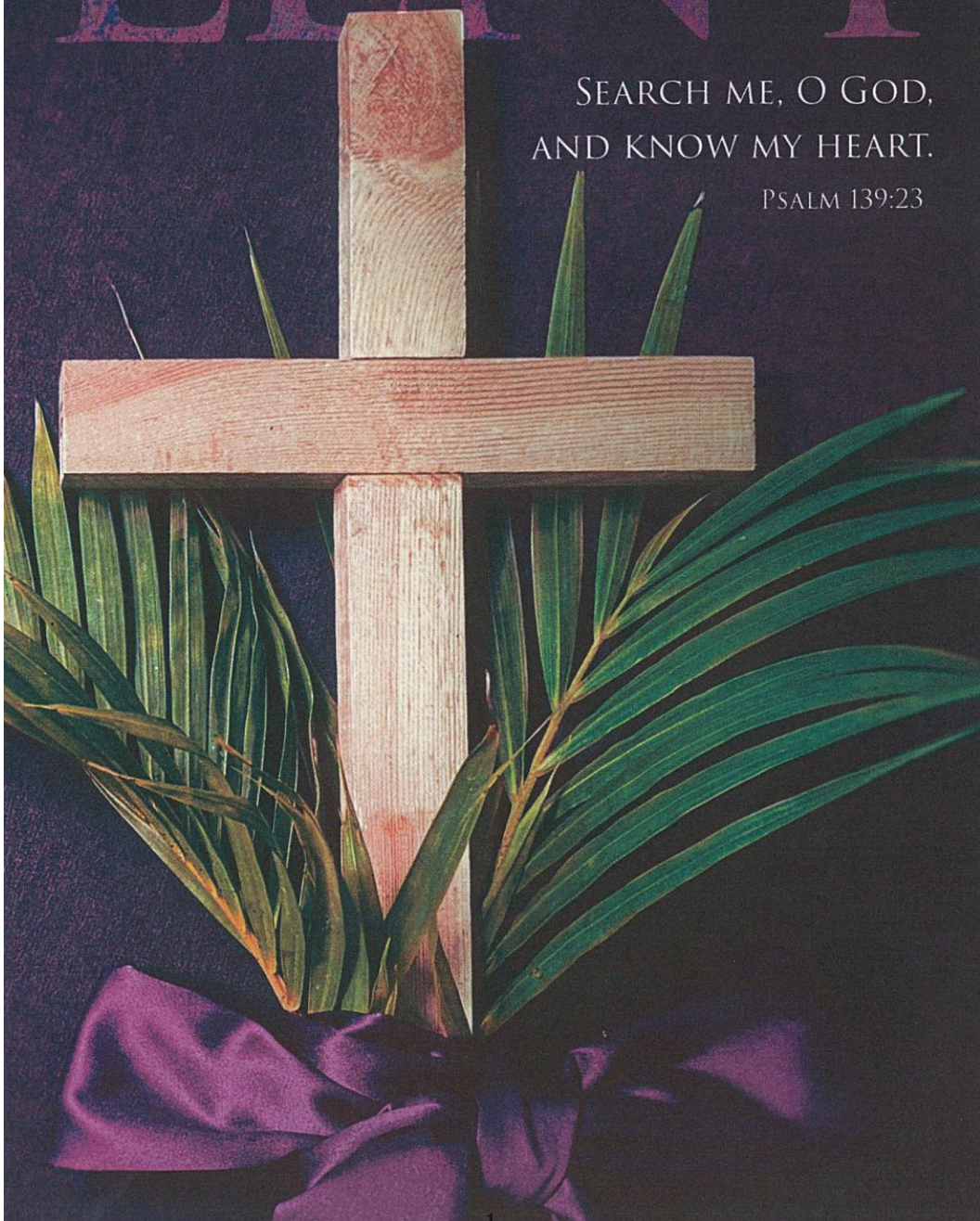


# LENT

SEARCH ME, O GOD,  
AND KNOW MY HEART.

PSALM 139:23



**Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 15<sup>th</sup> 2026 @ 10:00AM**

**MEDITATION**

*"I shut my eyes in order to see."*

~ Paul Gauguin, 19th century

**PRELUDE**

*"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"*      Jordan

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Please, stand if you are able!*)

One: We are blind to many things.

**All: Loving God, cure our blindness.**

One: The light of God shines for us today.

**All: Gentle God, pour your light on us.**

One: Come, worship God who forgives and heals our blindness.

