



*Create in me a clean heart, O God;*  
**AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT**  
*within me.*

PSALM 51:10

**Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ**  
**Worship and Communion Service**  
**Scout Sunday**  
**February 2nd, 2025 @10:00AM**

**MEDITATION**

*When you love you should not say, "God is in my heart," but rather, "I am in the heart of God."*  
~On Love: By Kahlil Gibran

**PRELUDE**

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" Martin*

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

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

One: Let us gather to listen to God's Word!

**All: Word of God, speak!**

One: Let us gather with childlike faith!

**All: Ageless wisdom, reveal.**

One: Word of God, speak!

**All: Your servants are listening! Let us worship God!**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

**All: God of love, speak to our hearts this day. Speak words of wisdom and faith. Open our hearts and minds to perceive your message of love, even when it's hard to hear. Strengthen our faith to answer your call, even when we don't feel confident of capable. Be our wisdom, our strength, and our love, that we may bring your wisdom, strength and love to the world. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*"The Gift of Love"*

*Insert*

**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**

*"I Love You, Lord"*

*Insert*

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: Psalm 71:1-6

Second Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

*"I Can't Even Walk"*

Croft / Arr. Hamby

Third Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

SERMON

“Impossible Love”

Pastor Melinda”

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

God’s grace and love is abundant. Wherever we wander, God remains our God. The profoundness of God’s love stands in contrast to the harsh judgment of our world. In response to this unfailing love, let us bring our time, talents, and treasures to serve the ministries to which we are called.

\*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, thank you for making each of us a beloved child in your great family. You guide us by your Holy Spirit to the way of life. Through your grace, we have enough to share with our neighbors who are in need. May these offerings bring your kindness to strangers. We pray through Christ, who loved us and gave himself as a fragrant offering and sacrifice while we were yet strangers. Amen

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*(All are welcome to partake of communion)*

**\*HYMN**                    *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”*                    #347

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**                    *“A New Creed*                    NCH #887

### INVITATION

One: The feast of God is designed to satisfy not our physical appetites but our hunger and thirst for righteousness. The table has long been set and there has always been a place reserved for you. Jesus Christ beckons you, “Come.”

### CONFESSION OF SIN

One: Trusting together in God’s steadfast mercy, let us search our hearts, coming before God’s throne to confess our sins.

**All: We confess, gracious God, that we have not lived as you have longed for us to live. We have failed to love you above all else, we have been blind to our neighbor’s needs, we have spoken when silence would have been golden, and failed to speak on behalf of the voiceless.**

**We have trusted everything but you to lift us from the darkness. Forgive us, dear Lord.**

**Cleanse our hearts, make them more like yours, teach us to live like Jesus. In His holy name we pray. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Faith, hope, and love remain. But it is through the greatest of these, love that we forgive and are forgiven. For Jesus’ sake, your sins are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

One: The One who lifts the lowly and brings down the mighty offers us a peace that passes all understanding. Claim the promise of this peace as you share greetings in Christ’s name. The peace of God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP** (*The members of Consistory will serve you the bread and juice. To demonstrate our unity in Christ, we will take the elements together. Please wait until everyone has been served.*)

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

One: Let us pray!

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**    *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*    #43 vs. 1.&2.

**\*BENEDICTION**

As you leave this place, bring with you the healing word of God, the hope of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit wherever you go. Offer the transforming message of God’s love to all you meet; and walk in the way of Agape-love always. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Let Me Be Thine Forever”*

*Bach*

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

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** 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, Matt Hildebrecht,

**LITURGIST:** Linda Little

**GREETERS:** Shirley Lohmann & Linda Little

**USHER:** Scouts and Leaders

**NURSERY** John Reiber & Nathan Limbert

**COFFEE CONNECTIONS:** Katie Bentzel

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,

## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

### Morning Prayer (Traci Miles)

Dear Lord, Help me remember what a difference it makes when I make time with You a priority in my morning. Awaken me in body and spirit each day with a desire to meet with You and to hear You speak words of affirmation, assurance, and wisdom over my heart as I prepare to go into my day. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

*Meditation: "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." (James 1:5)*

### 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. Forgive me for any foolish actions on my part today or things I did without first asking your blessing or wisdom. Those are moments I'd rather forget, but I'm so grateful for your forgiveness when I ask. Thank you for loving me just as I am. Your love compels me to give you my all and fills my heart with praise. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

*Meditation: Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)*

### THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Trimble/Deveney Family, The Besecker/Drais Family

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS, INCLUDING  
THE BOY SCOUTS AND LEADERS AS WELL AS THE  
MUSICIANS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE WORSHIP SERVICE!**

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# The Gift of Love

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,  
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,  
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

and have the gift to all in - spire,  
and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,  
our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,  
but not be given by love with - in,  
Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

WORDS: Hal Hopson, 1972 (1 Cor. 13:1-3)  
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*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/Communion</b>
	8:45	Sunday School (202) & Wired Word (124)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
MON	1:00	Woman's Guild
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
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: 84**

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