

And now these three remain:

*faith, hope and love.*

But the greatest  
of these is

*Love.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 (NIV)



**Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ**  
**Worship**  
**February 9th, 2025 @ 10:00AM**

**MEDITATION**

*“Following Jesus means to let go of the “I” and move toward the “other.” Following Jesus means to dare to move out of ourselves and to slowly let go of building our “self” up.”*  
~Henri J.M. Nouwen

**PRELUDE**

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

*Wagner*

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

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

One: Called by God, we have come to worship.

**All: Called by Christ, we have come to follow.**

One: Called by the Holy Spirit, we have come to rejoice.

**All: Called together, we will listen and pray. Let us worship God!**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

**All: Almighty God, you call us to follow your voice. “Whom shall I send?” you ask us. With hearts of hope and souls filled with courage, we respond, “Here I am. Send me.” You evaporate our shame, and accept our authentic selves. May we continue to open ourselves to you, and may we embrace our full humanity. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*“Jesus Calls Us, o’er the Tumult”*

*#172 (vs. 1,4,5)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray!

**All: Master, we have worked all day and night, for many months and years. We yearn for a heavy catch, a full church, an abundant feast. Forgive us God, when we are too tired to cast our nets one time; when we are too stubborn to do things a little differently. Have mercy on us, when we are too afraid to dive into deep waters and take a risk. Grant us grace, that we may proclaim your word, work for your kingdom, and trust your promises. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: The grace of God has molded us throughout our lives and will continue to do so until our final breath. God’s grace is never in vain.

Even as God embraces our past, God moves us into the future— a future filled with hope, and the fulfillment of dreams.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**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.

**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**                    *“There Is a Name I Love to Hear”*                    #52 (vs. 1,3)

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: Psalm 138

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Handbell Choir                    *“Hallelujah”*                    Cohen/Arr. Raney

Third Lesson: Luke 5:1-11

**SERMON:**                    *“The First Disciples”*                    Pastor Melinda

**HYMN**                    *“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*                    #173 (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 OFFERINGS BEFORE GOD**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Whom should God send? Who will go for God's people? Here we are, God is counting on us. Let us share our gifts and our offerings in answer to God's call.

**\*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: Increase the strength of these gifts and the strength of our ministries, O God. Expand the nets of our love that we may share abundantly. May these gifts be signs of our commitment to walk in your ways and do your will. May the offering we share here at Shiloh UCC bring your presence and blessings into our hurting world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                      *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*                      #76

**\*BENEDICTION**

One: May God the Father prepare your journey,  
Jesus the Son guide your footsteps,  
The Spirit of Life strengthen your body,  
The Three in One watch over you,  
on every road that you may follow.  
**All: Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**                      *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*                      *Howell*

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

## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

### Morning Prayer

*(Henri J.M. Nouwen: Following Jesus: Finding Our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety)*

Dear Lord, Be with me today. Listen to my confusion and help me know how to live it. I don't know the words. I don't know the way. Show me the way. You are a quiet God. Help me to listen to your voice in a noisy world. I want to be with you. I know you are peace. I know you are joy. Help me to be a peaceful and joyful person. These are the fruits of living close to you. Bring me close to you, dear Lord. Amen.

### Evening Prayer

Great God of Love, you who are never distant: whisper comfort and courage to all who are living in fear; breathe faith and patience into all who wait in worry. Unbind our hearts to rest in you. Send to us your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your everlasting peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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, Susan Emmons, Steve Zorbaugh, Jackie Taft

#### 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 to the Glory of God and in celebration of our 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on February 14<sup>th</sup> by Bob and Debbie Myers

