



**WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
WORSHIP SERVICE – ELC SUNDAY**

MAY 30, 2021

9:15 AM

**MEDITATION**

*"It is not easy to find a name that will suitably express so great an excellence, unless it is better to speak in this way: the Trinity, one God, of whom are all things, through whom are all things, in whom are all things. Thus the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and each of these by Himself, is God, and at the same time they are all one God; and each of them by Himself is a complete substance, and yet they are all one substance."*

**Augustine of Hippo: On Christian Doctrine, I.V.5.**

**THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP** . . . . . "Praise Ye The Triune God" . . . . . Eliot

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We stand in the presence of God, Sovereign of the Universe, Lord of Hosts!

**All: The whole earth is full of God's glory!**

One: God's voice thunders over the waters, the deserts, the forests!

**All: The whole earth is full of God's glory!**

One: Do you hear the angels' loud praise and feel the shaking of the very foundations of this place?

**All: God's presence surrounds us, fills this very place! Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts!**

**Let us worship our mysterious God!**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**O' God of Mystery, within your very self you model the beloved and holy community. You are the Wisdom within our hearts, the Word who dwells among us, and the Spirit who calls us beyond ourselves. Let us know your presence here at Shiloh UCC today in a new way, that we might celebrate your love and go forth rejoicing. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

***\*Please do not sing the hymn, just follow along\****

**HYMN** . . . . . "Holy, Holy, Holy" . . . . . No. 277  
(See insert)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God,**  
We know so much about earthly things,  
but so little about heavenly things.  
We stand in your presence,  
but sin places a veil over your glory.  
Forgive us, that we might soar far above,  
to the throne of Heaven.  
Grant us vision to see your Seraphim  
in flight around your throne.  
Fill our countenance with Your Light  
that we may hear their voices,  
and feel the very foundations of gravity turn about us.  
Help us tremble at their loud praise,  
and stand in awe of their angelic splendor.  
Open our lives to your mystery,  
power, and glory.  
Open our lives to you, Holy One.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Today we will hear of heavenly things  
that can transform our lives forever.  
We will hear of God's miraculous presence  
with us, among us, and for us.  
In God's temple, let all of us say,  
"Here am I; send me!"

**SHARING THE BLESSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE** *(Please wave to one another)*

Hear this mystery: we are all the children and the heirs of the Holy One. Welcome your  
brothers and sisters with the peace that God has given us through Christ Jesus.  
The Peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**  
Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's Peace.

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Lesson: Psalm 29  
Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-17  
Third Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

SERMON ..... "Here I am"

HYMN ..... "Here I am, Lord" .....

**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**

God is the Giver of life;  
Christ is the Gift sent to share our life;  
and the Holy Spirit is the power that enables us  
to continue in generosity, justice, and joy.  
Let us open our hearts to God and one another.

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** "Doxology" ..... No. 778

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND SELF**

Dear God, Your scriptures paint a majestic picture of your holy temple. But instead of  
commanding us to cower before your might, you call us to join with you in building your  
reign here on earth. May these gifts become tangible evidence of our commitment to  
answer your call. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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HYMN ..... "Be Not Dismayed (God Will Take Care of You)" ..... No. 460  
(See Insert)

**BENEDICTION**

May the love of God the Father enfold us,  
the wisdom of Christ the Son enlighten us,  
and the fire of the Holy Spirit inflame us.  
May the blessing of the Triune God rest on us,  
and abide with us, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

**THE POSTLUDE** ..... “Come, Holy Ghost” ..... Telemann

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Morning Prayer**

Lord God,  
Give me strength in my weakness.  
Give me faith when I'm down.  
Give me power in my powerlessness.  
I'm trusting in you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*“You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.”  
Isaiah 26:3*



