

Remember ME

This is my BODY,
which is broken for you....

This CUP is the new
testament in my BLOOD.

1 Corinthians 11:24-25



WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP & COMMUNION SERVICE
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 3, 2024
8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION

“Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery that it is. Touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it because in the last analysis all moments are sacred moments and life itself is grace.”

Frederick Buechner

PRELUDE

8:30 AM	<i>“Power In The Blood”</i>	Williams
11:00 AM	<i>“Largo”</i>	Dvorak

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Please Stand if you are able*)

One: Come with us on this Lenten Journey to the Temple.

All: The Temple is the great House of the Lord.

One: But sometimes greed and selfishness can enter the Temple.

All: Be with us, Lord, as we enter this step.

One: The Lord will be asking us to recognize our selfishness.

All: Lord, hear our cries. Lord, guide our steps. Come, let us worship God who is always with us!

***HYMN** *“Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling”* (Vs. 1, 2, 3, 6) #67

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!

O God, your weakness is mightier than human strength, your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. We rejoice that you are with us today. Open our hearts and discipline our will. Teach us to follow your perfect ways. Test us with your righteous decrees. As with a whip, drive us from unholy living, and turn us toward your holy light. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, comfort and redeem us with your gospel. In His name we pray. Amen.

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 “I will Call Upon the Lord” Insert

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Second Reading: Psalm 19

CHANCEL CHOIR “Hear Me Now, O Lord” Althouse

Third Reading: John 2:13-22

SERMON “Cleansing the Temple”

*HYMN “O Savior, Let Me Walk with You” #503

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 OFFERINGS BEFORE GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Even through difficult times and circumstances, our hope and salvation remain grounded in God. For this we can always be thankful! One way to show our gratitude to God is by giving to the church so God’s mission can be carried out in our community and the world. Giving – of your time, service, and money – is also a way to express your hope and trust in what God will do in your life and the lives of others. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude 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!

The wisdom of the world tells us to hoard what we own, O God, while you invite us to share what we have with those in need. With open hands and thankful hearts, we offer to you all that is already yours, O God. Everything we possess is a gift from you. You freely give us what we need, and promise even greater treasures that await us in heaven. Help us share generously with others all that you so graciously give to us. Accept these gifts for your purposes, that we may be your servants in the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(All are welcome to partake of communion)

*HYMN “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread” #342

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

One: God is present to us, but we don’t always feel it. God is good to us, but we can’t always accept it. Fact is, there are things within and around us that attempt to step between us and our relationship to God’s goodness. There are things that we think, things that we do, that act to separate us from God. The church calls that “sin.”

All: God of all mercy, I confess that sin grips me and I cannot break free. The sin is in my mind, on my lips, in my acts done or even ignored and stands between me and you. My entire heart is not always yours. My love of neighbor falls short. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on me. Grant me your renewing forgiveness. Lead me on your paths of righteousness, and I shall delight in you, and I shall follow you, giving glory to your holy name. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. Through Christ, our sins, every one of them: the sins of commission, the sins of omission, the sins we confessed with contrition – all are forgiven.

All: By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

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.

*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 *“Lord I Want to be a Christian”* Insert

BENEDICTION

You have experienced God’s forgiveness and love. Go now in peace to serve others with great joy. Bring the love of God with you so that the light which has brightened your life may shine for others. Amen.

POSTLUDE

8:30 AM	<i>“Lord, Thy Word Abideth”</i>	Birchwood
11:00 AM	<i>“Thine Is the Glory”</i>	Handel

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Stuart and Mary Landis by Carol and Dan Burns.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert
- **LITURGISTS:** **8:30AM:** Sallie Hagerman **11:00AM:** Linda Little
- **GREETERS:** **8:30AM** Volunteers **11:00AM:** Volunteers
- **NURSERY:** **8:30AM** Nathan Limbert **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC:** Chancel Choir, Sandy Bamberger

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSICIANS FOR PROVIDING THE WORSHIP MUSIC!



