



THE  
*Winter*  
*is past;*  
...  
*Flowers*  
APPEAR ON  
*the earth;*

*Song of Songs*  
2:11-12

**Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ**  
**Worship**  
**March 23<sup>rd</sup> , 2025 @ 10:00AM**

**MEDITATION**

*Every moment of your life is a second chance.*

*~ Rick Price*

**PRELUDE**

*“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”*

*Southbridge*

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

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

One: Lord, you are our God.

**All: We will praise you with joyful lips.**

One: Lord, you are our God.

**All: Our souls thirst for you.**

One: Lord, you are our God.

**All: We behold your power and majesty.**

One: Lord, you are our God.

**All: We will bless you all of the days of our lives. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

**All: Gracious and eternal God, you call us into a new way of being, and give us so many second chances in life. May your love wash over us, as we turn toward you from our sinful ways. Mold us as your people in new and powerful ways, that we may be true disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray!

**All: A broken and contrite heart is the acceptable sacrifice to you, O God. And so we come before you today, as sinners in need of your mercy. Grant us your forgiveness, O God. Help us turn from our old ways. Lead us into the newness of life, that our actions may be found pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: You are given another chance! God has heard your cries. Turn again to the Lord. Find comfort and strength in God’s eternal love for you.

**All: Amen.**

**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.**

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

**\*HYMN**

*“In Christ Alone”*

*Video*

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

Second Reading: Psalm 63:1-8

**Special Music**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

**Drennan**

Third Lesson: Luke 13:1-9

**SERMON:**

*“Grace”*

Pastor Melinda

**HYMN**

*“In All Our Living”*

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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 glory forever. Amen.**

**PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS BEFORE GOD**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Hospitality – a warm welcome – is generosity. When we welcome each child of God into the life of Shiloh UCC, we extend God’s own generous hospitality. Our gifts help this graceful ministry to flourish, to grow, and to give glory to God. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

#### “A Lenten Doxology”

**Praise God through- out 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!

**All: Bountiful God, bless now these gifts, our giving, and the fruits of our actions, that in all of it your glory and work might shine in and through the opportunities and second chances they enable and empower. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*“Be Not Dismayed”*

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### \*BENEDICTION

One: God has called you to bear witness to hope and goodness. Go forth now with God’s love and blessing to bring Good News to this hurting world.

**All: Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

*“Lord, Thy Word Abideth”*

Birchwood

**WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR  
WORSHIP TODAY! PLEASE COME AGAIN!**



## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

### Morning Prayer

Jesus, you say that you came to bring us life, and life to the full. Through your death and resurrection, you brought hope to life. You gave us access to heaven and the limitless goodness and wisdom of the Creator. Give me the desire today to seek you and teach me to value you above everything else. In your name I pray. Amen.

### Evening Prayer (Rebecca Weston)

Father, we thank thee for the night, and for the pleasant morning light. For rest and food and loving care, and all that makes the day so fair. Help us to do the things we should, to be to others kind and good. In all we do, in work or play, to grow more loving every day. 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, Brad Jacobs, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Steve Snyder, Rick & Sue Trimble, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter, Susan Emmons, Jane Harrison



#### THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Trimble/Deveney Family, The Smith Family, The Taft Family, The Robertson/Jordan Family, Suzanne Kozuch Family

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** Presented in loving memory of Jean and Maxine Guillard by their family.

**THE BULLETIN'S:** In honor of our very dedicated organist Sandy Bamberger. Her commitment to music fills our church every Sunday. Please take a moment to let her know how much we all appreciate her and her music.

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

**LITURGIST:** Jane Harrison

**GREETERS:** Lonny and Mary Neiman

**USHER:** Steve Sechriest

**NURSERY:** Norina and Jim Bentzel Jr.

**COFFEE CONNECTIONS:** Linda Little

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

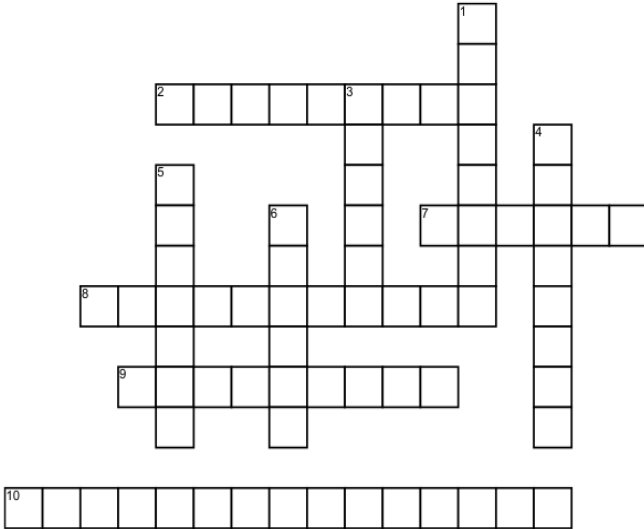
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### **Joke of the Day**

**What did Adam say to Eve when  
handing her something to wear?**

**“Take it or leaf it.”**

# Luke 13



**Across**

- 2. What did Jesus tell the vinedresser to do to the tree? (3 wds.)
- 7. What kind of door did he go through?
- 8. What did the man sow in his garden? (2 wds.)
- 9. What city kills the prophets?
- 10. What disability did Jesus heal? (2 wds.)

**Down**

- 1. Where did the man in the parable of the fig tree have it planted?
- 3. Whom did Jesus say he cast out?
- 4. Behold your house is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
- 6. No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise \_\_\_\_\_.

*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>
	9:00	Sunday School (202) & Wired Word (124)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
	11:30	Youth Scavenger Hunt
MON	6:00	Gospel Choir (100)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	7:00	Worship and Music (202)
	8:00	Men's Chorus
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (202)
	7:00	Lent Study (202)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	10:00	Worship

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 72**

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