

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP SERVICE/COMMUNION
JULY 7, 2024
10:00AM

MEDITATION

Each day holds a surprise. But only if we expect it can we see, hear, or feel it when it comes to us. Let's not be afraid to receive each day's surprise, whether it comes to us as sorrow or as joy. It will open a new place in our hearts, a place where we can welcome new friends and celebrate more fully our shared humanity. ~Henri Nouwen

PRELUDE "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" Martin

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand if 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!

*HYMN "Come, We Who Love God's Name" #382

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Written by Erik Alsgaard)

One: Let us pray!

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, 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. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON *(All children of God who desire to come forward for the Children’s Sermon are welcome. Parent’s/caregivers are encouraged to accompany their young child during the message.)*

*HYMN *“Lead me Lord”* Insert

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Second Reading: Psalm 48

SPECIAL MUSIC

Third Lesson: John 2:1-12

SERMON *“The Wedding in Cana”*

*HYMN *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”* #42

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

Anyone who practices generosity can tell you that being generous is hard – until you do it. Take a look around the Sanctuary, right here at Shiloh UCC, and you will see people who give generously. We give; and by some miracle our burdens are lightened. Now, 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!

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe. From your hands we receive all that we need, often before we even know how to ask. Along with our thanks, we return to you a portion of these gifts. Let them be used in Jesus’ name to serve those in need, that whatever good works these gifts accomplish might glorify you. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(All are welcome to partake of communion)

*HYMN *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”* (Vs. 1&3) #347

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *“A New Creed”* #886

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 and stands 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 PARDON

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!

UNISON 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** *“Savior, Like a shepherd Lead Us”* #252

***BENEDICTION**

Get ready to serve the Lord.
Go in peace and joy,
sharing the good news of
Jesus’ transforming
love and power for all. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Love”* Price

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 51st birthday and grandson, Drew Bolton’s 14th birthday by Julia and Marlyn Hahn.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of my mother, Mildred Chronister, whose birthday was July 6 by Jane Harrison.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert
- **LITURGIST:** Matt Hildebrecht
- **GREETERS:** Keith Krout & Jackie Taft
- **USHER:** Lonnie and Mary Neiman
- **NURSERY:** John Reiber & Nathan Limbert
- **MUSIC:** Sandy Bamberger

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

Help is needed every other month on the first Sunday of the month. You will need to cut bread and buy grape juice. You would come Saturday to set up and then would need to clean up after the service. Training will be provided. Any help would be appreciated. See Tammy Hildebrecht or call 717-683-0440.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer

Almighty God,
Please enlighten my mind with truth;
Inflame my heart with love;
Inspire my will with courage;
Enrich my life with service.
Pardon me for my sins;
Sanctify my whole being;
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

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Judy Feeser, Thomas Hershey, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Brad Jacobs, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Mark Miller, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Steve Snyder, Rick & Sue Trimble, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Hoover Family, The Wagner/Smeltzer Family, The Schaale/Little Family, The Funkhouser Family, The Zinn Family, The Corbin Family, The Zeigler Family, The Knott Family

“Shiloh UCC is called to be a community where love is affirmed, truth is told, laughter, and tears are encouraged and shared, and the acceptance and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ is extended to all. The members of this community will strive to live a life that has a Christ centered faith in God.”

THIS WEEK

SUN	10:00	Worship/Communion
	8:30	Sunday School (202)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
TUE	7:00	VBS Meeting (202)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (117)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
SUN	10:00	Worship

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 70

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The **Women's Social and Support Group** will meet for breakfast on **Friday, July 19 at 9:00am**. Please contact Sandy Bamberger at 717-792-2817 by **July 15** if you plan to attend.

Vacation Bible School is BACK! We will have VBS from **Sunday July 21st through Wednesday July 24th, from 6PM to 8PM** for children ages **3 and up**. The theme is "*Diving Into Friendship With God*". Registration forms can be found on our website or in the church office.



Mark your calendar for the next **Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast** on **Tuesday, July 23, at 8:30 am** at **Dover Valley Restaurant**. Contact Brad Jacobs at bcj402@verizon.net or 717-764-2773 for additional information.

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



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 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.

