

# *Give Thanks*

*to him and praise his name.*

*For the LORD is good  
and his love endures forever.*

PSALM 108:4-5 (NIV)



**Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ**  
**Worship Service**  
**November 24<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
**10:00AM**

**MEDITATION**

*Gracious God, Source of all Blessings, You have been extravagant in your Generosity. You have planted within us the seeds of Hope. You have nurtured within us the saplings of Faith. You have harvested the fruits of your Creation and Spread before us the feast of all Possibility. Words cannot express the gratitude with which We come before you. May we embody our thanks with extravagant generosity. May we offer our lives to you in acts of compassion for one another. May we walk gently upon the earth, ever mindful of your gifts of Breath, of Love, of Life itself. Amen.*

Anne G. Cohen

**PRELUDE**

*“All Thanks and Praise to God!”*

*Smith*

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

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

One: Come, you thankful people, come!

**All: Let us gather before God and lift up our songs of praise and thanksgiving.**

One: God, our Maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied.

**All: Let us give thanks for God’s generosity.**

One: Let us give thanks for the blessings of celebration, family, church, friends, and faith.

**All: Let us give thanks for the beauty of the earth! Let us praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

**All: Generous God, we raise to you our joyful noise: words of thanksgiving, and songs of praise! From the depths of the waters to the heights of the land, creation declares your greatness. You fill our days with sun and our nights with starlight. May your goodness transform us, deepening our gratitude for the beauty around us, the kindness among us, and the bread broken for us. Lead us, we pray, in blessing the lives of others, so that all your world may have reason to rejoice. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*“Come, O Thankful People, Come”*

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## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (by Kevin Little)

One: In the midst of our thanksgiving, let us pause in silence to recall how we so often lose sight of the gifts of each day and of their Giver.

One: Let us pray.

**All: O God, we know that we forget about you, we forget to love you, we forget to help our neighbors, we forget to thank you. Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you, and strong hands to serve you. Help us live this day, this week, and always, so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." [John 3:17] We can trust God's word. Rejoice! In Jesus' name, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **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.*)

**PUPPET MINISTRY**                      *"Thanksgiving"*

**\*HYMN**                                      *"Give Thanks"*                                      Insert

## **WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: Psalm 126

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

**CHANCEL CHOIR**                      *"Psalm of Thanksgiving"*                                      McDonald

Third Lesson: Matthew 6:25-33

**SERMON**    *"Give Thanks!"*

**HYMN**                                      *"For the Fruit of All Creation"*                                      #425

## 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

Jesus summed up all the laws in a law of love for God and our neighbor. In our ministry here at Shiloh UCC, we see Jesus in each child of God, in every person, and we seek to serve their needs. That is why we bring our gifts this morning. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise!

### \*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 (Inspired by Rev. Michael Mair)

One: Let us pray!

**All: Giving God, we know that you are the source of every good thing. You have created us, and you continue to breathe life into us through the power of Your Holy Spirit. You have given us so much, and it is because we recognize the gifts You have given to us that we now give to the work of Your kingdom. May this collection be used wisely and diligently, that Your love may be known widely. As we dedicate this offering, we offer ourselves too. Take and use us, that our hands may reach out in service, our feet may walk the difficult path of reconciliation, and that our words may be words of peace. For this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*“Great Is Your Faithfulness”*

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**\*BENEDICTION** *(By Katy Shevel)*

One: May the Lord bless you and hold you close, May the Lord fill your heart with an overwhelming sense of peace and an abundance of gratitude. May you rest in the assurance that God loves you completely, uniquely, and beyond measure. May God's love kindle within you a yearning to reach out to those who need you, whose beloved faces you can picture in your mind's eye, as well as the strangers whom you haven't yet met. May you work for justice, cling to kindness, and walk humbly with Christ in your midst. May you live for one another and for God like never before, with open hands, minds, and hearts, not just during the short days of this thanksgiving season, but for each and every day to come. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

**All: Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him"*

*Smith*

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Morning Prayer** *(Prayer for guidance)*

Dear God, everywhere I walk, let it be on your path. Everything I see, let it be through your eyes. Everything I do, let it be your will. For every hardship I face, let me place it in your hands. Every emotion I feel, let it be your Spirit moving in me. Everything I seek, let me find it in your love. My dear God, I thank you for this day. I will not ask where I am going. But only to know and feel in the depths of my heart and soul that you are with me. You are guiding me, and I am safe. In Jesus' name, I offer myself to you. Amen.

**Evening Prayer** *(Shepherd, Watch While We Sleep)*

Beloved Shepherd of our souls and bodies, you never slumber nor sleep. Spread your holy protection over us and cover us with your mighty wings, that no terrors of the night may disturb us, and let your divine majesty watch over our minds while we sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 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, 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 with the warmest Thanksgiving greetings to Shiloh UCC families. May your Thanksgiving, and the whole year ahead, be filled with blessings from Brad and Sue Jacobs.

**THE BULLETINS:** -As we sit down to another Thanksgiving Day celebration with family and friends, let's all give thanks to our Heavenly Father above for all of our blessings. 2024 a year of ups and downs- good and bad happenings. I think all the good things outweigh all the bad. Happy Thanksgiving day to everyone, and as we thank our Heavenly Father for all our blessings, let's all look forward to our next great holiday- The birthday of our LORD and Risen Savior Jesus Christ. Happy Thanksgiving Day Everybody-Mark Garber

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

**LITURGIST:** Jim Baker

**GREETERS:** Pat & Nelson Roth

**USHER:** Lin Heckert

**NURSERY:** Patti Goodyear & Kaitlin Rentzel

**COFFEE CONNECTIONS:** Katie Bentzel

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

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# Give Thanks

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The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Psalm 126:3

Unison

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; Give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son.

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; Give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" Let the poor say, "I am

rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And

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us. us. Give thanks!

*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)
TUES	6:00	Worship and Music (202)
	6:30	Cub Scouts
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (117)
THUR		Thanksgiving Day/OFFICE CLOSED
SUN	10:00	Worship

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 90**

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