

THIS IS THE DAY

WHICH THE LORD HATH MADE;
WE WILL REJOICE
and be glad in it.



Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ
Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany/Scout Sunday
February 8th 2026 @ 10:00AM

MEDITATION

"People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within."
~Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, 20th century

PRELUDE

"Christ, My True and Only Light"

Paxton

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

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

One: God said, *"Let there be light."*

All: And there was light.

One: Jesus said, *"I am the light of the world."*

All: And the light shone in the darkness.

One: Jesus said, *"You are the light of the world."*

All: And the light shall not be quenched. Let us worship the God of Light!

***Scout Responsive Reading**

Leader: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. (Psalm 25:10)

Scouts: On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country.

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. (Psalm 33:12) My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare will they give you. (*Proverbs 3:1-2*)

Scouts: On my honor I will do my best to obey the Scout Law—and the Law is this: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Leader: And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-39)

Scouts: On my honor I will do my best to help other people at other times.

Leader: Remember also the Golden Text: And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. (Luke 6:31) Do you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are. (I Corinthians 3:16-17)

Scouts: On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself mentally awake.

Leader: Wisdom is the principal thing: Do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. Get wisdom; get insight. (Proverbs 4:5) How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy word. (Psalm 119:9)

Scouts: On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself morally straight.

***HYMN**

“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

#18

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

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: The light of God's love shines into the dark places of our world, healing its brokenness, and bringing hope to places of despair. The light of God's love makes us a forgiven people.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.

The peace of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(All children of God who desire to come forward for the Children's Sermon are welcomed. Parent's/caregivers are encouraged to accompany their young child(ren) during the message.)

***HYMN**

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

Insert

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9

Second Reading: Psalm 112:1-9

HANDBELL CHOIR

“Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door”

Arr. Meyer

Third Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON

“You are the light of the world”

Pastor Melinda

***HYMN**

“You Are Salt for the Earth, People”

#181 (vs. 1,2)

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 OFFERING BEFORE GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Christ calls us to let our lives and our work —salty, bright, and good— give witness to the reign of God in our midst. Let us generously offer our gifts of time, talent and treasure, that the glory of God may be recognized and celebrated in our world.

***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!

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe. From your hands we receive all that we need, often before we even know how to ask. Along with our thanks, we return to you a portion of these gifts. Let them be used in Jesus' name to serve those in need, that whatever good works these gifts accomplish might glorify you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“In Christ There Is no East or West” #395

BENEDICTION

One: Go, as people of light, forgiven and holy, to do the will of the One who loves us unconditionally.

All: We go in peace to love and serve God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Light of the World”

Ritter

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

PLEASE COME AGAIN SOON!

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Morning Prayer (By Debbie Przybylski)

In the midst of these frightening times, be with me, merciful God. I seek your peace and healing love. My heart is filled with concern for my family and friends, as well as those in far off lands who face difficulties and illnesses. Now I share the names of those for whom I seek prayers knowing that you hear my cries and respond in love. [Silent Prayer]. Yet in the midst of darkness your light of joy abounds within me as I share those moments which have caused me to rejoice in delight. Thank you, loving God, for this new day. And now send me out to love and share your Good News with everyone I meet today. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (by Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

Heavenly Father, my day is drawing to an end, and I'm ready to turn in. But before I do, I have to thank you for your faithfulness today. It's always a good day, even when things may not go the way I plan, or when the world seems in chaos, because you are in control.

For all the times when I was aware of your help today, all the times when your unseen presence seemed so near, thank you, God. But for all the ways you worked behind the scenes, unknown to me, moments when heaven-sent angels moved on my behalf in ways I'll never know, thank you for those also, Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen.



PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Helen Byers, Judy Feeser, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Steve Snyder, Rick & Sue Trimble, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter, Gloria Melhorn, Noah Olschefski, Fay Myers



THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Althoff Family, The Mummert Family, The Myers Family



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

BULLETIN:

ALTAR FLOWERS: Presented in Loving memory of my father, Melvin Long, who passed away 69 years ago on February 12th by Debbie and Bob Myers

Altar Flowers:(February 1st): Presented in loving memory of Virginia and Joseph Wallace Jr. by Lew, Joseph, Carol, Brandon, and Diane.

VIDEO TEAM: Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel

LITURGIST: Carol Burns

GREETERS: Michael and Laura Andras

USHER: Keith Krout

NURSERY: Sallie Hagerman, and Natalie Fuhrman

COFFEE CONNECTIONS: Patti Goodyear

*“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
	8:45	Wired Word (124) & Sunday School (202)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
MON	10:00	Security Mtng (Office)
	5:30	Gospel Choir (100)
	6:30	Consistory (202)
TUES	8:30	Men’s Bfast
	6:00	Cub Scouts (100)
	6:30	Engaging Woman (202)
WED	8:00	Men’s Chorus
	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (202)
THUR	6:30	Choirs
	6:30	NA Group (100)
SUN	10:00	Worship

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 76

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