

Christ ALSO
SUFFERED FOR *us*,
LEAVING US AN EXAMPLE.

1 Peter 2:21



**Welcome to Shiloh United Church Christ
Worship
March 2nd, 2025 @ 10:00AM**

MEDITATION

“Man can climb to the highest summits, but he cannot dwell there long.”

~ George Bernard Shaw

PRELUDE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Livingston

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

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

One: It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

All: We know what to expect and what is expected of us.

One: But Christ calls us to the mountain top to receive a new vision.

All: We are not sure we are ready for that.

One: Place your hope and trust in Jesus Christ, for He is your guide.

All: Let us open our hearts to Jesus, ready for the vision He places before us. Let us worship God with joy!

***HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

#277

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

All: Lord, it seems so long ago that we heard your words at Jesus' baptism. You reminded us that he is your beloved Son with whom you are well pleased. Again today we hear your words that we are to listen to him, to pay attention. Open our hearts this day, Lord, to hear the words of Jesus, to follow in his footsteps, and to serve You. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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**

“Word of God Speak”

Insert

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Second Reading: Psalm 99

Chancel Choir *“Heaven For Me”* Wolfe/Arr. Mauldin

Third Lesson: Luke 9:28-36

SERMON: “On the Mountain” Pastor Melinda

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

In days of old, God was seen as far from the people. But we know Jesus Christ, and in Him we know God. When we share what we have out of love, our hearts grow closer to God, and we shine with Christ’s glory. 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!

All: Generous God, it is through your mercy that we have this ministry here at Shiloh UCC — the ministry of our talents and treasure; the ministry of our passion and purpose. Strengthen our hearts for your service, and accept the grateful offerings we lay before you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(All are welcome to partake of communion)

***HYMN**

“Come with Joy”

#349 (vs. 1-3)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles Creed

NCH #881

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

All: We want to celebrate. We don't want to listen. We want to stay on the mountaintop with Jesus, and set up a festival where everyone can come and have a good time. We want our faith to be one of entertainment. But you have called us to “Listen to Him!” You have asked us to be ready for the journey. We cannot stay where we are, comfortable and snuggled down in the familiar. There is much to be done. Forgive us, O God, when we are stubborn and willful. Remind us that you are with us, wherever we are. You call us from the mountaintop to go to the valley where there is struggle and strife; where healing is needed. Prepare us for the journey, Almighty God. Help us to listen to you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One We worship a forgiving God, whose mercy is never ending, whose heart abounds in steadfast love. Because of the love of Jesus Christ, nothing can separate us from the love of God.

All: By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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

One: In the face of a stranger, in the greeting of a friend, we see our Lord, Jesus Christ. In the love of Christ, welcome those around you today. The peace of Christ 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.*)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us pray!

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ’s presence and for the spiritual food of Christ’s body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *“God Be with You”* #81

***BENEDICTION**

One: The peace of God be in your heart,
The grace of God be in your words,
The love of God be in your hands,
The joy of God be in your soul
and in the song that your life sings.

All: Our worship concludes; our service continues. Amen.

POSTLUDE *“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”* *Broughton*

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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer

<https://dailyprayer.us/prayers/morning.php>;

From a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson

"For Each New Morning"

For each new morning with its light,

For rest and shelter of the night,

For health and food,

For love and friends,

For everything Thy goodness sends.

I thank thee.

Amen.

Evening Prayer

<https://dailyprayer.us/prayers/evening.php>

Heavenly Father, to your goodness I commend myself this night, humbly asking for your protection through its darkness and dangers. I am helpless and dependent; graciously preserve me. For all whom I love and value, for every friend and connection, I equally pray; however divided and far asunder, I know that we are alike before you, and under your eye. May we be equally united in faith and fear, in fervent devotion towards you, and in your merciful protection this night. Accept my prayers through the mediation of our blessed savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

When someone needed a boat made,

what did the people in town say?

"We Noah guy." 😊

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, 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, Suzanne Emmons, Jane Harrison



THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

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

THE ALTAR FLOWERS Presented in Loving memory of my parents,
Stuart and Mary Landis by Carol and Dan Burns

BULLETIN: Today's bulletins are sponsored by the family of Deborah Schaae. It's hard to believe that it's been a year already, but we are so thankful that God has granted us wonderful memories to bring us joy!

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

LITURGIST: Linda Little

GREETERS: Cheryl and Jeff Hershey

USHER: Jackie Taft

NURSERY: Carol Burns & Jessie Sechrist

COFFEE CONNECTIONS: Brad & Sue Jacobs

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

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	Worship
	9:00	Sunday School (202) & Wired Word (124)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
MON	1:00	Woman's Guild (202)
	6:00	Gospel Choir (100)
	6:30	ELC Staff Meeting (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (202)
THUR	10:00	Church and Ministry
	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	10:00	Worship

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 75

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