**Evening Prayer** (Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

Loving God, my day is drawing to an end, and I'm ready to turn in. But before I do, I have to thank you for your faithfulness today. Every day is a good day when we walk with You. For all the times when I was aware of your help today, all the times when your unseen presence seemed so near, thank you, God. But for all the ways you worked behind the scenes, unknown to me, moments when heaven-sent angels moved on my behalf in ways I'll never know, thank you for those also, Lord. Forgive me for any foolish actions on my part today or things I did without first asking your blessing or wisdom. I never want to go to bed without praising you, Lord. You mean too much to me, and your holiness deserves that. Thank you for loving me just as I am. Thank you for accepting me and guiding me every day. Your love compels me to give you my all and fills my heart with praise for the relationship we share because of Jesus. Amen.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

Nancy Hamme, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Helen Byers, Mary Emma Elicker, Catherine Lochman, Vanessa Seifarth, Bev Kirk, Julene Bechtel, Jim Bentzel Sr. Joanne Overmiller, Dottie Limbert, Donna Krone, Elva Winter, Mary Rodgers, Oscar Bupp, Bob and Margie Behler, Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Sandy Barnes, Staff and Residents at Providence Place, Richard Gruver, Rosabel Bentzel, Donna Robertson

**THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES**

The Downs Family, The Heath Family, The Jacoby Family, The Luckenbaugh Family, The Myers Family



The **Women's Guild** will meet on **June 7 at 1 p.m.** in room 100. Please be advised we will social distance and wear masks. The program will be from our study book **Bad Girls of the Bible, Chapter Five: The First Cut Is the Deepest – Delilah: Bad to the Bone.** Carolyn Poff will be leading this chapter. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

**BULLETIN SPONSORS are needed.** The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks prior** to your date to have your “Special” wording placed in the bulletin.



**GROCERY GIFT CARDS = CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH.** Weis and Giant grocery gift cards are available for purchase. 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. Please contact the office if you interested in purchasing one.

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



**AS A REMINDER, THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 31 IN OBERSERVANCE OF THE MEMORIAL HOLIDAY.**

*"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 9:15 **ELC Sunday**  
MON Memorial Day – Office Closed  
WED 5:30 TOPS (100)  
THUR 6:15 Hand Bell Choir (Sanctuary)  
6:30 NA Group (100)  
SUN 9:10 Communion/Recognition of Graduates



- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of Thomas Bentzel's 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday with love from Bonnie, Mark, Elijah and Jasmine.
- **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of parents; Hazel and Melvin Reiber and Bessie and Francis T. Jones by Sally Reiber and family.
- **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in memory of our parents, Nancy (Jones) and Ralph (Lat) Crone by their daughters Sue Crone, Sally Johnson and Sherry Basilio.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of all the Men and Women who served and continue to serve sacrificing their lives for our freedom by Jay and Joyce Mummert.
- **LITURGIST:** Allison Hartnet
- **NURSERY ATTENDENTS:** Tim and Katie Bentzel
- **USHERS:** Helen and Dick Hodgson

**Attendance last Sunday: 44**

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**TRINITY SUNDAY  
(FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)**

May 30, 2021

John 3:1-17

**Mysterious Encounter**

In today's Gospel story, the man Nicodemus has an encounter with Jesus that changes his life. As Christ's disciples, we never know what small interaction might be life-changing for those we meet.

Andy DeBraber, generosity officer of the United Church of Christ, tells this true story.

At a gathering of United Church of Christ members who support the National Setting financially, the question was asked, "Why do you support the UCC?"

At first there was silence, but then a man in his 70s from rural Ohio stood up. His wife elbowed him, he explained, so he had been nudged to tell his story.

As a child, he had learned to give to the church and be generous from his father. His father would give him a dime each Sunday to put in the offering plate. Then one Sunday, he turned to his father at the offering for his weekly dime to put in the plate.

His father refused. You see, he had just started delivering newspapers. His father told him that from now on, the boy had to put his own dimes in the plate. Learned early, his practice of giving continued into adulthood.

But why does he now give so generously to all settings of the UCC, 62 years after that long-ago lesson?

"I was a homophobe and racist," he said. "And if it weren't for the UCC, I still would be."

Just like Nicodemus, the man in this story was changed, and changed again. First by his father who taught him the value of giving and then by those who helped him see a way of love and openness. How might your witness bring change to the world?



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