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WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP SERVICE
JANUARY 14, 2024
8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

PRELUDE

8:30AM

"I Have Heard Your Voice"

Prentiss

11:00AM

"Give of Your Best to the Master"

Barnard & Auld

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please stand if you are able)

One: God, you call each of us to serve you, and we answer,

All: "Here I am!"

One: Jesus, you call each of us to follow you, and we answer,

All: "Here I am!"

One: Holy Spirit, you call each of us to worship you this day, and we answer,

All: "Here I am!"

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!

**Open our ears, O God, that we might hear
your Word speaking to us in this hour.**

**Open our ears, O God, that we might listen
for your voice calling to us through scripture.**

**Open our ears, O God, that we might understand
your promises to followers both old and young,
ancient and modern.**

**Open our hearts, O God, that we might enter
into the love you offer us today. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

#505

IF WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, GOD DWELLETH IN US. 1 JOHN 4:12

**Awesome God,
you have made all of creation
and each cell of our bodies.
You know our thoughts
and you know our sins.
We desperately try to hide our mistakes,
our weaknesses, and our embarrassments.
But you know it all;
and so we come before You now
asking for your forgiveness.
Even as you know the limits of our human capabilities,
we know the unlimited power of your love.
Forgive us, cleanse us, make us whole.
In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*Psalm 139, 1 Corinthians 6*)

One: The God who has made us will never desert us.
The God of creation is creating still, making us new.
The God whose love gave us the gift of Jesus Christ
is the same God whose love forgives and sustains us.
All: Amen.

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

One: Let us greet one another with a sign of God's peace.
The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON (*All children and youth who desire to come forward for the Children's Sermon are welcomed. Parent's/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message.*)

*HYMN "There Is a Balm in Gilead" #553

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-20
Second Reading: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

HANDBELL CHOIR

Third Reading: John 1:43-51

SERMON "Come and See"

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

Beloved children of God, too often we see the world through a lens of scarcity. We look at all the things we do not have or wish for something bigger and better. And yet, our stories of faith tell us that the smallest things often become enormous when placed in God's hands. And so, you are invited to bring your "little" and watch how God can do great things to bless the entire community.

*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!
Jesus, you reminded your followers that where our treasure is, our hearts will turn. Grant that as we return to you a small portion of what you have first given us, our hearts may follow all the way, finding their true home in you. Then may these gifts, given in your name, minister to the needs of those whom you love and further the gospel we are sent to proclaim. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "We Shall Overcome" (Vs. 1, 2 & 5, 6) #570

BENEDICTION

Go into the world, listening for God's call in your lives. Go into the world, ready to follow Jesus Christ. Go into the world, sustained by the love and power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

8:30AM "O Thou, in Whose Presence My Soul Takes Delight" Martin
11:00AM "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Arr. Tornquist

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (Inspired by Julie Dortch Cragon)

Loving God, I offer to you my day, All of my joys and my sufferings, my cares and my concerns, My accomplishments and my failures. All that I have, all that I do, is yours. Keep me in your care. Guard me in my actions. Teach me to love, and help me to turn to you throughout the day. The world is filled with temptations. As I move through my day, keep me close. May those I encounter feel your loving presence. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Evening Prayer (https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Evening-Prayers)

Heavenly Father, as I lie down to sleep tonight, I pray that You would guard my sleeping and protect my mind from wandering thoughts and unnecessary planning. Teach me to wait for Your perfect timing and not to try to plan my future in my own strength. Lord, I know that You have scheduled every day of my life. Help me to trust You in all things and rely on You to lead me along the straight path and guide me in the direction that You would have me to go. Give me patience to wait for Your perfect timing, and may I not trust in my own abilities and scheming, but rather rest in Your love and trust my future into Your hands. And so now Lord, I commit this night to you, asking that I would rest soundly and wake refreshed and strong to do Your bidding. This I ask in Jesus' precious name. 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 ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of my grandparents, Annie and Melvin Latchaw and my aunt and uncle Charlotte and Ken Dittenhafer by Connie Redman.
- VIDEO TEAM: Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- LITURGIST: 8:30AM: Patti Goodyear 11:00 AM: Steve Besecker
- GREETERS: 8:30AM Natalie Fuhrman & Sallie Hagerman 11:00AM: Michael & Laura Andras
- NURSERY: 8:30AM: Nathan Limbert 11:00AM Volunteer
- MUSIC: Handbell Choir, Jessie Sechriest, Sandy Bamberger

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSICIANS FOR PROVIDING THE WORSHIP MUSIC THIS SUNDAY!

All members of the Congregation are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28. Before the Meeting, a pot luck dinner will be held at 12:30 p.m. in room 100. Sign-up sheets are located in the gallery and the Welcome Center. Following the dinner, the Annual Meeting will begin at 1:15 p.m. in room 100. There will be a time for discussion and questions on the printed Annual Report



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.

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.



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