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

**LITURGIST:** Brad Jacobs

**GREETERS:** Carolyn Poff and Jeanie Bentzel

**USHER:** Ginny Heath

**NURSERY** Norina and Jim Bentzel Jr.

**COFFEE CONNECTIONS:** Carol Burns

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

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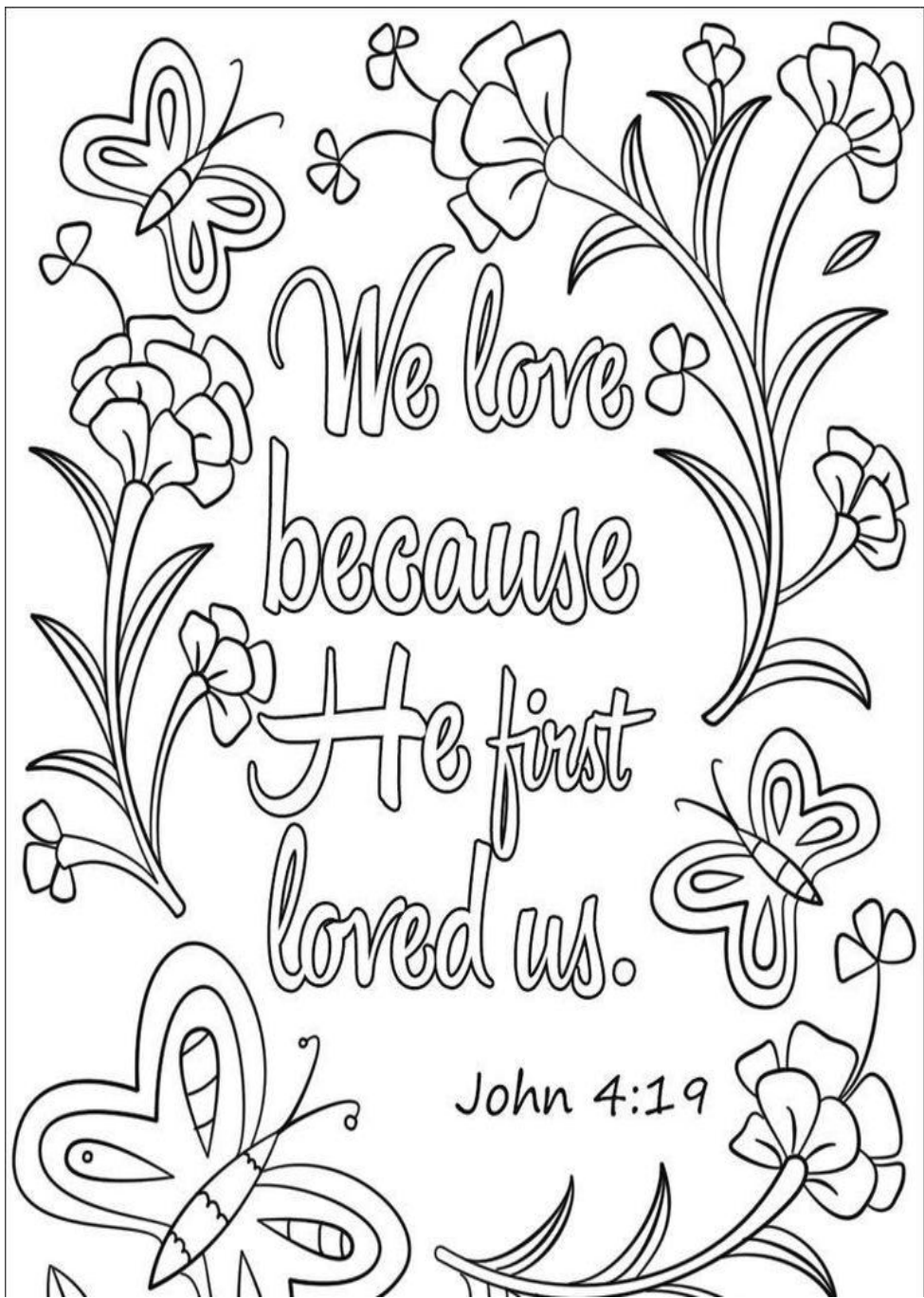
## Joke of the Day

**Q:** Why was Adam created first?

**A:** To give him a chance to say something.



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We love  
because  
He first  
loved us.

John 4:19

*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)
MON	7:00	Consistory Meeting (202)
TUES	8:30	Men's Breakfast
	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	6:30	Engaging Woman
	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: 88**

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