

Welcome to this hour of worship at
Shiloh United Church of Christ

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Shiloh United Church of Christ is called to show Christ's love for all through witness, word, and worship."

CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL
by the people of God
gathered in the meeting house of
Shiloh United Church of Christ
12:00 p.m.

The Prelude "Day of Sorrow"Verdi

Gathering Words:

We have gathered this Good Friday to remember the betrayal, humiliation, and crucifixion of Jesus. We have gathered to experience anew the events that would change the world. May we experience all the pathos of that day, and may we participate in its meaning together.

Call to Worship

Leader: Our way through Lent has brought us to this hour.

People: During our journey of forgiveness and restoration, we have faced old habits and explored new possibilities.

Leader: We have felt God's protection.

People: We have heard about God's plans for our lives.

Leader: We have renewed our friendship with God.

People: We have experienced God's gifts of silence and introspection.

Leader: We now experience the passion of Jesus, who suffered and died this day.

People: Let us worship God together, as we remember the meaning of Jesus' death, and embrace the new life to come.

Prayer of Invocation:

One: Let us Pray!

All: O God of infinite love and power, we gather together on this Good Friday to reflect on the passion of the Christ. We are utterly humbled in the presence of such love and mercy. Open our hearts this day to the goodness of Good Friday, and fill us with your love and powerful Spirit of Holiness. Remove from us all sin. Offer us anew this Life in Christ that makes all things new. Amen.

Please do not sing the hymn, just follow along

Hymn "Journey to Gethsemane"See Insert

Unison Prayer of Confession

We all, like sheep, have gone astray.
We have all turned to our own way.
We have sinned and have been the cause
of Christ’s suffering.
Please forgive us, we pray.
Remove the sins that distance us from you
and from those we love and care about.
Remove our selfishness, our pride, our envy,
and our greed.
Remove from us our thoughtless acts
and words that hurt one another.
Remove from us the tendency to hurt others
out of revenge and anger.
Forgive us please.
Create in us a clean heart, O Lord.
And renew in us a right spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the words of Jesus, *“Abba, forgive them. For they do not know what they do.”*
All: **When we cry out, God helps us without delay. The Lord forgives our iniquity and remembers our sin no more.**

Sharing the Blessing of Christ’s Peace *(Please wave to one another)*

The Peace of Christ be with you
And also with you
Let us offer one another a sign of Christ’s Peace

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Second Lesson: Psalm 22

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Hymn *“The Old Rugged Cross”* See Insert

Narrative Gospel Reading: John 18:1-19:42

Special Music *“Gethsemane Prayer”* Allen & Allen

Silence

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.

Please depart in silence.

- **LITURGIST:** Norma Hull
- We would like to thank everyone who participated in today’s service!!

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