



**Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ**  
**Worship Service**  
**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**10:00AM**

**MEDITATION**

*The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy.- Henri Nouwen*

**PRELUDE**

*“My Life Is In You, LORD”*

*Broughton*

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Please stand as you are able!)* *(Inspired by Psalm 51)*

One: The Holy One is just and merciful, righteous and compassionate, wise and near.

**All: O God, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom. Enliven joy and gladness within our hearts.**

One: We long for your presence and gather before you in gratitude and awe of your steadfast love.

**All: O God, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom. Enliven joy and gladness within our hearts.**

One: Create just, righteous, and loving hearts within us. Renew our spirits as we declare your praise and seek you in prayer.

**All: O God, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom. Enliven joy and gladness within our hearts.**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

**All: Gracious God, we give thanks for your presence among us. In the chaos of our lives, you provide calm, healing, and sanctuary. Inspire us to be transformed as you immerse us in your everlasting love and relentless presence. Your Spirit fills the atmosphere as we gather in your name from pew to park and from sanctuary to sofa. Open our receptivity to your word and enflame our imagination of and participation in your kingdom on earth. May it be so. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

**All: Redeemer, forgive us. We confess our complicity with the systems of this world that hurt and harm your children and your creation. We confess our complacency with the status quo, incrementalism when urgency is required, and the claim that nothing ever changes. We confess our comfort holds more influence over us than your command that we love our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us and release us from the bonds of guilt and shame so that we can be free to change and grow, free to receive your power and new life, and free to be your agents of transformation in the world. Holy One, in your mercy, hear our plea. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Redeemed, the Sovereign God has given you power and freedom to live as full citizens of the kingdom of God. Receive the grace to do your best for today trusting that the Spirit will guide you to your best for tomorrow. The past has no power to keep you from new life in the present and abundant life in the future. Claim your redemption and, in gratitude, the new life gifted to you in Christ. **Amen**

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

One: Let us greet each other in Christian friendship. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**CHILDREN'S STORY** *(All children of God who desire to come forward for the Children's Sermon are welcome. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to accompany their young child during the message.)*

**\*HYMN**

*"Sing Them Over Again to Me"*

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## WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Second Reading: Matthew 6:25-34

**MEN'S CHORUS**

*"To God Be the Glory"*

*Arr. Coleman/Doane*

Third Lesson: Exodus 16:2-4 and 9-15

**SERMON**

*“What is It”?*

*Guest Preacher Kelly Chripczuk*

**HYMN**

*“Wont You Let Me Be Your Servant?”*

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**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 gifts of God bless us, and the invitation of God is to share those blessings with generosity, gratitude, trust, and love. Let us give of our time, talent, and treasure from the abundance of God’s provision to us.

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*“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!

**All: Generous God, thank you for these gifts and the privilege of giving. Increase our collective resources that we might serve your kingdom and bring honor to your name. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”*

#4 (Vs. 1&4)

**\*BENEDICTION**

One: Go, in the assurance that you are redeemed.  
Go, with compassion, courage, and conviction that a beloved community is possible and waits on your participation.  
Go, in peace and hope, knowing that God is with us.  
**All: Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*"God Is Our Refuge and Strength"*

Powell

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Morning Prayer**

Holy God, you are the giver of all good things. All good things are sent from heaven above, rain and sun, day and night, justice and righteousness, bread to the eater and seed to the sower, peace to the old, energy to the young, joy to the babes. We are takers, who take from you, day by day, daily bread, taking all we need as you supply, taking in gratitude and wonder and joy. And then taking more, taking more than we need, taking more than you give us, taking from our sisters and brothers, taking from the poor and the weak, taking because we are frightened, and so greedy, taking because we are anxious, and so fearful, taking because we are driven, and so uncaring. Give us peace beyond our fear, and so end our greed. Turn our taking into giving, since we are in your giving image: Make us giving like you, giving in joy, not taking, giving as he gave himself up for us all, giving, never taking. **Amen.**

-Walter Brueggemann

**Evening Prayer**

"Truth-telling, wind-blowing, life-giving spirit – we present ourselves now for our instruction and guidance; Breathe your truth among us, breathe your truth of deep Friday loss, your truth of awesome Sunday joy. Breathe your story of death and life. that our story may be submitted to your will for life. We pray in the name of Jesus risen to new life – and him crucified. Amen (Walter Brueggeman in "Prayers for a Privileged People"

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Judy Feeser, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Brad Jacobs, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Steve Snyder, Rick & Sue Trimble, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

## THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Robertson Family, The Hombach Family, The Overmiller/Bentzel/ Heindel Family, The Norris/Hombach Family, The Krout Family, The Eppley Family

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS:** Presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Art and Flo Welcomer by Fay and Donald Myers
- **THE BULLETINS:** In Honor of our son's wedding 10/31/24- Eric and Erin Ferree
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht,
- **LITURGIST:** Bob Limbert
- **GREETERS:** John and Mary Reiber
- **USHER:** Lin Heckert
- **NURSERY** Tim and Katie Bentzel
- **COFFEE CONNECTIONS:** Natalie Fuhrman

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

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# New Testament Bible Quiz

**1. How many books are there in the New Testament?**

- 12
- 39
- 66
- 27

**2. What is the common name given to the first four books of the New Testament?**

- the Acts
- the Synopsis
- the Revelations
- the Gospels

**3. Which of the following are NOT one of the first four books of the New Testament?**

- Matthew
- James
- Luke
- Mark

**4. Who wrote most of the books in the New Testament?**

- Peter
- John
- Paul
- James

**5. Which of these are NOT books in the New Testament?**

- 2 Thessalonians
- 3 John
- 1 Corinthians
- 3 Peter

**6. Who wrote the Acts of the Apostles?**

- Matthew
- Peter
- Luke
- Paul

**7. Which of these women is mentioned in the New Testament?**

- Sarai
- Hannah
- Martha
- Rebekah

*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>
	9:00	Sunday School (202) & Wired Word (124)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
MON:	6:00	Small Boys Group ages 8-13
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts
	7:00	Quilt Club
	7:00	Grief Group
WED	7:00	Soup Prep
	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (117)
THUR	10:30	Our Daily Bread
	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	10:00	Worship

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 92**

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