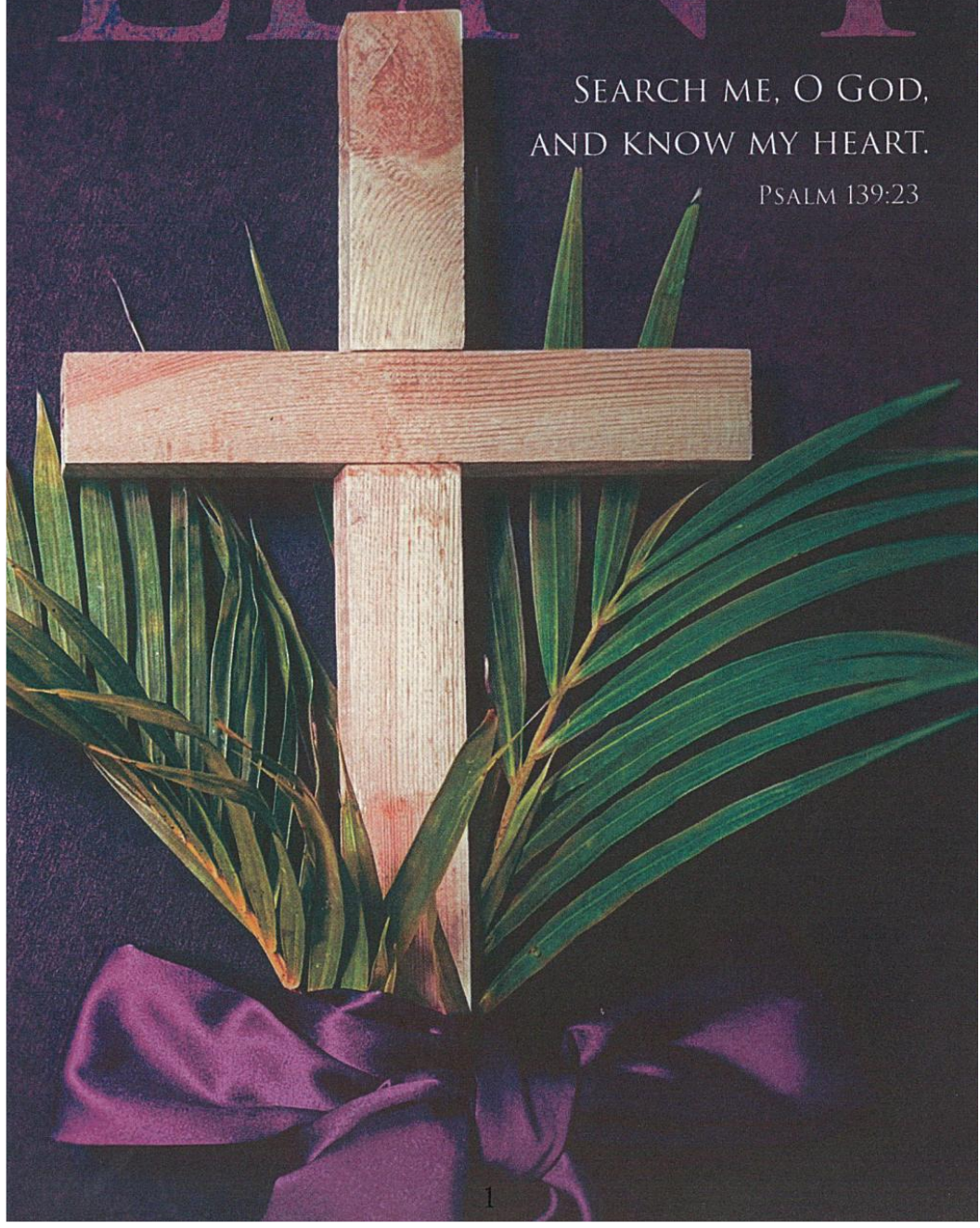


LENT

SEARCH ME, O GOD,
AND KNOW MY HEART.

PSALM 139:23



Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ
Third Sunday in Lent
March 8th 2026 @ 10:00AM

MEDITATION

"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you."

~ **Maya Angelou, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, 20th century**

PRELUDE

"Ivory Palaces"

Warriner

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

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

One: Come, worship the Lord!

All: We come burdened with sorrow.

One: God welcomes all seekers.

All: We come with concerns.

One: Come worship together the God who loves us and whose door is always open to us.

All: We come in anticipation of the miraculous moving of God's Holy Spirit. Come, let us worship God! Amen.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us Pray!

**Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope—
hope that will sustain us in our trying times,
our lonely times, our doubting times.**

**Refresh us this morning with the living water
of your presence and love.**

**Open us to the possibilities of friendship—
the possibilities of encountering you
in unexpected ways,**

**the possibilities of seeing the miraculous
in everyday life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

#277

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us Pray!

God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered away in fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, seeking to be quenched by your redeeming love. Yet, when that love is offered to us, we again turn away, unable to truly believe that you would actually love us. We have behaved in very unloving ways. We have chosen to ignore those in need or to deal only passively with them. Our hearts are not placed in service to others, but rather in self-serving motives. Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in the living water. Help us be faithful servants. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The waters of mercy and healing are poured over you. God is loving and faithful to those who come to God. Come, seek the loving presence and be healed. Your sins are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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.

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** *"The Jesus Way"* (By Phil Wickham) *Video*

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Second Reading: Psalm 95

HANDBELL CHOIR *"Exultation on Forest Green"* *Arr. Krug*

Third Reading: John 4:5-42

SERMON *"A Time for Testimony"* **Pastor Melinda**

***HYMN** *"When, Like the Woman at the Well"* *#196*

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

We are called to live in hope and to share this hope with the world. Let us offer thanks to God for all God has given us by sharing generously of ourselves and of our resources. Through our gifts, may all experience the hope to be found in our life-giving God. Let us give generously of our time, talent, treasure to further the work of God in our community.

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!

Great Provider, bless these offerings and multiply them according to your will. May they restore hope and wholeness to those who benefit from them. In Jesus’s name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower” #433

BENEDICTION

One: Brothers and sisters in Christ, be water bearers to a dry and parched world, knowing that the God of love will always be with you. Go in peace and may God’s peace go with you!

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

“God Loved the World”

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THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

PLEASE COME AGAIN SOON!

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Morning Prayer (crosswalk.com)

Meditation: A morning prayer is a wonderful way to focus your time and attention on seeking God's plan for the day ahead. Whether you need encouragement, peace, strength, or rest, God can meet you in a very real and present way when you come before Him with a humble heart. Seek God's presence each morning before your energy and attention are pulled by all the tasks you have ahead.

Dear God, as we rise to meet each new day, please let us be filled with Your spirit. Wherever we go, let us spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Let us desire to become more like you and to worship you in all we do. Help us desire these things so much more than the sin that entices us. Thank you for always going before us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.
(Dr. Charles Stanley)

Evening Prayer (From the website called Ministry Matters)

As you have made this day, O God, you also make the night. Give light for our comfort. Come upon us with quietness and still our souls that we may listen for the whisper of your Spirit and be attentive to your nearness in our dreams. Empower us to rise again in new life to proclaim your praise, and to show Christ to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Please, continue with Prayers of Intercession:

Pray for the Church and the world:

- For the people of our congregation...
- We pray for Shiloh UCC's future...
- For those who suffer and those in trouble...
- For the sick, the hospitalized, and those who care for them...
- For those who mourn...
- For the concerns of our communities...
- For the world, its people, and its leaders...
- For the Church universal—its leaders, its members and its mission...
- For other concerns that you put on our hearts...

Close this prayer time with the Lord's Prayer.



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, Noah Olschefski, Fay Myers



THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

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

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



BULLETIN:

ALTAR FLOWERS: Presented in honor of our daughters, Emily and Dani. We love you both so very much and our 39th wedding anniversary by Katie and Tim Bentzel.

VIDEO TEAM: Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel

LITURGIST: Brian Curren

GREETERS: Sally and Brian Curren

USHER: Lonnie Neiman

NURSERY: Tim and Katie Bentzel

COFFEE CONNECTIONS:

*“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

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| SUN | 10:00 | Worship |
| | 8:45 | Wired Word (124) & Sunday School (202) |
| | 9:15 | Coffee Connections (gallery) |
| MON | 10:00 | Security Meeting (Office) |
| | 5:30 | Gospel Choir (100) |
| | 6:30 | Consistory (202) |
| | 6:30 | Crew Meeting (Parlor) |
| TUES | 8:30 | Men’s Bfast |
| | 6:00 | Cub Scouts (100) |
| | 6:30 | Engaging Woman (202) |
| WED | 8:00 | Men’s Chorus |
| | 9:30 | Bible Study (202) |
| | 5:00 | TOPS (202) |
| THUR | 7:00 | Lenten Study(202) |
| | 6:30 | Choirs |
| SUN | 6:30 | NA Group (100) |
| | 10:00 | Worship |

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 89

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