



**Welcome to Shiloh United Church Christ
Worship
February 16th, 2025 @ 10:00AM**

MEDITATION

“Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony”
~ **Mahatma Gandhi**

PRELUDE

“I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone”

Pachelbel

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Please stand as you are able!)*

One: Blessed are those who trust God, whose trust is the Lord.

All: They are like trees planted by water, sending out roots by the stream.

One: They have no fear of summer’s heat, nor do they wither in the sun.

All: In the year of drought they are not anxious, for their lives bear the fruit of righteousness.

One: Come to the waters of life all you, who trust in the Lord.

All: We have come to worship and to send forth our roots into streams of God’s living water!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

All: God of blessings and woes, bless us this day with lives filled with love, generosity, forgiveness, and deep, abiding hope. We pray that your kingdom will dwell among all people, and that we may be instruments of your love and your grace. Open our hearts with the joy of healing a world filled with brokenness and pain. In the name of the One who taught us the ways of life and love, be in our worship and in our very lives. Amen.

***HYMN**

“This is the Day”

#84

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

All: Merciful God, we have not turned from the ways of evil to follow where you rightly lead us, nor have we been faithful in nurturing those trusted in our care. We confess our shortcomings and ask your forgiveness and beg to be renewed in energy and enthusiasm for the building of your kingdom on earth. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Anyone in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and at peace.

All: Thanks be to God who gives us life.

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

One: Behold the children of God surrounding you. Through your words and your smiles, acknowledge the spark of the divine within them. See the presence of Christ in the faces of your neighbors, affirming that we are all treasured children of God.

The peace of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S STORY *(All children of God who desire to come forward for the Children's Sermon are welcome. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to accompany their young child during the message.)*

***HYMN**

"Jesus Loves Me"

#327 (vs. 1,3)

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 1

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Men's Chorus

"The First Song of Isaiah"

Insert

Third Lesson: Luke 6:17-26

SERMON:

"The Secret of Happiness"

Pastor Melinda

HYMN

"Give Thanks" (with a grateful heart)

Insert

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 glory forever. Amen.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS BEFORE GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

You and I have received so much from God: food for our bodies and forgiveness to heal our spirits. We come to this moment in our worship when we give back to God a small portion of what we've received, to express our own amazement at everything God is doing in our lives. 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

One: Let us pray!

All: Your importance in our lives, O God, is reflected in our gifts. We return to you, through the ministry and outreach of Shiloh UCC, a portion of all that you have entrusted to us. We promise that these offerings will not be the end of our giving. We will also invest our time and abilities in your work of healing, comforting, teaching, guiding, and proclaiming good news. Bless each gift, whatever its size, and multiply the good to be done through our talents and treasure. Amen.

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

*BENEDICTION

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Render unto no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint hearted, support the weak, and honor all, that the Lord may be praised. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *“Happy Are They Who Walk With the Lord”* *Gawthrop*

**WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR
WORSHIP TODAY! PLEASE COME AGAIN!**

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (By Debbie McDaniel)

Dear God, thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Evening Prayer (By Rachel Olsen)

Dear Jesus, teach me to daily lay my burdens at your feet. Show me I can trust in your loving care. Grant me, your beloved, the nourishing blessing of rest and peaceful sleep. In Your name I prayer. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Judy Feeser, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Brad Jacobs, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Steve Snyder, Rick & Sue Trimble, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter, Suzanne Emmons



THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Trimble/Deveney Family, The Besecker/Drais Family, The Smith Family, The Taft Family, The Robertson/Jordan Family

THE ALTAR FLOWERS Presented in loving memory of Robert R. Reisinger by Randy, Deb, and Tyler Reisinger

BULLETIN: In Honor of our 61st Wedding Anniversary! – Pat & Nelson Roth

VIDEO TEAM: Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht,

LITURGIST: John Reiber

GREETERS: Ken and Patti Goodyear

USHER: Connie Redman

NURSERY Patti Goodyear and Kaitlin Rentzel

COFFEE CONNECTIONS: Linda Little

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSICIANS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE WORSHIP SERVICE!

Joke of the Day

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, 'Johnny, what is the matter, young boy?'

Little Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

Give Thanks

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Psalm 126:3

Unison

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; Give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son.

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; Give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," Let the poor say, "I am

rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And

2 Optional D.C. Last time

us. us. Give thanks!

*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	10:00	Worship
	9:00	Sunday School (202) & Wired Word (124)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	7:00	Quilt Club (202)
	7:00	Grief Group (Parlor)
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (202)
	7:00	WAM
THUR	10:30	Our Daily Bread
	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
FRI	12:00	Woman's Social Lunch
SUN	10:00	Worship

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 50

THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D. pastormelinda@shilohuccyorkpa.org 717-764-3569
Pastor Melinda office hours:	Tues., Wed., and Thurs 9AM-1PM
Director of Music	Stephanie Limbert
Organist	Sandra Bamberger
Family and Youth Ministry Coordinator	Brandi Shoff FamilyandYouthMinistry@shilohuccyorkpa.org
Missionaries in Costa Rica	Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson
Early Learning Center Director	Allison Hartnett
Admin Assistant	Courtney Olschefski
Office Email	office@shilohuccyorkpa.org
Website:	www.shilohuccyorkpa.org
www.facebook.com/shilohuccyorkpa	