There is an envelope marked **LENTEN OFFERING** in your box of envelopes. The money collected from that envelope will be going to **The Shiloh Fire Company.**

Also, during our Lenten season, the Sunday School Board has voted to support the **Heifer Project International** for our Lenten Project. These contributions will be collected the first **Sunday in Lent, February 18 through Easter Sunday, March 31** and should be placed in your regular envelopes and mark Heifer on the “other” line. All Sunday School and Church Members are invited to support both of these missions.

This year’s **special Easter offering** collected will go to **New Life for Girls.** Help support this organization in their work to turn the lives around for the many girls they serve.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (Lysa Terkeurst)

Lord, today... help me to rest in the truth of Psalm 86:13, "Great is your love toward me." You already see the ways I will fall short and mess up. But right now, I consciously tuck your whisper of absolute love for me into the deepest part of my heart. I recognize your love for me is not based on my performance. You love me warts and all. That's amazing. But what's most amazing is that the Savior of the world would desire a few minutes with me this morning. Lord, help me to forever remember what a gift it is to sit with you like this. Amen.

Evening Prayer (Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

Dear God, we thank you tonight for the good day and for the special way you take care of us all the time. Thank you for the fun times outside and the quiet times inside, and for helping us learn new things every day.

Thank you for creating us special, exactly the way you wanted. Thank you for protecting us throughout the day. Forgive us for the wrong things we do. Thank you for loving us even when we disobey or try to do things our way. Help us to always choose your way, God, because it's always best.

We pray for all the people who don't know you, and that they will come to understand your love for them, too. Bless our family. Thank you for good times together and apart. Bless our friends and those we love... Thank you for our home and a place to sleep and good food to eat. Help us rest well, give us peaceful dreams, and send your angels around our home to protect us throughout the night. Teach us to trust you and to love you more and more. You are good; you are great; and you are faithful, God. And we love you. Good night. In Jesus's precious name, Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Gerry Funkhouser, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Tom Klunk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Rick & Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Bechtel Family; The Geesey Family; The Shaffer Family, The LaMontagne/Boros Family, The Spahr Family, The Schaale/Little Family



Pastor Melinda is leading a **Lenten Study**. The study will start at **7:00PM in room 202** and will continue on Wednesday's **through March 27th**. The title of the study is *Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross*. "In the Seven Words Video Bible study, Susan Robb examines the last words that Christ said on the cross. In this six-session study, you will examine Jesus' final words, full of life and hope for the Lent season." There is a sign-up sheet in the gallery. Everyone is welcome to join!

It's that time of year to warm up with a nice cup of **coffee** from **Costa Rica**! A new shipment has come in and it includes decaffeinated coffee as well as whole coffee beans for a fresh grind! Please contact Linda Little if interested at 717-309-4523



The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **March 4, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The program will be from our study book **Encouraging One Another, Chapter Eleven: Encouraging Epistles**. Carolyn Poff will be leading this chapter. Special offering this month is for New Life for Girls and Cash Rally. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is MARCH 10.

This year's theme for OGHS is "*Sharing the Light*". "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine...let it shine...let it shine." If Jesus had a playlist of music, surely this familiar hymn would be among the top 5. Jesus teaches that faith calls for action. Sharing our light, as the diverse and colorful expression of God's love here on earth, leads to making blankets, staffing food pantries, cooking meals and building houses and schools. Your generosity makes all the difference. **Offering envelopes may be found in the Welcome Center.** "You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world." *Matthew 5:14-15*. Thank you for your support of this offering.



Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday, March 12, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant**. Contact Brad Jacobs at bcj402@verizon.net or 717-764-2773 for additional information.

The Women's Social and Support Group will meet for breakfast at **Central Family Restaurant on Friday, March 15 at 9:00am**. Please contact Linda Little at 717-309-4523 by **March 11** if you plan to attend.



