



The
peace
of **God...**

shall keep your hearts.

Philippians 4:7

Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ
Worship and Service
January 19th , 2025
10:00AM

MEDITATION

“Again and again you see how Jesus opts for what is small, hidden, and poor, and accordingly declines to wield influence. His many miracles always serve to express his profound compassion with suffering humanity; never are they attempts to call attention to himself. As a rule, he even forbids those he has cured to talk to others about it. And as Jesus’ life continues to unfold, he becomes increasingly aware that he has been called to fulfill his vocation in suffering and death. In all of this, it becomes plain to us that God has willed to show his love for the world by descending more and more deeply into human frailty.”

By Henri Nouwen

PRELUDE

“I Heard the Bells”

Williams

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

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

One: How can we keep still this day?

All: There is joy in this place!

One: God’s steadfast love extends to everyone.

All: God reaches out to us all in forgiveness and compassion.

One: Thanks to God for all the wonderful blessings we have received.

All: Let us celebrate God’s joyful love for and with us!

Let us worship God! Amen

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

All: Almighty God, open our hearts to the surprising ways in which you offer to us your love and your presence. Help us to truly believe in the wondrous ways that you work in our lives. Give us hearts and spirits for service to you. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Take My Hand, Precious Lord”

#472

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

All: Lord, we need a miracle today. Like Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana, we need a miracle today. We are tired, Lord, of the hurts of this world.

We are discouraged in the face of injustice, war, poverty, natural disaster and indifference. We need a miracle today, Lord. Your steadfast love, like a mighty mountain, will not be moved. Your gifts, as many as the mighty winds, cannot be counted. Your glory, like a mighty torch, will not be put out. Lord, crown us with your love. Show us your glory, that in you we may be moved to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy. Lord, we need a miracle today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: God's love is continually poured out for us. Drink from the cup of forgiveness and compassion! In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven! Amen.

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

One: Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship. The peace of God be with you.

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**

"Pure Joy"

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WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Second Reading: Psalm 36:5-10

MEN'S CHORUS

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

Third Lesson: John 2:1-11

SERMON:

"The First Sign"

Pastor Melinda"

HYMN

"Trust and Obey"

Insert

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 blessings rain down upon us like manna from heaven. Sometimes we recognize them as blessings, and sometimes we don't. But God's presence is with us in either case. Today we pause on this journey to remember the many times God has been with us along the way, and has provided for our needs. Then, through the ministry of Shiloh UCC, we join in the work of God in providing for the needs of others. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise!

***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: Generous God, who turns water into wine and scarcity into abundance, we offer our gifts to you with grateful hearts. May these offerings be transformed, just as you transform our lives with your grace. Guide us to use these resources to meet the needs we see around us, to share your love, and to build your kingdom right here in this neighborhood. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"* #593

*BENEDICTION

And now, from the One who is indeed the giver of all good gifts: go and share what God has given you; go and proclaim that God's love is here; go in the power of God's Spirit to make all things new. **Amen.**

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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

**THESE ARE MARTIN LUTHER’S ABBREVIATED PRAYERS FOR
MORNING AND EVENING**

From The Small Catechism of Martin Luther. Martin Luther (1483-1546) was a German theologian and reformer who sparked the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century.

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(Then go joyfully to your work, singing a hymn, like that of the Ten Commandments, or whatever your devotion may suggest.)

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. 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,

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Robertson Family, The Hombach Family, The Trimble/Deveney Family, The Besecker/Drais Family

THE ALTAR FLOWERS Presented in loving memory of Sue's mother, Thelma Deveney by Sue and Rick Trimble

THE BULLETINS The bulletins for today are in memory of our mother, Jane Garber, and in honor of her 100th birthday January 20, 2025. By her children- Diane Robertson, Luther Garber, and Mark Garber. Happy Birthday Mom.

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

LITURGIST: Steve Besecker

GREETERS: Pat Myers and Stephanie Waldron

USHER: Carol Burns

NURSERY Carol Burns and Jessie Sechriest

COFFEE CONNECTIONS: Bobby and Stephanie Limbert

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

Trust and Obey

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
2. Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share,
3. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love
4. Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet,

what a glo - ry he sheds on our way!
but our toil he doth rich - ly re - pay;
un - til all on the al - tar we lay;
or we'll walk by his side in the way;

While we do his good will, he a - bides with us still,
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
for the fa - vor he shows, for the joy he be - stows,
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;

and with all who will trust and o - bey.
but is blest if we trust and o - bey.
are for them who will trust and o - bey.
nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

*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	Worship
	8:45	Sunday School (202) & Wired Word (124)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
TUES	6:00	Missions Meeting (Parlor)
	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	7:00	Grief Group
WED	7:00	Quilt Club (202)
	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (202)
THUR	7:00	Worship and Music
	6:30	NA Group (100)
SUN	6:30	Choirs
	10:00	Worship/ Annual Meeting

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 84

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