

The image features a background of a musical score at the top and a close-up of a piano keyboard at the bottom. The text is centered in the white space between them.

UNTO THEE,  
— O LORD, —  
*will I sing.*  
PSALM 101

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
WORSHIP SERVICE/COMMUNION



MUSIC SUNDAY

MAY 3, 2026

10:00AM



PRELUDE

*“Praise For the Morning”*

Smith

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Please stand if you are able*)(Inspired by Psalm 31)

One: In you, Holy One, we seek sanctuary. In you, Sovereign God, we seek refuge.

**All: Holy One, for your name’s sake lead us and guide us.**

One: You are indeed our rock and our fortress. Our times are in your hands. Strengthen us in your righteousness.

**All: Holy One, for your name’s sake lead us and guide us.**

One: Shine upon us this day as we worship you. Saturate us in your steadfast love.

**All: Holy One, for your name’s sake lead us and guide us.**

**\*HYMN**

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

#436

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

**All: Holy and Living God, build us into a spiritual house, a gathering of witnesses for the world and in the world to declare your goodness, to follow in your way, to do the work of your hands, voice, and heart Renew our spirits as we worship you and bask in your presence. Fill us with your Spirit that we collectively proclaim ourselves as your people, called to the fullness of your glorious and radiant being. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

*“We Are the Church”*

**PUPPET MINISTRY**

*(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 children during the message.)*

**\*HYMN**

*“I Will Call Upon the Lord”*

Insert

**PRAYER FOR CHOIRS:**

One: Let us pray:

**All: O Lord, our God. Bless these ministers of music who offer their talents in your service. Grant them love for you and for all your people. May their music inspire us all to give glory to your holy name.**

One: Holy, Holy, Holy are You Lord, the whole earth is full of Your glory! How great is the Lord that made His awesomeness and beauty manifest in Creation. I pray that this choir ministry overflows with Your glory.

**Choirs: Father, I pray that no matter what we face, we wholeheartedly lift up Your Name. I declare that when people hear us sing and play, I pray that they will hear Your glory, I pray that they hear Your greatness, in Jesus Name, we pray, Amen.**

**MESSAGE:**

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 100

**MEN’S CHORUS**

*“Wade in the Water”*

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 31:1-5; 15-16

**HANDBELL CHOIR**

*“Holy Manna”*

Arr. Hall

Scripture Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

*“Come People of the Risen Lord”*

Getty & Townend

Scripture Lesson: John 14:1-14

**COMBINED CHOIRS**

*“A Song Must Rise”*

**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

Generous ones, you bear the image of the Generous God, who has provided for all needs and gives good gifts. Accept the invitation to share, sacrificially and from abundance, resources needed in this community and by our neighbors throughout the world for the glory of God.

**OFFERTORY**                    *“I Love to Tell the Story”*                    Fischer  
Piano & Organ Duet    Dani Bentzel & Sandy Bamberger

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**            *“Take My Gifts (Vs. 2)”*                    #562

Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,  
harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,  
spiced with humor, laced with laughter – flavor of the Jesus life,  
tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray!

Generous God, may the gifts that we bring reflect the image we bear.  
Be glorified through our generosity and the meeting of needs among  
and beyond us. Amen.

### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*(All are welcome to partake of communion)*

**\*COMMUNION HYMN**                    *“As We Gather at Your Table”*                    #332

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**                    *“A New Creed”*                    #887

### INVITATION

One: Jesus Christ said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me  
shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**All: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come  
to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this  
life-giving bread.**

One: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence  
of Christ and to share in the community of God’s people.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

One: God is present to us, but we don't always feel it. God is good to us, but we can't always accept it. Fact is, there are things within and around us that attempt to step between us and our relationship to God's goodness. There are things that we think, things that we do, that act to separate us from God. The church calls that "sin."

**All: God of all mercy, I confess that sin grips me and I cannot break free. The sin is in my mind, on my lips, in my acts done or even ignored and stands between me and you. My entire heart is not always yours. My love of neighbor falls short. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on me. Grant me your renewing forgiveness. Lead me on your paths of righteousness, and I shall delight in you, and I shall follow you, giving glory to your holy name. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. Through Christ, our sins, every one of them: the sins of commission, the sins of omission, the sins we confessed with contrition – all are forgiven.

**All: By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

## 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.**

**\*HYMN**

*"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

#14 Special Hymnal

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*The members of Consistory will serve you the bread and juice. To demonstrate our unity in Christ, we will take the elements together. Please wait until everyone has been served. Thank you!*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Bountiful God, we give thanks that you gather us into the great congregation of your beloved at this table. Now send us forth into the world with rejoicing, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven in the struggle for shalom. By the strength of this meal and your grace help us to continue Jesus’ ministry of generosity and compassion. For it is in His name that we pray. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                      *“God’s Eye Is on the Sparrow”*.                      #475

**\*BENEDICTION**

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in the power of God in you and through you. Do the work of loving God, neighbor, and self. Do the work of holding the complexity of life in tension with compassion and care. Do the work of believing a future with hope is possible. Do the work of nurturing that hope into a vision and vision into reality. Do the work of glorifying God by following the way of Christ and praying with our lives. Do the works. **Amen**

**POSTLUDE**                      *“When, In Our Music, God Is Glorified”*                      Page

**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:** In honor of all the volunteer choir members and musicians. Thank you to all.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Presented in celebration of our mother, Romaine Walton's 100th birthday today, with much love from her family.

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

**LITURGIST:** Carol Burns

**GREETERS:** Jack and Diane Jordan

**USHER:** Deb Althoff

**NURSERY:** Sallie Hagerman and Natalie Fuhrman

**COFFEE CONNECTIONS:** Natalie Fuhrman

**THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!**

**PLEASE COME AGAIN SOON!**

### **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK**

**Morning Prayer** ([www.living-prayers.com/events/daily\\_prayer.html](http://www.living-prayers.com/events/daily_prayer.html))

I come before you, O Lord. As the sun rises may your hope rise up in me. As the birds sing may your love flow out of me. As the light floods into this new day, May your joy shine through me. I come before you, O Lord and drink in this moment of peace, That I may carry something of your hope, love and joy today in my Heart. Amen.

**Evening Prayer** ([www.living-prayers.com/events/daily\\_prayer.html](http://www.living-prayers.com/events/daily_prayer.html))

Dear God,

As the darkness draws in, You are the light in my heart, As the air turns colder, You are the warmth in my soul, As the stars are revealed, You renew my spirit, As the moon shines, I know I am held safe in Your arms. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*“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	1:15	Woman’s Guild (202)
	5:30	Gospel Choir (100)
TUES	6:00	Cub Scouts (100)
	6:00	Children’s Choir
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	12:00	Visioning Committee Meeting (Hoss’s)
	5:00	TOPS (202)
THUR	6:30	Choirs
	6:30	NA Group (100)
FRI		OFFICE CLOSED

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 145**

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