

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP SERVICE/COMMUNION

JULY 2, 2023
8:30AM AND 11:00AM

LET FREEDOM RING



“RAIN DOWN MY GODLINESS,
YOU HEAVENS ABOVE....
LET FREEDOM SPRING TO LIFE.
LET GODLINESS GROW RICHLY
ALONG WITH IT.
I HAVE CREATED ALL THESE THINGS.
I AM THE LORD.”

ISAIAH 45:8 (NIRV)

MEDITATION

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

~ John F. Kennedy

PRELUDE

8:30 AM	<i>"The Peace of God"</i>	Broughton
11:00AM	<i>"Fourth of July Medley"</i>	Arr. Hamme

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand if you are able.)*

One: We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.
All: May God continue to bless the Church in this land.

One: We draw near to the God who rules over all nations.
All: May God continue to bless our country and all the countries in the world.

One: We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all peoples on the earth.
All: May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us understand that it begins in our hearts. Let us worship and praise our God!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!
God of freedom and miracles, we wait for your voice and direction this morning. We are so busy with the holiday celebrations and gatherings, yet the words of anguish arise around us. News of tragedy and war blare at us from all directions. Hear our cries, O Lord. Come and comfort and heal our wounds. Open our hearts this day that we might become people who bring peace and hope to those in despair. For we ask these things in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN	<i>"America the Beautiful"</i>	Insert
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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 during the message.)*

*HYMN “My Country, Tis of Thee” Insert

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Romans 7:15-25a
Second Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SPECIAL MUSIC

Third Lesson: Daniel Chapter 4

SERMON “The American Dream”

*HYMN “This is My Song” #591

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

Through holy wisdom, God has made the world as a rich dwelling place, giving us dominion over the created order. As God is mindful of us and of our needs, let us now be mindful of our obligation to be good stewards, through our generosity and responsibility, for God’s gifts. Now, let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude, commitment, 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!
O God, you invite us to share the load. Through these gifts, we see that your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Use them, with us, to your service. Multiply them, through us, for your use. Strengthen them, in us, to meet the needs of this weary world, until the day comes when every need is met. Through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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

*COMMUNION HYMN “As We Gather at Your Table” #332

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “A New Creed” #887

INVITATION

One: Jesus Christ said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.
All: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

One: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God’s people.

CONFESSION OF SIN

One: God is present to us, but we don’t always feel it. God is good to us, but we can’t always accept it. Fact is, there are things within and around us that attempt to step between us and our relationship to God’s goodness. There are things that we think, things that we do, that act to separate us from God. The church calls that “sin.”

All: God of all mercy, I confess that sin grips me and I cannot break free. The sin is in my mind, on my lips, in my acts done or even ignored stand between me and you. My entire heart is not always yours. My love of neighbor falls short. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on me. Grant me your renewing forgiveness. Lead me on your paths of righteousness, and I shall delight in you, and I shall follow you, giving glory to your holy name. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. Through Christ, our sins, every one of them: the sins of commission, the sins of omission, the sins we confessed with contrition – all are forgiven.

All: By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

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.

*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. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 *“The Nation”* Insert

*BENEDICTION

One: God of fireworks and good works, bless us this day as we go from this place. May our celebrations be joyous and memorable, and may our service to others reflect your love and peace.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

8:30 AM *“Rise Up and Serve the Lord”* Harris
11:00AM *“God Bless America”* I. Berlin

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

➤ **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of our son-in-law, Eric Bolton’s 50th birthday and grandson, Drew Bolton’s 13th birthday by Julia and Marlyn Hahn.

➤ **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.

➤ **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Robert Limbert, **11:00AM:** Linda Little

➤ **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Gary & Marvel Burg, **11:00AM:** Michael & Laura Andras

➤ **NURSERY: 8:30AM:** Nathan Limbert, **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest

➤ **MUSIC:** Joan Hamme, Sandy Bamberger

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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer

“God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things that I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.” Amen.

– Serenity Prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr

Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father, you know my worries and care for my troubles. So I give these heavy concerns to you. I lay these problems at your feet. Thank you that your love in me can transform not only my life but the whole world. I walk with peace into the new day, and I put my hope in you. Today, let me rest in the knowledge that you will light my path and guide my life. In Jesus’ holy name. Amen.

The **LOVE** offering for the months of June and July will be used to purchase some new toys for our nursery. Envelopes can be found in the pews.



PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Julie Beall, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Helen Byers, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Jay Mummert, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Reiber/Youkers Family, The Lochman/Schwartz Family, The Bechtel Family, The Craft Family, The Baboian Family, The Brenneman/Hershey Family



The **Women's Social and Support Group** will meet Friday, **July 21 for breakfast at 9:00am at Bob Evans.** Please contact Sandy Bamberger at 717-792-2817 by **July 16th** if you will be attending.

Vacation Bible School is BACK! We will have VBS from **Sunday July 23rd through Wednesday July 26th, from 6PM to 8PM.** The theme is "Stellar, Shine Jesus' Light". Registration forms will be in the church office, so sign up early to reserve your child or grandchild's spot!



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.

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.



"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 8:30 & 11 **Worship/Communion**
9:45 Sunday School (100)
TUES **Independence Day – Office Closed**
WED 5:00 TOPS (100)
THUR 6:30 NA Group (100)
SUN 8:30 & 11 **Worship**



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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK **42**

THE CHURCH STAFF

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Thursdays 5-8PM
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July 30th is Heritage Sunday for the local Lutheran and UCC churches.

Worship service begins at 10:30am followed by a picnic. The location is at Salem UCC, 2705 W. Canal Rd. in Dover. There will be music, games and awards given out at the end of the service. This year, Shiloh UCC is responsible for bringing the ice, drinks and a side dish. The drinks and ice will be purchased by the church and members can bring a dish to share. A sign-up sheet will be available in the gallery. We are also asked to bring our own lawn chairs. **We will NOT have worship services at Shiloh on this day.**