

The greatest
sacrifice...
the **DEEPEST**
love

*Greatest love hath no more than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

JOHN 15:13

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE
FEBRUARY 4, 2024
8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION

"The eagle has no fear of adversity.

We need to be like the eagle and have a fearless spirit of a conqueror!"

Joyce Meyer (*brainyquote.com*)

PRELUDE

8:30AM

"Glory Be To God on High"

Paxton

11:00AM

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Birchwood

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please stand if you are able)

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

All: Our great and everlasting God meets us where we are.

One: Servants of the Most High, open your ears to hear. Children of the light, open your hearts, and know that God loves you.

All: We have seen, heard, and known that our God strengthens the powerless, gives hope to the hopeless. God lifts us up on eagle's wings, so that we won't grow weary. Our God is great and mighty, full of endless love and compassion. Let us worship God!

*HYMN

"Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

#73

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!

Open our ears, O God, that we might hear you speaking to us in this hour. Open our hearts, O God, that we might listen for your voice calling to us through scripture. Open our minds, O God, that we might understand your promises to both young and old, weak and strong. Open our spirits, O God, that we might enter into the love you offer us today. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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.)*

*VIDEO "On Eagles' Wings"

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: 147:1-11, 20c
Second Reading: Mark 1:29-39

*CHANCEL CHOIR "Teach Me, Lord, to Wait" Arr. McDonald

Third Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

SERMON "On Eagles' Wings"

*HYMN "Nothing Can Trouble (Twice)" #772

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 *(Acts 20:35)*

When resources were short, did Jesus worry? No! Jesus saw the gifts, and he multiplied them! This the miracle we witness every time we give to the church. God will take what we give, and do amazing things with it. You are invited to give what you can, and to participate in the miracle of God's multiplying acts. Remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

*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!
Loving God, our hunger is never better satisfied than at your table. Our gifts can have no higher value than when they are offered to you. Because you fill our spirits, we hunger to serve and give to others. Today we pray that these gifts may be as food to nourish the living body of Christ. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
(All are welcome to partake of communion)

*HYMN "I Come with Joy" (Vs. 1-3) #349

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.

Silent reflection.

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: Our God is indeed gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in Agape love and forgiveness. For Jesus' sake, your sins are forgiven.

All: By the grace of God, for Jesus' sake, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

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** "In the Bulb There is a Flower" #433

BENEDICTION

May you run and not be weary. May you rise up on the wings of eagles. May you know without doubt that the everlasting God goes with you!
Amen.

POSTLUDE

8:30AM "Sing Praise to God the Creator" Smith
11:00AM "Hear Me As I Pray" Peterson

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and 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, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Tim and Katie Bentzel **11:00 AM:** Linda Little
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM** John & Mary Reiber **11:00AM:** Richard & Helen Hodgson
- **NURSERY: 8:30AM:** Carol Burns **11:00AM** Jessie Sechrist
- **MUSIC:** Chancel Choir, Joan Hamme, Sandy Bamberger

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSICIANS!

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer *(Unknown)*

God,
Please enlighten my mind with truth;
Inflame my heart with love;
Inspire my will with courage;
Enrich my life with service.
Pardon what I have been;
Sanctify what I am;
And order what I shall be.
Amen.

Evening Prayer *(Rebecca Weston – 1890)*

Father, we thank thee for the night,
And for the pleasant morning light;
For rest and food and loving care,
And all that makes the day so fair.
Help us to do the things we should,
To be to others kind and good;
In all we do, in work or play,
To grow more loving every day.
Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Gerry Funkhouser, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Stewart Wagner, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Bechtel Family; The Geesey Family; The Shaffer Family, The LaMontagne/Boros Family



I would like to thank the members, friends and especially the Consistory of Shiloh UCC for all the kind sympathy cards, flowers and words after my Mom passed away. I am very grateful for all your love and support.

