Hope Beyond Hope!"

Hand Bell Choir*"Alleluia, Amen"*Arr. Linda R. Lamb

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

When we give of ourselves to meet the needs of others, we are co-creators in the health of God's creation. As we have been given much, let us give in return.

***Offertory Response** "Doxology"No. 782
To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
to Christ revealed in earthly night,
to God the Spirit now we raise
our joyful songs of thankful praise.

*Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

Transforming God, we dedicate our gifts for the health of your creation. May those who receive these gifts be blessed by your love and inspired to give to others so that your creation will continue to be transformed by your love. Amen.

Hymn*"What a Covenant"*No. 471
(Link to music: [The New Century Hymnal 471. What a covenant, what a joy divine | Hymnary.org](#))

*Benediction (2 Cor. 13:11)

Finally, brothers (and sisters), rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. **Amen.**

The Postlude*"Joy in God"*Blake

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (*Written by Adrian Rogers*)

Lord, I am weary and don't know when this "race" will end in my life. I feel like I've been running forever, trying to outrun this trial. Help me to stop trying to outrun my pain but rather run with endurance the race you have set before me. I know that because of you I am ultimately a victor over the trials in my life. I know that nothing in this world can separate me from your steadfast love. Please give me a measure of your love today; give me the strength to endure this trial. Thank you for your love for me that never ends! And thank you for the crown of joy that awaits me forever in your Kingdom! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (by Jennifer Waddle)

Lord, I long for those moments early in my faith when I felt your closeness, your joy, your energy and zest for life. I confess that the daily grind has ground down my passion for you. I confess that I allow the cares of the world to choke out the joy of the Gospel. Lord, turn my heart toward you again. Fix my eyes on you. Fix my heart on you. Help me have a reset in my faith and in my life, starting today. Renew my heart, renew my life for you and your ways. Help me see the daily routines of life as moments to gracefully submit to your will. Thank you for being the Lord of my life everyday. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers for Our Community of Faith

Nancy Hamme, Helen Luckenbaugh, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Helen Byers, Charles Smith, Mary Emma Elicker, Catherine Lochman, Mary Ann Downs, Vanessa Seifarth, Bev Kirk, Julene Bechtel, Jim Bentzel Sr. Phil Myers, Joanne Overviller, Milton Hoak, Dottie Limbert, Donna Krone, Elva Winter, Mary Rodgers, Oscar Bupp, Bob and Margie Behler, Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Sandy Barnes, Staff and Residents at Providence Place, Audrey Gerber, Richard Gruver, Rosabel Bentzel, Donna Robertson

Those Who Grieve for Their Loved Ones

The Minck Family, The Fix Family, The Harper Family, The Arnold Family, The Krout Family, The Harman Family, The Duttera Family, The Ellis Family



The Women's Guild will try to meet **February 1 at 1:00 p.m.** in room 100. Please be advised we will social distance and wear masks. We will work on our new book Bad Girls of the Bible. Because the guild did not meet in January we will study **Chapter 2: Bored to Distraction Potiphar Wife**. Joyce Mummert will be leading our study. **We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.**



Engaging Women will be meeting on-line via **Google Meets** to discuss the book 'Rules for Visiting' by Jessica Francis Kane. That on-line meeting will be **Tuesday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m.** Contact Sally Curren at 717-634-6353 or dgft25@hotmail.com for information.



2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in **the welcome center**. You may pick them up during office hours.

The Annual giving statements were emailed last week to those with an email. The others will be handed out or mailed. Please call the church office if you have trouble with the attachment or need a paper copy.



The next **sing along** is scheduled for **Sunday February 21 at 1:00 PM**. In addition to food for the Salvation Army, we will be collecting for the Mother and Child Clinic at Wellspan. This is a group we usually collect for at Mother's Day. Currently, they are in need of newborn diapers, unscented baby wipes, Similac-Proadvance (blue can), baby blankets, new or gently used 0-3 months or clothes, and money for prescription copays. Donations can be brought to the sing along or placed in the Welcome Center. We hope to see you on February 21!

GROCERY GIFT CARDS = CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH. Weis and Giant grocery gift cards are available for purchase. 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. Please contact the office if you interested in purchasing one.





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

THE 2021 TEAM LISTS FOR GREETERS, USHERS, NURSERY AND OFFERING DUTY are available in the welcome center. This will not be in effect unless we are holding in person worship services again. The lists may be picked up during office hours or you can request to have them mailed or emailed.



BULLETIN SPONSORS are needed. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks prior** to your 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 9:15 **Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola, Ph.D./Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**
- WED 9:30 Bible Study (100)
- 5:30 TOPS (100)
- THURS 6:30 NA Group (100)
- SUN 9:15 On-line Worship/Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Raymond by Julene Bechtel.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and In honor and gratitude to Don and Jeanie bentzel for all the years they have placed the wreath on Ike's grave at Christmas when I am unable to by Charlotte Rohrbaugh.
- **LITURGIST:** Joshua Bentzel

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