Easter is rapidly approaching! The sale of **tulips and lilies** is part of the preparations. The cost for each pot of flowers is **\$7.00**. Envelopes for ordering will be available in the Gallery and the Narthex. Checks should be made payable to Shiloh United Church of Christ. **Orders will be accepted beginning Sunday, February 25 through Sunday, March 17**. Plants may be claimed on Easter Sunday. Thank you for helping to make the church a lovely place to worship.

Name tags are returning!! New members are interested in learning your name. Name tags will be available for the greeters/ushers in the Welcome Center each week. All members are asked to wear a name tag, if it is available at this time. Some of the previous name tags are on the wall in the Gallery. Perhaps some members may be keeping them at home. There is a plan to provide members with a new name tag, but that will be an upcoming event. Until then, let's use what is available to help to create a warm, welcoming community at Shiloh UCC.



This year's **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held **on Saturday, March 23rd at 10 am**. We will begin with an Easter skit presented by some of our ELC teachers, followed by the egg hunts for children ages 1-10. Please join us with your children or grandchildren! If you'd be interested in helping, please contact Patti Goodyear. Also, we will be accepting donations of plastic eggs and bags of small, individually wrapped candy **until Sunday, March 17th**. There will be a bin for each in the gallery. Thank you in advance for your support.



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO BRUNCH!

**When: Sunday, March 24
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM
Where: Room 100**



The food will be provided by Consistory committees. There will a sign-up sheet in the Gallery beginning March 7. We hope to see you there!



It has been determined that ushers will again be present in the narthex before services. While the Consistory has been assuming this responsibility, they are a busy group of people on a Sunday morning as many serve on choirs and other volunteer positions. At times, the narthex becomes empty. Some changes have been made to encourage participation by the congregation. Please note the changes in the list below:

- *One usher for each service
- *Stand or sit near the entrance to the narthex from the gallery
- *Welcome visitors and answer any questions they have
- *Show parents where the children's materials are on the rack
- *Distribute bulletins or remind people to get a bulletin when they place Offering in the plate
- *Wear a name tag
- *Encourage everyone to find the seat of their choice independently
- *Ask a consistory member for additional help

A sign-up sheet will be distributed during an upcoming service to create a list of volunteers. The goal is to have the program in place by Palm Sunday/Easter. Remember the more people that volunteer, the easier the job will be for everyone. Please consider helping to make it a friendly, welcoming experience for everyone. Thank you!

Worship and Music Committee

Come Grow with Us!

Engaging Women are inviting women and their children to Shiloh UCC to celebrate their uniqueness in a harmonious atmosphere on **Sunday, April 14 at 4:00 PM** in room 100.



A buffet dinner from Olive Garden will be served followed by a vocal presentation by Leslie Talley (daughter of Donna and Randy Seifarth who has performed professionally). Tickets will be sold in the Gallery on the following Sundays:

March 17, March 24, and April 7 (Adults \$14/Children \$6)

If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Hildebrecht at 717-683-0440 or the church office at 717-764-3569. We hope you will join us for this delightful event!



OFFERING is continually being collected for our missionaries, **Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson**.

Please contact the office if you're interested in **sponsoring bulletins**. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks' prior** your desired date to have your "Special" wording placed in the bulletin.



GROCERY GIFT CARDS = CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH. Weis and Giant grocery gift cards are available for purchase in the gallery. For every dollar of gift cards purchased, \$.05 is donated to the church by the grocery store. This contribution is used to support our Missionaries, Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson in Costa Rica.

"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	8:30 & 11	Communion/Third Sunday in Lent
	9:45	Sunday School (100) & Wired Word (202)
MON	1:00	Women's Guild (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	7:00	Outreach (202)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (117)
	7:00	Lenten Study (202)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
FRI	7:00	Relay Team (100)
SAT	7:00	Relay Team (100)
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/New Member Reception/OGHS offering

Attendance last week: 90

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