



WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
**WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE**  
 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
 MARCH 6, 2022  
 8:30AM AND 11:00AM

**MEDITATION**

*"The greatest temptations are not those that solicit our consent to obvious sin, but those that offer us great evils masking as the greatest goods." ~ Thomas Merton, No Man Is an Island, 20th century*

**THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

**8:30AM**....."Lord Jesus, Think on Me".....Gawthrop

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: When Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tempted to save himself.

**All: We are often tempted to be selfish.**

One: Jesus was tempted to turn stones to bread. He was tempted to accept wealth and power.

**All: In all these things, Jesus remained strong in his commitment to God.**

One: May our commitment to God be as strong.

**All: May our lives remain in God's caring hands throughout our whole journey. Let us worship God!**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**O Holy One, we come to you in gladness and expectation. Let's begin our Lenten exploration. You offer your love as a strong refuge. Your boundless grace is our sheltering presence. In the unity of worship, we trust that you will speak to us and through us as we begin this Lenten journey with each other and with Christ. Prepare our hearts to seek you and embrace you, to hear you and follow you, to love you and to serve you. With gladness and expectation we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** .....*"Forty Days and Forty Nights"* (Vs. 1, 2 & 5) ..... #205

Forty days and forty nights You were fasting in the wild; Forty days and forty nights Tempted, and yet undefiled.	Shall we not your sorrow share And from worldly joys abstain, Fasting with unceasing prayer, Strong with you to suffer pain?	Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, Ever constant by your side, That with you we may appear At th'eternal Eastertide.
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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**\*HYMN** .....*"There Is A Name I Love to Hear"* (Vs. 1 & 2) ..... #52

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; It sounds like music to my ear, The sweetest name on earth. Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!	It tells my Savior's love all, Christ died to set us free; Whatever problems may befall We'll live in dignity. Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!
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**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

**8:30 MEN'S CHORUS** ..... *"In All Thy Ways"* ..... Hughes

**SOLO BY SHELLEY STEWART ACCOMPANIED BY LESLIE TALLEY**

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

**SERMON**

*"Desert Experiences"*

\*HYMN . . . . . “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*” (Vs. 1 & 3) . . . . . #211

What a friend we have in Jesus All our sins and griefs to bear And what a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer	Oh, what peace we often forfeit Oh, what needless pain we bear All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer
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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**

There are multitudes of individuals who long for God, who are seeking God, but do not know where or how to search. May this congregation, Shiloh UCC be a lamp to light the pathway for those who are seeking God. May our offerings help us to shine our light brightly so that fellow-seekers may find their way.

**\*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**

We bring these gifts to you, O God, in recognition and gratitude for your loving provision. We offer you our very lives and bow before you in tribute to your many blessings. Take us and use us, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. This we pray in the name of the One who came in holy love, that we might have abundant life. Amen.

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

*(All are welcome to partake of communion)*

**\*COMMUNION HYMN.** . . . . . “*We are People on a Journey*” . . . . . #340

We are people on a journey Pain is with us all the way Joyfully we come together At the Holy feast of God.	God has sent the invitation To the humble and the poor Joyfully we come together At the Holy feast of God.	This is bread that God provides us Nourishing our Unity Joyfully we come together At the Holy feast of God.
Christ is ever present with us To unite us all in love Joyfully we come together At the Holy feast of God.	All who truly thirst for justice Seek their liberation here Joyfully we come together At the Holy feast of God.	

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.** . . . . . “*A New Creed*” . . . . . #887

Leader: We are not alone; we live in Gods’ world.

**People: We believe in God:**

**Who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
The Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God’s presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**INVITATION**

One: Jesus Christ said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**All: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

One: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God’s people.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

One: God is present to us, but we don’t always feel it. God is good to us, but we can’t always accept it. Fact is, there are things within and around us that attempt to step between us and our relationship to God’s goodness. There are things that we think, things that we do, that act to separate us from God. The church calls that “sin.”

**All: God of all mercy, I confess that sin grips me and I cannot break free. The sin is in my mind, on my lips, in my acts done or even ignored and stands between me and you. My entire heart is not always yours. My love of neighbor falls short. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on me. Grant me your renewing forgiveness. Lead me on your paths of righteousness, and I shall delight in you, and I shall follow you, giving glory to your holy name. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One: The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. Through Christ, our sins, every one of them: the sins of commission, the sins of omission, the sins we confessed with contrition – all are forgiven.

