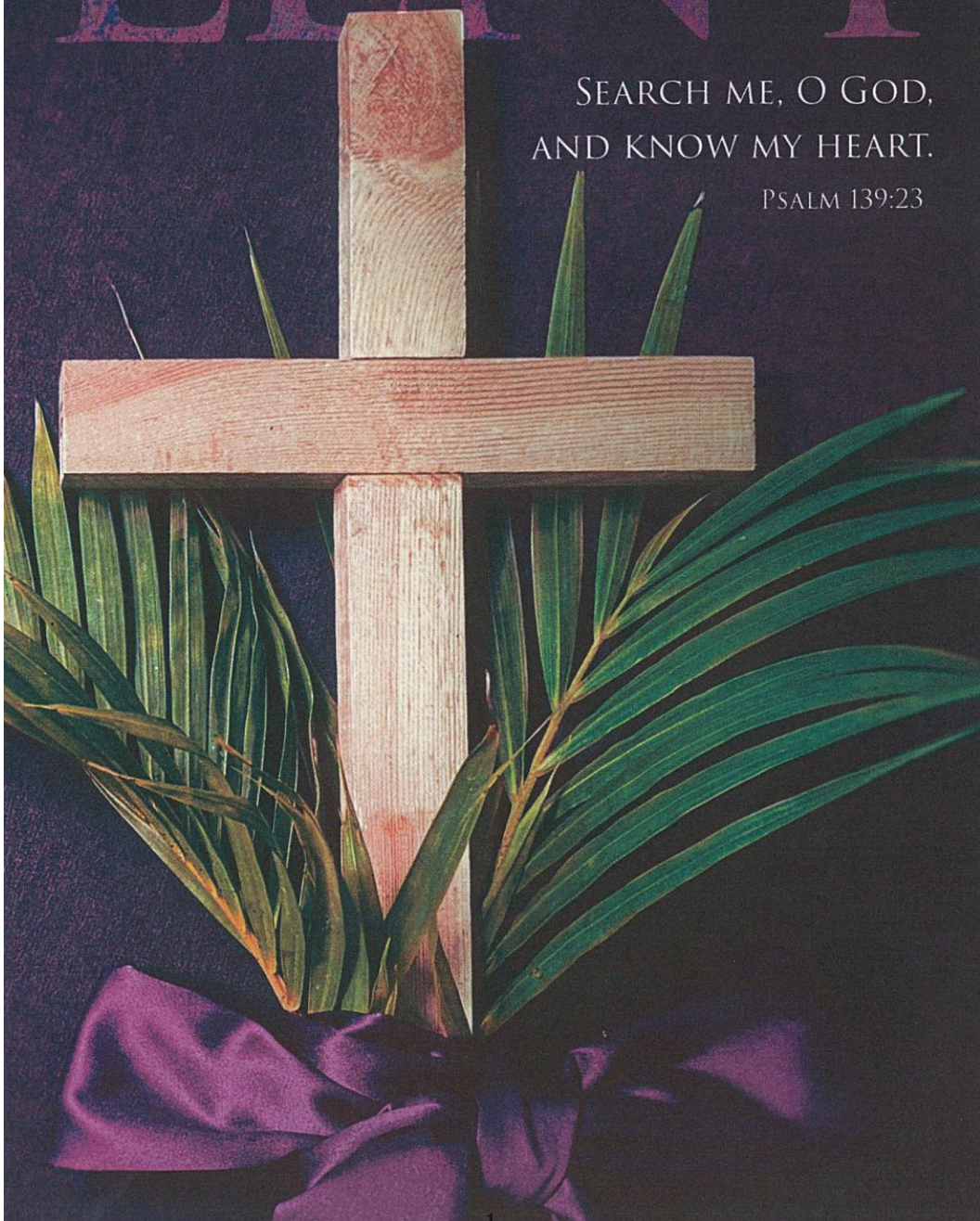


# LENT

SEARCH ME, O GOD,  
AND KNOW MY HEART.

PSALM 139:23



**Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026 @ 10:00AM**

**MEDITATION**

*“Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement. Get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed.”*  
~ Abraham Joshua Heschel

**PRELUDE**

*“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

*Limbaugh*

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

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

One: We have come, broken, battered, and lifeless. Our bones are dry and we have lost sight of who we are.

**All: Breathe new life into us that we might live.**

One: We are dead and unaware of when our death occurred.

**All: Breathe new life into us that we might live.**

One: We need your resurrection power to fall in our lives today.

