



Create in me a clean heart,

O God.

PSALM 51:10

Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ
Worship
March 9th, 2025 @ 10:00AM

MEDITATION

“The greatest temptations are not those that solicit our consent to obvious sin, but those that offer us great evils masking as the greatest goods.”

~ Thomas Merton, No Man Is an Island, 20th century

PRELUDE

“Be Still and Know”

Williamson

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

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

One: When Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tempted to save himself.

All: We are often tempted to be selfish.

One: Jesus was tempted to turn stones to bread. He was tempted to accept wealth and power.

All: In all these things, Jesus remained strong in his commitment to God.

One: May our commitment to God be as strong.

All: May our lives remain in God’s caring hands throughout our whole journey. Let us worship God!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

All: O Holy One, we come to you in gladness and expectation. Let’s begin our Lenten exploration. You offer your love as a strong refuge. Your boundless grace is our sheltering presence. In the unity of worship, we trust that you will speak to us and through us as we begin this Lenten journey with each other and with Christ. Prepare our hearts to seek you and embrace you, to hear you and follow you, to love you and to serve you. With gladness and expectation we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

#205 (vs. 1,2 & 5)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

All: Holy God, as we enter this Lenten season, we are reminded of our weakness and our need for your strength. We ask your forgiveness when we succumb to the temptations of this world, when we tread paths that are contrary to your will.

We ask your forgiveness when we fail to look beyond our own desires to see another’s need. We ask for your presence in our wilderness wanderings. May your hand guide us from the arid land of sin into a land flowing with milk and honey— a land made rich and abundant by your saving love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: No one who believes in Jesus will be put to shame. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Rejoice and celebrate:

All: for forgiveness is ours through the confession of faith in Jesus Christ. 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** *“This Little Light”* #524 (vs. 1-3)

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Second Reading: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Handbell Choir *“The Prayer”* **Sager & Foster/Arr. Eithun**

Third Lesson: Luke 4:1-13

SERMON: *“Tested”* Pastor Melinda

HYMN *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* #506 (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

There are multitudes of individuals who long for God, who are seeking God, but do not know where or how to search. May this congregation, Shiloh UCC, be a lamp to light the pathway for those who are seeking God. May our offerings help us to shine our light brightly so that fellow-seekers may find their way. 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: We bring these gifts to you, O God, in recognition and gratitude for your loving provision. We offer you our very lives and bow before you in tribute to your many blessings. Take us and use us, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. This we pray in the name of the One who came in holy love, that we might have abundant life. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“On a Hill Far Away”

#195 (vs. 1,3 & 4)

*BENEDICTION

One: The journey has begun. God is with you. Go forth to learn, to teach, and to serve. Go, bringing peace and justice to all in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

POSTLUDE

“Our Hearts In Christian Love”

Roberts

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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer

Dear God, as I rise to meet a new day, please let us be filled with Your Holy Spirit. Wherever I go, let me spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Let me desire to become more like you and to worship you in all I say and do. Help me desire these things much more than the sin that entices me. Thank you for always going before me. Thank you for this new day. In Jesus' Name, Amen

Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father, you know my worries and care for my troubles. So I give these heavy concerns to you. I lay these problems at your feet. Thank you that your love in me can transform not only my life but the whole world. I walk with peace into the new day, and I put my hope in you. Today, let me rest in the knowledge that you will light my path and guide my life. In Jesus' holy 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, 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 In Honor of our daughters, Emily and Dani, we love you both so very much, And for our 38th Wedding Anniversary by Katie and Tim Bentzel

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

LITURGIST: John Reiber

GREETERS: Jack & Diane Jordan

USHER: Brad Jacobs

NURSERY: Sallie Hagerman & Natalie Fuhrman

COFFEE CONNECTIONS: Patti Goodyear

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

Joke of the Day
What do you call a priest who
becomes a lawyer?
A father-in-law. 😊

Luke 4

A I C M A U L I B G D C Q E Y D N I L B D K M Y
 H E W I E W O D I W C O T M P J B Y D P X M W E
 D M A X C G S B J K K U I A V O N I U O H K P Y
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 V A Y R J P E P L D Q V A W E Y B N S W F L U W
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 L M F Z R K P N F O W W S C Q I B R E L P O W K
 K P F X K R W J L E A I G O K Y R G E Y N P D J
 C Q U H D U Z A R S U F H Q Z C B A O E U B M K
 I Q V R C O O M I Z Z Z R A Y P N Z M D Z Y H G
 A A S Q Q C H H V K V D B B R U I S E D F M X O

brokenhearted	wilderness	synagogue	capernaum	preached
nazareth	captives	unclean	tempted	bruised
naaman	jordan	hungry	amazed	wrath
widow	power	fever	blind	fast
fame				

*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)
	6:30	Consistory Meeting (202)
TUES	8:30	Men's Breakfast
	6:30	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	Lent Study (202)
	6:30	NA Group (100)
SUN	6:30	Choirs
	10:00	Worship/Daffodil Sunday

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 90

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