

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
WORSHIP SERVICE/PENTECOST  
MAY 28, 2023  
8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION

*"Without the Spirit of God, we can do nothing.  
We are as ships without wind. We are useless."*

~ Charles Spurgeon

PRELUDE

*"Spirit of Love Come Down"*

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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

*"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

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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.**



When the  
*Spirit of Truth*  
comes, he will guide  
you in all truth.

JOHN 16:13a

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Dear ones, fear no more! The power of God's 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 "Spirit of the Living God" #389

## 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 RESPONSE "Doxology" #780

**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 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit". #293

## \*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

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

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in memory of Richard and Sally Reiber by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
- **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in memory of Melvin and Hazel Reiber and Francis and Bessie Jones by their grandchildren.
- **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Nancy (Jones) and Ralph (Lat) Crone by their daughters, Sue Crone, Sally Johnson and Shelly Basilio.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Jeanie Bentzel, **11:00AM:** Joyce Mummert
- **USHERS: 8:30AM** Bart & Gerry Funkhouser, **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Milton & Beverly Hoak, **11:00AM:** Richard & Helen Hodgson
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Tim & Katie Bentzel, **11:00AM** Volunteer
- **MUSIC: Sandy Bamberger**

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



On **Saturday June 3**, Shiloh UCC will be hosting a **community yard sale** from **8am-2pm**. This event is rain or shine, so feel free to bring a tarp. The cost is \$10 per space and \$5 per table (while supplies last). Registration forms can be found in the gallery. For additional information, contact Patti Goodyear at [pagoodyear213@gmail.com](mailto:pagoodyear213@gmail.com).

**Engaging Women** will be meeting off-site in June. Contact Sally Curren for more details at [dgft25@hotmail.com](mailto:dgft25@hotmail.com).



## **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 OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Julie Beall, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Helen Byers, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Jay Mummert, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Elva Winter

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

The Kinsley Family, The Garber Family, The Berkheimer/Bechtel Family, The Reiber/Youkers Family, The Lochman/Schwartz Family

“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”

The Women’s Guild will be meeting **June 5, at 1:00 pm in room 202.** The program will be from our new study book **Encouraging One Another.** Chapter Four: Encouraging Growth Norene Edgar will be leading this chapter. Special Offering this month will go to Sally Jane Johnson. We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.



The **33rd Annual Strawberry Festival** will be held on **Sunday, June 11th from 4:00-7:00 pm.** Please join us for food trucks, games, baked goods, and of course, strawberries and ice cream! If you would be interested in donating baked goods for the event, please contact Kaitlin at [kgoodyear04@gmail.com](mailto:kgoodyear04@gmail.com).

The offering envelope marked **Father’s Day** which is **June 18** will go to **Habitat for Humanity.** Their mission is to build safe, decent, affordable housing for low income, well qualified families in York County.



On Sunday, **June 25** the church picnic will be held at **Sunset Lane Park.** A worship service will begin at **10:00 AM** followed by a potluck meal. Broasted chicken will be the main course with a variety of sides, salads and desserts. In addition to a covered dish please bring place settings, beverages, and lawn chairs. A **sign-up sheet will be in the Gallery beginning June 4.** This will be a wonderful way to socialize with friends and worship surrounded by nature. Please consider joining us!



The **Women’s Social and Support Group** will meet **June 16 for lunch at 12:00 pm at the West Manchester Outback.** Please contact Judy Clark at

717-712-2468 by **June 13** if you will be attending. If Judy doesn’t answer, please leave a message as her phone goes directly to voice mail if your number is not listed in her phone contacts. Or you can send a text message.

**THIS WEEK**

SUN	8:30 & 11	<b>Pentecost/Strengthen the Church Offering</b>
	9:45	Sunday School (100)
	9:45	Wired Word (202)
MON		Memorial Day – Office Closed
TUES	6:30	Church & Ministry (202)
WED	10:00	Staff Meeting (202)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
	7:00	Visioning (202)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
SAT	8:00	Community Yard Sale
SUN	8:30 & 11	<b>Communion/Recognition of Grads</b>

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 115**

**THE CHURCH STAFF**

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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.



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

**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.