**All: Breathe new life into our lives,**

**breathe new life into our homes,**

**breathe new life into our neighborhoods,**

**breathe new life into our relationships,**

**breathe new life into our church.**

One: We, like Ezekiel, trust in your power to breathe new life into our dry bones and dead relationships.

**All: We stand waiting for your life-giving Spirit to fall upon us so that we might be revived, restored, and renewed. Let us worship our transforming God with joy and hope!**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION/ Rev. Elizabeth Dilley/**

Compassionate God, the wind of your Spirit is the very sign of life for all who long for you. One breath from you, and we are rescued from the arid valley of dry bones, given muscles and sinews, and joy with which to praise you. With holy hope you fill all your faithful children with new life. Let our whole lives be filled with the life-breath of the Spirit, that what has lain dormant may burst into bloom, and what looks to us to be death may be revealed as but sleep before the emergence of new life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us Pray!

**Forgive us, O God, when we see the world through rose-colored glasses rather than as it really is. Forgive us, Holy One, when we reject Your call to us to be agents of change in our world. Renew us with your grace and ground us with your Holy Spirit, that we might be empowered to live, in word and deed, as testimonies to the power of your love over the grave. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: The God we serve is the God of life, the God of hope, the God of new beginnings—even for dried-up bones and shattered dreams.

**All: That rattling of bones in Ezekiel’s vision may be heard as the shackles that once held us down in fear, sin, prejudice, and guilt.**

One: God defies these deadly entanglements with the power of life.

**All: This we trust, and by this we live. Thanks be to God!**

**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.**

**CHERUB CHOIR**

“Old Time Religion”

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**PUPPET MINISTRY**

*(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.)*

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: Psalm 130

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

“Step Into the Water”

Third Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

**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**

The God of heaven and earth holds each one of us in tender love and care. God is gracious and good, and no one is insignificant in God’s eyes. So we respond to everything God is doing in the life of the world, by offering a portion of what we have generously received from a loving God. In the ministry of Shiloh UCC, we reach out to all of God’s children in tender love and care. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude, commitment, and praise!

**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!

**From your hands, O God, come the blessings that make life possible, even the very gift of life itself. In gratitude and thanks, receive from our hands this portion of our labors. By your Spirit’s leading, may we use these gifts to bless the life of others with the assurance of love, the promise of hope, and the course of justice. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Sunset to Sunrise”*

*Broughton*

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

## **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK**

### **Morning Prayer** *(Inspired by Wendy Blight)*

Dear God, I don't know who or what will cross my path today. But I do know that You are my Rock and my Salvation. You are my Shield and my Strong Tower. Help me to anchor myself to You today. Teach me how to stand strong in You and choose only Your way today. Help me walk by Your truth and love, and not my own feelings. Help me to embrace anything that comes my way as an opportunity to see you at work and as an opportunity to point others to you. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer** *(Inspired by Rebecca Barlow Jordan)*

Dear God, Bless our family with your love and presence. Thank you for all the good times together and when we are apart. Bless our friends and those we love, with health and faith in you. Thank you for all your blessings: for our home; a place to sleep and good food to eat. Help us rest well, give us peaceful dreams. Send your angels to protect us and everyone we love, throughout the night. Teach us to trust You and to love You more and more every day. Almighty God, You are good; you are great; and you are faithful. Thank you for loving us. In Jesus's precious name. Amen.

## **THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES**

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



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

### **BULLETIN:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Presented in loving memory of my wife, Jerry by Bart Funkhouser and Family.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS:** Presented in loving memory of Jean and Maxine Guillard by their family

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

**LITURGIST:** John Reiber

**GREETERS:** Bob and Debbie Myers

**USHER:** Deb Althoff

**NURSERY:** Sallie Hagerman and Natalie Fuhrman

**COFFEE CONNECTIONS:** Patti Goodyear

# Father, I Adore You

I\* F Gm C F

1. Fa - ther, I a - dore You,  
 2. Je - sus, I a - dore You,  
 3. Spir - it, I a - dore You,

II Gm C F

Lay my life be - fore You,  
 Lay my life be - fore You,  
 Lay my life be - fore You,

III Gm C F

How I love You.  
 How I love You.  
 How I love You.

\* May be sung as a round.

*“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)
	8:00	Men’s Chorus
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (202)
THUR	6:30	Choirs
	6:30	NA Group (100)
SAT	9:30	Easter Egg Hunt
SUN	10:00	<b>Worship</b>

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 70**

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