**All: By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

**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.**

**\*HYMN. . . . . “Let There Be Peace on Earth” . . . . . #14 Special Hymnal**

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me Let there Be Peace on Earth The peace that was meant to be With God our Creator Children all are we Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.	Let peace begin with me Let this be the moment now. With every step I take Let this be my solemn vow To take each moment and live Each moment in peace eternally Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me
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**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

*To demonstrate our unity in Christ, we will take the elements together. Please open the cup containing the bread first, then please open the juice. Thank you!*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Now send us into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to find the lost and lonely, to heal broken souls, to free prisoners, and make the powerful care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your good news in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN. . . . . “On a Hill Far Away” (Vs. 1, 3 & 4). . . . . #195**

<i>On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, The emblem of suffering and shame; And I love that old cross where the Dearest and Best For a world of lost sinners was slain.</i>	<i>Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it someday for a crown</i>	<i>Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me; For the dear Lamb of God left the glory of heaven To bear it to cool Calvary.</i>
<i>In that old rugged cross, which bore blood so divine, A wondrous beauty I see, For upon that old cross Jesus suffered and died, To pardon and sanctify me.</i>		

**BENEDICTION**

One: The journey has begun.  
God is with you.  
Go forth to learn, to teach, to serve.  
Go, bringing peace and justice to all in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Our worship concludes; our service continues.  
**All: Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

**8:30AM**.....*“O Love, How Deep”*.....Broughton

**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 Katherine Behler Powell and Larry Powell by the Davis family.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of our wedding anniversary on March 4 by Brian and Sally Curren.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Sallie Hagerman, **11:00AM:** Stephanie Berkheimer
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Tim, Katie & Dani Bentzel, **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Carolyn Poff, **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Natalie Fuhrman, **11:00AM** Volunteer
- **MUSIC: 8:30AM:** Sandy Bamberger, **11:00AM:** Donna Seifarth, Leslie Talley & Men’s Chorus
- **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!**

**THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES**

The Hohenshilt/Jordan Family, 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

*“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”*

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Morning Prayer**

Dear God, as I rise to meet a new day, please let us be filled with Your Holy Spirit. Wherever I go, let me spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Let me desire to become more like you and to worship you in all I say and do. Help me desire these things much more than the sin that entices me. Thank you for always going before me. Thank you for this new day. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

**Evening Prayer**

Heavenly Father, you know my worries and care for my troubles. So I give these heavy concerns to you. I lay these problems at your feet. Thank you that your love in me can transform not only my life but the whole world. I walk with peace into the new day, and I put my hope in you. Today, let me rest in the knowledge that you will light my path and guide my life. In Jesus’ holy name. 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 Sechriest, Gladys Seigman, Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Elva Winter



The **Women’s Guild** will be meeting **March 7** at 1:00 pm in room 202. The program will be from our study book **Leading a Life of Balance. Chapter Two: Balancing Time and Responsibilities.** Pat Roth will be leading this chapter. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

**THIS WEEK**

SUN	8:30 & 11	<b>First Sunday in Lent/Communion</b>
	9:45	Sunday School
MON	1:00	Women's Guild (202)
	6:30	Church Chums (202)
	7:00	Property Committee (100)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	6:30	Cemetery Committee (202)
	8:00	Men's Rehearsals
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
	7:00	Worship & Music (100)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30-7:30	Choirs
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Second Sunday in Lent

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 101**

**THE CHURCH STAFF**

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**Pastor Melinda office hours: Please call for an appointment.**  
**Wednesdays 9AM-2PM & 5-8PM; Thursdays 9:00-11:30AM & 6-8:30PM; Fridays 9AM-2PM**

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Due the decreasing volume of Covid 19 cases in York County, starting **March 6th**, mask wearing in the church will be voluntary for fully vaccinated people. If you are not fully vaccinated, please continue wearing a mask in the church. We will continue to practice social distancing at this time. The Consistory will continue to monitor the York County numbers to determine our next steps.

**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. **Pastor Melinda would like to begin the group on March 11 at 10:00 a.m. in room 202.**



**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!**

As a reminder, the Sunday School class "**Journey Through the Psalms**" begins today **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.



**Engaging Women will be meeting on Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor.** They will continue their discussion with chapters 6 and 7 of the book called "The Power of a Woman's Words," by Sharon Jaynes. All are welcome!

## CALLING ALL SHILOH UCC MEN!

Beginning in **March**, we are planning to meet once-a-month at a local restaurant for breakfast. Some ideas for this type of gathering are to pursue a relationship with one another. Celebrate birthdays or life events. To address needs in our community that we can offer any solutions that God has created for us. If you are interested or need more details, contact Brad Jacobs at [bcj402@verizon.net](mailto:bcj402@verizon.net) or 717-764-2773.



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

**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.



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