**All: Open our eyes, O God, that we might see with our hearts.  
Come, let us worship our generous God!**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

**We come to you, O God of true sight, eager to be refreshed by song, by word, and by your presence, together with this loving faith community. Come to us, we pray, not just to comfort, but also to challenge us to live in peace with our neighbors, and spread your justice and peace in the world. Give us discernment and move us toward your will. Be with us as we pray for healing and hope, and sanctify us to your service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Forgiving God, in a world filled with so much pain, we would rather shut our eyes and be blind than see things as they really are. Grant us the courage to face the reality of our world, and give us the strength to bring your light to those who walk in darkness.**

Help us see others as you see them, and forgive us when we do not trust you enough to open our eyes to the possibilities before us. Heal our self-inflicted blindness, O God, and lead us in the footsteps of the Light of the World, who reveals your glory in his life, his teachings, and his love. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: Jesus came to lead us in paths of righteousness and to guide us through our lives.

**All: Christ is with us in times of danger and times of peace.**

One: The goodness and mercy of God are given to us each and every day of our lives.

**All: God forgives us for our failings, upholds us in love, and leads us to the place that Jesus has prepared for us.**

One: Believe in your heart that God loves you and forgives you.

**All: We believe! In Jesus' name we are forgiven! Amen.**

**EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**All: And also with you.**

**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(ren) during the message.)*

**\*HYMN**

“Jesus Loves Me”

#327 (vs. 1 twice)

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: Psalm 23

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

**MEN'S CHORUS**

Third Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-3

**SERMON**

“A Time for Seeing”

**Pastor Melinda**

**\*HYMN**

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

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**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**

In the light of God, all is made clear. We see how much God loves us and how much God loves all people. We see Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, in Scripture and in our lives; and although we once were blind, now we can see! Let us give generously of our time, talent, and treasure to further the work of God in our community and the whole world.

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**     *“A Lenten Doxology”*

**Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in  
Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray!

**God of light and peace, we praise your holy name for leading us in paths of righteousness. We give you thanks for guiding us to this place: where we may rest beside the still waters of your grace; where we are filled with the good gifts of your goodness and mercy. We offer you these gifts, that you might bless them and send them out into the valley of the shadow of death, and everywhere in need of your light. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

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**BENEDICTION**

One: May God the Father prepare your journey; Jesus the Son guide your footsteps; the Spirit of Life strengthen your body; the Three in One watch over you, on every road that you may follow. **Amen.**

**THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!  
PLEASE COME AGAIN SOON!**

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK**

**Morning Prayer** (From s3.lightboxcdn.com)

*“I have set the LORD always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.” Psalm 16:8*

Dear God, Thank you for another day. Please watch over my family and friends. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

**Evening Prayer (By Rebecca Barlow Jordan)**

Bless us with rest tonight, Jesus, and a good night’s sleep. Forgive us for the things we did today that did not honor you. Thank you for loving us so much and that you know us through and through. We need your help every day, and we thank you for the strength you give and for helping us know that with you, even hard things are possible. Bless our family and our home, and keep us safe through the night. May your angels guard us and watch over us, just like you promised. Amen.



**PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Helen Byers, Judy Feeser, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Steve Snyder, Rick & Sue Trimble, Romaine Walton, Gloria Melhorn, Fay Myers

## THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Althoff Family, The Mummert Family, The Myers Family,  
The Jordan Family, The Stough/Runkle Family



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

**BULLETIN:** Presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Sallie Hagerman's birthday. Love Mom and Family

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband Elwood Myers Jr. by Pat Myers

**VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel

**LITURGIST:** Steve Besecker

**GREETERS:** Pat Myers and Stephanie Waldron

**USHER:** Mark Garber

**NURSERY:** Carol Burns and Jessie Sechriest

**COFFEE CONNECTIONS:** Katie Bentzel

# Be Thou My Vision

*Unison*

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.  
 MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Gustav B. Young, 1903.

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*“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	<b>Worship</b>
	8:45	Wired Word (124) & Sunday School (202)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
MON	5:30	Gospel Choir (100)
TUES	6:00	Cub Scouts (100)
	6:00	Missions (Parlor)
	6:00	Childrens Choir Practice
	6:30	Quilt Club (202)
	7:30	Soup Prep
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (202)
	7:00	Lenten Study(202)
THUR	10:30	Our Daily Bread
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	6:30	NA Group (100)
	10:00	<b>Worship</b>

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 83**

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