

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP SERVICE
JULY 3, 2022
8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION

"And so my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

John Fitzgerald Kennedy (1961–1963)

PRELUDE

8:30 AM	<i>"Make Me a Channel of Blessing"</i>	Warriner
11:00 AM	<i>"Medley For America"</i>	Arr. Hamme

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (by Nathan Decker)

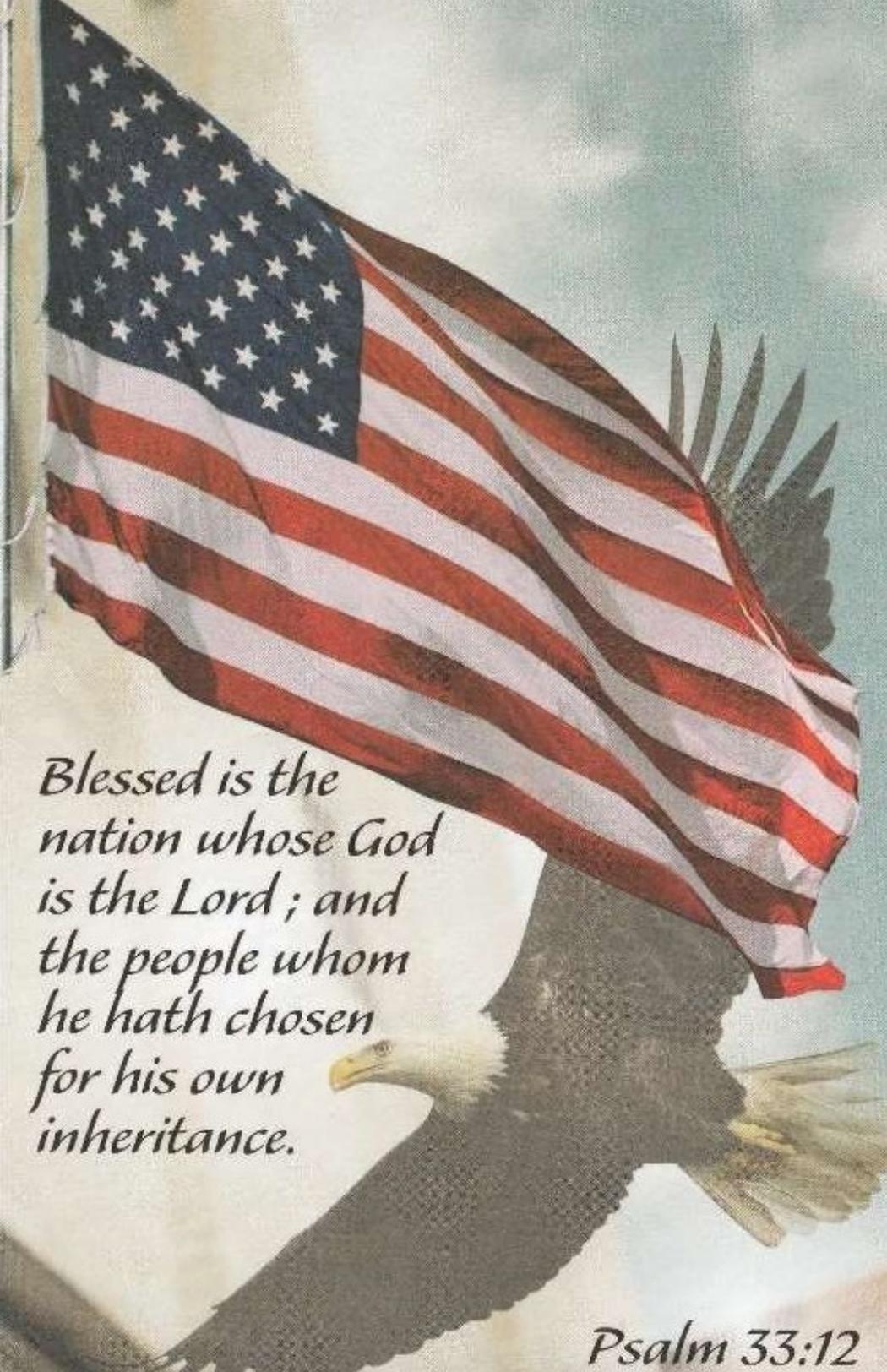
One: We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.
All: May God continue to bless the Church in this land.

