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**Welcome to Shiloh United Church Christ  
Worship  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 @ 10:00AM**

**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

**PRELUDE**

*“Be Still and Know”*

Williamson

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

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

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 together!**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

**All: 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**

*“There Is a Name I Love to Hear”*

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray!

**All: 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, 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

One: 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.

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

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

One: Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.

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.)*

**PUPPET MINISTRY**      *"God's Plan for His World"*

**\*HYMN**

*"Above All"*

Insert

## WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Second Reading: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

**Chancel Choir**

*"God's Love"*

**Rhodes**

Third Lesson: Luke 6:27-38

**SERMON:**

*"Love Your Enemies!"*

Pastor Melinda

**HYMN**

*"Here I am, Lord"*

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

We are called not only to love our family members and friends, but also our enemies. God's love embraces everyone; therefore our love must include all of God's children, as well. Our offerings today are one way we respond to our Christian calling, when we give to the ministries of Shiloh UCC. I invite you at this time to share God's abundance—in person or online on our website. 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: Holy God, we bring this offering of our money, prayer and labor to advance Your work of mercy in our world. We willingly and joyfully celebrate your generosity, by sharing our abundance with the church, our community and the world. Bless these gifts, as they go forth to do good in your world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                      *“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”*                      433

### \*BENEDICTION

One: May you leave this place with God's peace in your heart. Remember God's grace, the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, and the love of Jesus Christ. Go beyond the Golden Rule, and love first, forgive first, and give first. Go with God's blessings! **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**                      *“Our Hearts In Christian Love”*                      Roberts

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

## 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..

#### 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 Smith Family, The Taft Family, The Robertson/Jordan Family

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** In Honor of our family's February birthdays by The Reisinger Family

**BULLETIN:** In memory of Dennis Heath with love from his Mother and Family.

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

**LITURGIST:** Natalie Fuhrman

**GREETERS:** Ginny Heath & Natalie Fuhrman

**USHER:** Deb Althoff

**NURSERY:** Tim & Katie Bentzel

**COFFEE CONNECTIONS:** Natalie Fuhrman

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

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**Joke of the Day**  
**How did Joseph make his coffee?**  
**Hebrewed it. 😊**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Luke 6: 27-38

N F U J I W V V J M J P U N C O E  
N V Z R X T Q N E B E D R O V S L  
E A S I E R T D S X K K R T A A V  
N T I N I E S T U A C T L I F Y K  
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C P N J R G T R I G H T K D S Q O  
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C I B X T V E L V O T L U P I K E  
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A T S P C M F Q H E E R C K L L U  
N E E E I Y R N V O R A L L E N S  
G R E C S Q G W F N S T L P S T N  
E Y E K E D D Y J E R E I V N P B

understand	criticise	disciples	hypocrite	tolerate
splinter	tiniest	someone	mistake	saying
easier	others	change	notice	Jesus
right	jesus	speck	plank	wood
good	act	see	eye	

*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	<b>Worship</b>
	9:00	Sunday School (202) & Wired Word (124)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	8:00	Men's Chorus
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (202)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	10:00	Worship

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 61**

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