



They were all filled with
the Holy
SPIRIT

and began speaking God's word
with confidence.

ACTS 4:31 (CEV)

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP SERVICE/ PENTECOST
May 24th, 2026

MEDITATION

“Without the Spirit of God, we can do nothing. We are as ships without wind. We are useless.” ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

PRELUDE

“Come, Holy Ghost”

Telemann

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(please stand if you are able)*

One: Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

All: Your Spirit is burning away our fear!

One: Lord, we come here to be empowered.

All: May the winds of change blow away our doubt!

One: Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

All: Let us worship and rejoice, for a Spirit of Gentleness has descended upon this Holy Assembly!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

Spirit of Wind and Fire, free us from our fears and worries. Lift us up, for we have fallen. Dust us off, and set us squarely on the path of hope and joy. Remind us that we are always in your presence. Get us ready for the great adventure and opportunity that lies before us. Help us burn in harmony with Divine Intention, sending your sacred light to the four corners of the earth. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

Persistent God, we live in a broken world. All around us we see alienation. Forgive us our sins. Forgive us the sins that cause division and hurt in our churches and families. Remind us that the disciples, too, were afraid, and you came to them, as they huddled in fear. You empowered them to have faith. You gave them hearts of courage and strength. Inspire us to have the same hearts, that we may serve you, and together, we may heal this broken world. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Dear ones, fear no more! The power of the Holy Spirit has set us free from doubt and fear! Now is the time to shine with the light of God's love, given to you by Jesus Christ.

All: In the midst of our fears and doubts, the peace of the Holy Spirit will prevail. Amen.

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF CHRIST *(Please wave to one another)*

One: When Jesus left his disciples, he did not leave them alone. He promised them the power of his presence, the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit, God's love and peace live in our lives; and it is ours to share with others. 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**

"Spirit Song"

Insert

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

SPECIAL MUSIC

Third Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

"The Fire of Pentecost"

***HYMN**

"America, the Beautiful"

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

In gratitude for all we have received, we offer our lives back to God — we share our time, our skills, our money; and in doing so, we say “yes” to the invitation to build up God’s Kingdom here on earth. The ministry of Shiloh UCC reaches out into our local community and the whole world to share God’s compassion and love. Now, let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude, commitment, and praise.

OFFERTORY

“O Comforter, Draw Near”

Uppercue

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

One: Let us pray!

Almighty God, set us on fire this morning, as we celebrate the explosion of your Holy Spirit, coming into the world on the Day of Pentecost! Remind us that the gift you gave that day was not just the gift to speak in different tongues, but also the gift of hearing and comprehension. May your Holy Spirit keep us attuned to the voices all around us, to those who need us to be bearers of your compassion; and may the gifts we give today help us, through Shiloh UCC, your church, to meet those needs. In the holy name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

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*BENEDICTION

One: May the God who breathed life into creation be your delight.
May Christ give you hope to your dreaming;
and may the Holy Spirit, your Advocate and Comforter,
set your hearts ablaze with a passion for spreading the Gospel.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

“The Quest of the Holy Spirit”

Paxton

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



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (*Unknown writer*)

Almighty God, as the sun rises, may your love rise in my heart.
May a love arise that dispels tiredness.
May a love arise, that overcomes difficulty.
May a love arise, that builds relationships.
May a love arise, that inspires diligence.
May a love arise, that delivers excellence.
May a love arise, that develops trust.
May a love arise, that produces praise.
Lord, as the sun rises, may also your love rise in my heart.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (*Unknown writer*)

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

Almighty God, radiant with light, cast your goodness upon me. Most wonderful Lord, creator of all things, hold your truth to shield me. Majestic King who reigns over all, slay with great love all the shadows around me. Prince of Peace, glorious and true, lift your arms of strength to cover me all this night through. Amen.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

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

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



BULLETIN:

ALTAR FLOWERS: Dedicated with love and in honor of our grandson Ethan's 18th birthday and in celebration of our 60 years of marriage with thanks to God for his many blessings, Brad and Sue Jacobs.

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Presented in honor of the 80th birthday of Ann Myers by Beverly and Milton Hoak.

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

LITURGIST: Brian Curren

GREETERS: Joyce Bowers

USHER: Mary Neiman

NURSERY: Patti Goodyear & Kaitlin Rentzel

COFFEE CONNECTIONS: Katie Bentzel

HAPPY PENTECOST SUNDAY!



“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
	8:45	Sunday School (202)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
MON	OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY	
	5:30	Gospel Choir (100)
TUES		
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (202))
THUR	12:00	Staff Meeting
	6:30	NA Group (100)
FRI		OFFICE CLOSED
SAT	11:00	Graveside service and Luncheon
SUN	10:00	Worship

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 76

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