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**

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.



*Blessed is the
nation whose God
is the Lord; and
the people whom
he hath chosen
for his own
inheritance.*

Psalm 33:12

***HYMN** *“Holy Holy, Holy”* #277

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in all our celebration, fireworks, parades, and gatherings we proclaim liberty and freedom. Yet our hearts are chained by anger, doubt, terror, and fear. We live in those chains, often not knowing that there is really any other way. We have become accustomed to our spiritual imprisonment. Forgive us when we turn away from your freeing love. Help us to place our trust in You and serve You by working with others for peace, justice, and hope for all. These things we ask in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Reach out! Stretch your Spirits! God’s love has freed you from oppression and fear! You have been made whole in God’s eternal love. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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

One: Jesus sent forth his disciples with a word of peace. We too are bearers of that peace as we greet others in Christ’s name. Please greet your neighbors with the blessing:
The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

All children (including infants) and youth who desire to come forward for the Children’s Sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parent’s/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message.

***HYMN** *“My Country, Tis of Thee”* (Vs. 1-3) Insert

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-14
Second Reading: Psalm 30
Third Reading: Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16

SERMON *“Don’t Give Up!”*

***HYMN** *“Battle Hymn of the Republic”* 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 OFFERING BEFORE GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

“You reap whatever you sow,” says the Apostle Paul, “so wherever we have the opportunity, let us work for the good of all.” For the nurture of this family of faith, and for the ministry to a world in need, let us now give joyfully as we present our tithes and offerings.

***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**

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.

***CLOSING HYMN** *“This Is My Song”* #591

BENEDICTION

One: Deep in our hearts, we know that we are children of God. Remember who you are, then, and walk in the assurance of God’s presence and love with you always, calling you beyond fear into belief and joy. And may the grace and peace of God the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer come upon you this day and remain with you always.
All: Amen!

POSTLUDE

8:30AM	<i>“Lift Every Voice and Sing”</i>	Ryan
11:00AM	<i>“Bind Us Together”</i>	Gillman

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 65th Wedding Anniversary by Helen and Dick Hodgson.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Sally Curren, **11:00AM:** Jim Baker
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Tim & Katie Bentzel, **11:00AM:** Amie Baker
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Bev Arnold & Julene Bechtel, **11:00AM:** Steve & Sue Besecker
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** John Reiber, **11:00AM** Linda Little
- **MUSIC: Sandy Bamberger, Joan Hamme**

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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer

Almighty God, please enlighten my mind with truth; In flame 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. In Jesus' name. Amen

Evening Prayer

Loving God, Whenever I'm stressed, anxious, or afraid, help me remember to run to you. You are the only one that can calm my fears and end my fretful behavior. Whether in trivial or heavy matters, I know you will not only give me peace; God, you will be my peace. And when I draw close to you—in prayer, in reading your Word, in helping another, in taking my mind off myself—you will be there, up close and personal. I can't handle these times alone, Lord. Will you speak peace and calm my storms, or hold my hand while we walk through them together? Thank you, God. I'm trusting you. In the name of the One who makes the wind and the waves stand still, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Uble & Nan Frost, Mark Garber, Linda Glass, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, 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 Bupp Family, The Landis/Burns Family, The Harman Family, The Kirk Family

We have received a request for transportation assistance to the 11:00am service from a resident of Normandie Ridge. Mr Joseph does not have any special needs, such as a wheel chair etc, but he does not drive. If you can provide this transportation assistance, please contact the church office to coordinate with Mr Joseph. Even once a month would be great! Thank you.



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.



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



“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”

July 31st is Heritage Sunday for the local Lutheran and UCC churches.

We will be celebrating our common traditions and shared historical background.

We will have fun in the sun at Salem UCC in Dover.

There will be one worship service at 10:30AM and our Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, PhD will preach for us.

A picnic and games will follow, where you can get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ, who attend UCC and Lutheran churches in Shiloh and Dover. Please invite your family (especially children and grandchildren!) to attend with you.

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THIS WEEK

SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship
MON		Independence Day – Office Closed
	9:45	Sunday School (100)
WED	1:00	Security Team meeting (202)
	5:00	TOPS (100)
	6:30	Church Chums (202)
THUR	6:30	NA Group
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 106

8:30 SERVICE: 62

11:00 SERVICE 44

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Fridays 9AM-2PM

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