

*A woman*  
*that feareth the LORD...*  
*shall be praised.*



**Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ**  
**Mothers Day/Anniversary Sunday**  
**May 10<sup>th</sup> 2026 @ 10:00AM**

**MEDITATION**

*"All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." ~Abraham Lincoln*

**PRELUDE**

*"The Gift Love"*

Smith

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

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

One: Today we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunties, and all the women who have loved us.

**All: Thank you, God, for giving us mothers.**

One: We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrated their love for us.

**All: Sometimes we did not understand them, but we know that God understood.**

One: We take time to remember our mothers, because a mother's love is most like God's love.

**All: For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unyielding trust in our abilities, we give thanks today. Let us worship God!**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

**All: Loving God, we know your love because we have mothers. We thank you for the mothers who carried us in their wombs, nourishing, protecting, and bringing us into the world. We thank you for the mothers who did not give birth to us, yet loved us just the same. With gratitude we remember their words of encouragement when we have felt unsure or afraid; we thank you for their kindness when the world has treated us unkindly; we thank you for their soft, comforting arms and the gentle way they kissed away our tears; we thank you for the times when they corrected us rather than letting us continue down wrong paths. Help us to live so that their investment in us might not be in vain. We honor our mothers with lives of service to you in the name of Jesus Christ, for it is in his name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

“*Love Divine*”

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**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 SERMON** (*All children (including infants) and youth who desire to come forward for the Children’s Sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parent’s/ caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message.*)

**HYMN**

“*God Is So Good*”

Insert

**RECOGNITION OF MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

See insert

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: Proverbs 23:22-25

Second Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31

**HANDBELL CHOIR**

Third Reading: 1 Corinthians 13

**SERMON**

“*Agape- Love*”

**Pastor Melinda**

**\*HYMN**

“*I Am a Woman*”

Insert

**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

The God who loves us and gives us all that we need for our spiritual growth invites us to sacrifice for one another. Let us share our time, talents, and treasures generously so that God's Kingdom may spread everywhere on earth.

**OFFERTORY**

*"His Lovingkindness"*

*Caldwell*

**DOXOLOGY**

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**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

Dear God, out of your great love for us, you have provided for our needs. There is food for our tables, clothes to cover us, a roof over our heads and someone to love us. For these gifts we are grateful. Bless now, our tithes and offerings, we ask, so that they may be used to make disciples for Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN.**

*"In the Bulb There is a Flower"*

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### BENEDICTION

May the God of love surround you, those loving arms embrace you, bring you comfort, hope and light. Go into your week, knowing that you are embraced by the love of God; a love that is sweeter and more tender than any you have ever known. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*"God Shall Send His Angels"*

*Dubois*

**THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!  
PLEASE COME AGAIN SOON!**



**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES**

The Myers Family, The Jordan Family, The Stough/Runkle Family,  
The Limbert Family, The Bupp/Miller Family

**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, Catherine Lochman, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Steve Snyder, Rick & Sue Trimble, Romaine Walton, Gloria Melhorn, Fay Myers



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## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

### **Morning Prayer** (*www.biblestudytools.com*)

Loving God, Thank You. You made the heavens and the earth, the land and the sea, the fish that swim in the waters and the creatures that crawl upon the shores. You made me. Thank you! Truly, You hand crafted everything in this universe. Help me, Lord, not to take any of this for granted. Help me know in my soul I do not deserve the blessings You choose to bestow, yet You offer them anyway. You do this because You love me, because You are perfect and good, and because Your ways are infinitely higher than my own. Thank you, God, for breath in my lungs and sun on my skin. Thank You for the opportunity of salvation and for the gift of Your son, Jesus Christ. Help me to hold this gratitude in my heart all day long and to overflow with joy so I can share it with others in all I think, say, and do. In Jesus' holy name I pray. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer** (*Christina Fox*)

Heavenly Father, I can barely lift my eyes to you. It's all I can do to cry out for help. Please extend your grace to me tonight. Help me to see that you are with me every moment of every day. Your Holy Spirit comforts me. Help me to remember that you are not surprised or taken off guard by the events of this day. Forgive me for my fears and doubts. Forgive me for forgetting that you are with me. Forgive me for forgetting who I am because of what your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant me gospel hope in the midst of a hard day. Show me your presence and fill me with your Spirit. Help me to cling to your love, grace, and strength. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



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

**BULLETIN:** The bulletins are sponsored by Deb Althoff in honor of all our Mothers and David Althoff Jr. who made Mothers Day a very special day for me.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Presented by Jane Harrison in loving memory of her sister, Mary Ann (Chronister) Grothey whose birthday was May 13th.

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

**LITURGIST:** Brad Jacobs

**GREETERS:** Natalie Fuhrman

**USHER:** Lin Heckert

**NURSERY:** John Reiber and Nathan Limbert

**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**

SUN	10:00	<b>Worship</b>
	8:45	Wired Word (124) & Sunday School (202)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
MON	10:00	Security Meeting (office)
	5:00	ELC Spring Program (100)
	6:30	Consistory
TUES	8:30	Men’s Breakfast
	9:30	ELC Spring Program (Sanctuary)
	12:00	Grief Group (Chilis)
	5:30	ELC Spring Program (100)
	6:30	Engaging Woman (Parlor)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	9:30	ELC Spring Program (Sanctuary)
	5:00	TOPS (202)
	5:30	ELC Spring Program (100)
THUR	6:30	Choirs
	9:00	Woman’s Breakfast

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 105**

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