Blessings, Pastor Melinda

Beginning **Wednesday, February 21st** Pastor Melinda will be leading a **Lenten Study**. The study will start at **7:00PM in room 202** and will continue on **Wednesday's through March 27th**. The title of the study is *Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross.* "In the Seven Words Video Bible study, Susan Robb examines the last words that Christ said on the cross. In this six-session study, you will examine Jesus' final words, full of life and hope for the Lent season." There will be sign-up sheets in the gallery. Everyone is welcome to join!



The Sunday School Board has voted to support the **Heifer Project International** for our Lenten Project. Our offerings will begin the first **Sunday in Lent, February 18 through Easter Sunday, March 31**. All Sunday School and Church Members are invited to support this worth while cause.

“Shiloh UCC is called to be a community where love is affirmed, truth is told, laughter, and tears are encouraged and shared, and the acceptance and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ is extended to all. The members of this community will strive to live a life that has a Christ centered faith in God.”

THIS WEEK

- SUN 8:30 & 11 **Worship/Communion**
9:45 Sunday School (100) & Wired Word (202)
- MON 1:00 Women’s Guild (202)
6:30 Church Chums (202)
- TUES 6:30 Cemetery Assoc. (202)
6:30 Cub Scouts (100)
- WED 9:30 Bible Study
5:00 TOPS (117)
- THUR 6:30 NA Group
6:30 Choirs
- SUN 8:30 & 11 **Worship/Scout Sunday**



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 95

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The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **Monday, February 5, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The program will be from our study book **Encouraging One Another, Chapter Ten: Where It's Needed Most**. Joyce Mummert will be leading this chapter. Special offering this month is for Sally Jane Johnson. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

It's that time of year to warm up with a nice cup of **coffee** from **Costa Rica!** A new shipment has come in and it includes decaffeinated coffee as well as whole coffee beans for a fresh grind! Please contact Linda Little if interested at 717-309-4523



The next **Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast** will be held on **Tuesday, February 13th at 8:30 am** at **Astoria Diner located at 1900 W. Market St.** Contact Brad Jacobs at 717-764-2773 or bcj402@verizon.net for more information.

In the event of inclement weather, any delays or closings will be listed on the **Church's Website and Facebook page**. We will also submit the information to **Fox 43 News and WGAL New 8**. If services are held, please use your best judgement as to whether you are able to attend.



Engaging Women Will be meeting **Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 in the parlor**. They will be discussing the book *The Forest of the Vanishing Stars* by Kristin Harmel. Contact Sally Curren at dgft25@hotmail.com for additional information.

Ash Wednesday is February 14. A drive-through service will be held from **6:00 PM until 8:00 PM**. Pastor Melinda will be in the portico applying ashes on hands or foreheads. Please enter the parking lot from School Street or the back entrance on Willow Rd (closest to Carlisle Rd). Proceed to the portico to be greeted by Pastor Melinda. We hope you will join us for this unique service.



It's that time of year to start thinking about Spring. The American Cancer Society is holding a longtime favorite spring fundraiser, **Daffodil Days!** The campaign will celebrate the arrival of spring. Bunches of daffodils are available for \$10.00. Mini Potted Daffodils will be on sale for \$15.00 each. Envelopes for your orders may be found on the tables in the narthex. All orders must be received by **Sunday, February 11**. Please make checks payable to the American Cancer Society. The Mini-Potted Daffodils will be displayed in the sanctuary on Sunday, **March 24**. Thank you for your support of this important event.

Please be advised that the **Grief Group** will be meeting on **Tuesday, February 20 in the Parlor**. Anyone is welcome to attend.



The Women's Social and Support Group will meet for lunch at **West Manchester Cafe on Friday, February 16th at 12:00pm**. Please contact Bertie Lighty at 717-764-3063 by **February 12** if you plan to attend.

Please contact the office if you're interested in **sponsoring bulletins**. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks prior** your desired date to have your "Special" wording placed in the bulletin.



OFFERING is continually being collected for our Costa Rican missionaries, **Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson**.

GROCERY GIFT CARDS = CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH. Weis and Giant grocery gift cards are available for purchase in the gallery. For every dollar of gift cards purchased, \$.05 is donated to the church by the grocery store. This contribution is used to support our Missionaries, Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson in Costa Rica.

