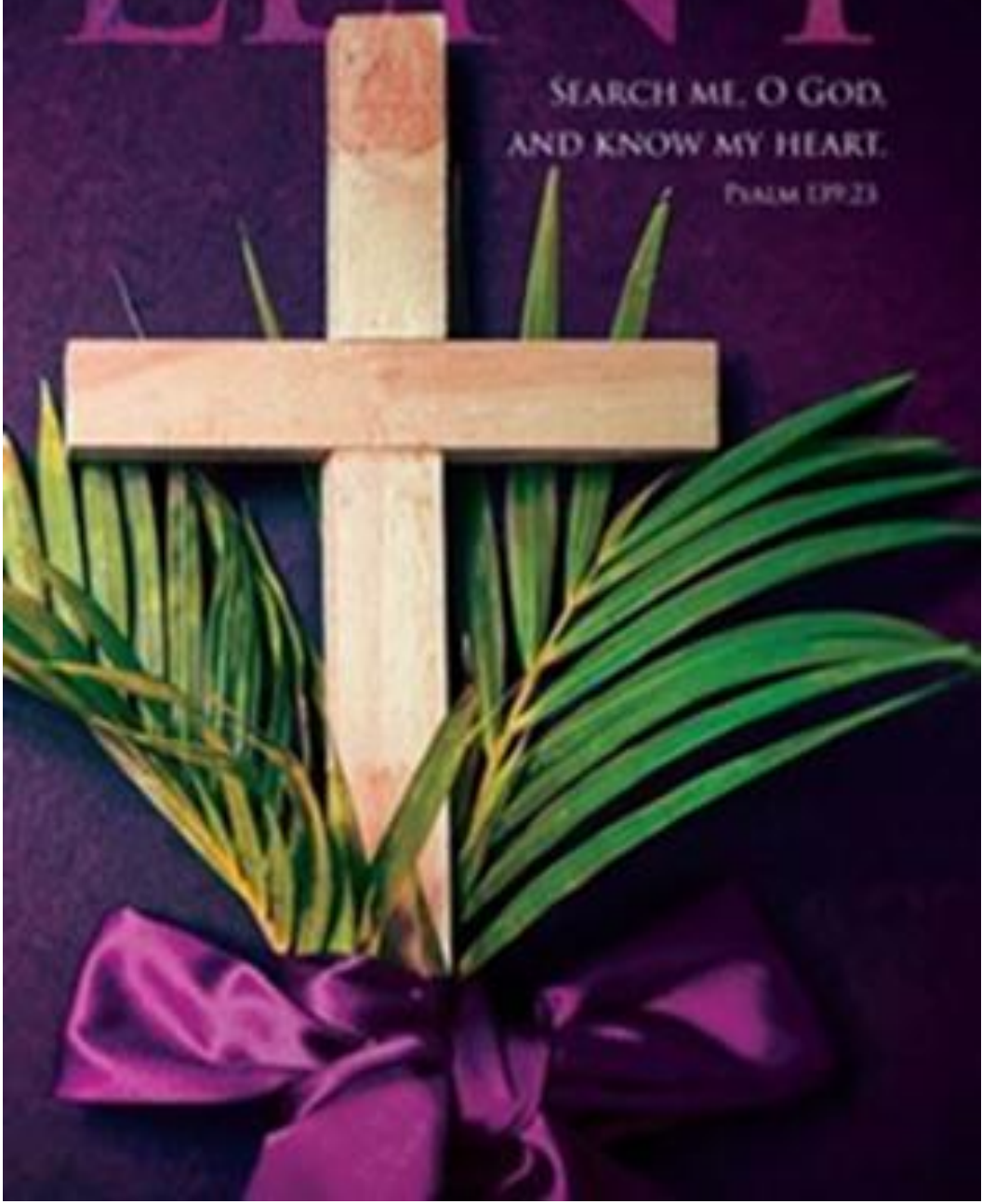


LENT

SEARCH ME, O GOD,
AND KNOW MY HEART.

PSALM 139:23



Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ
Worship
March 30th, 2025 @ 10:00AM

MEDITATION

“The ultimate goal is to transform the world into the kind of world God had in mind when he created it.”
~Rabbi Harold Kushner

PRELUDE

“Ab, Holy Jesus”

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WELCOME AND CONCERNS

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

One: Rejoice and be glad, O righteous ones. Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

All: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Therefore, we worship our God and rejoice.

One: In Christ, we become a new creation. Everything old has passed away. See how God makes things new.

All: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven and whose lives become new. Through our worship, we praise God who makes us new!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

All: God of steadfast love and mercy, remind us once again that in Jesus Christ everything has become new. Far too often, things seem as they have always been: old habits die hard, difficult situations linger, failures from our past linger. We look for your promised newness but cannot see it. Speak to us again of your new creation. Open our eyes to its presence in our lives. Call us forth to claim this newness, that we may be healed and made whole. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

“This Is the Day”

#84

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

All: O God, when we keep silent about our sin, we waste away with regret and guilt; we feel your hand upon us, and our strength dries up. And so we acknowledge our sin to you, holding nothing back, for you are a hiding place for us; we trust in you to preserve us. Forgive us and reclaim us, we pray. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Steadfast love surrounds those who put their trust in God, for God forgives the guilt of their sin. Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven!

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.)*

PUPPET MINISTRY

*HYMN

"Pure Joy"

#CD

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Chancel Choir

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Shackley"

Third Lesson: Psalm 32

SERMON:

"Sing for Joy!"

Pastor Melinda

HYMN

"We Praise You, O God "

420 *(vs. 1-3)*

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

Through the gifts of our possessions and our presence, we let those who are far from God know that we are their brothers and sisters. Through our gifts, we welcome them to our home, to God's home, to Shiloh UCC. We are the ambassadors for Jesus, our Brother and Savior, spreading the news of a home of love and hope through our gifts. 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: Bless these gifts, Generous God, that they may be used to bring your children back to You — children who wander in hunger, children who are suffering, children who long to come home. Through our gifts, may all who wander set off for home, and may we celebrate and rejoice in their homecoming. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Insert

*BENEDICTION

One: As the Lord has given to you peace and healing, now go into the world, offering God's love and hope to others. Go in peace and remember that God's peace goes with you! **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Via Dolorosa”

Sewell

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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (askgodtoday.com)

Dear Lord, You have brought me to the beginning of a new day. As the world is renewed fresh and clean, so I ask You to renew my heart with Your strength and purpose. Forgive me the errors of yesterday, and bless me to walk closer in Your way today. This is the day I begin my life anew; shine through me so that every person I meet may feel Your presence in me. Take my hand, precious Lord for I cannot make it by myself. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (www.christianity.com)

Psalm 121:7-8: "The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Thank you, Lord, for your constant watch over me. I rest in the assurance of your protection. In Jesus' name. 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 Sally and Dick Reiber by Mary and John Reiber, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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

LITURGIST: Matt Hildebrecht

GREETERS: Sara Jacoby and Joyce Bowers

USHER: Ginny Heath

NURSERY: Patti Goodyear and Kaitlin Rentzel

COFFEE CONNECTIONS: Natalie Fuhrman

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)
MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923

FAITHFULNESS
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morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

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Joke of the day!

How do you make Holy water?

Get regular water and boil the devil out of it.

*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	6:00	Gospel Choir (100)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
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: 80

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