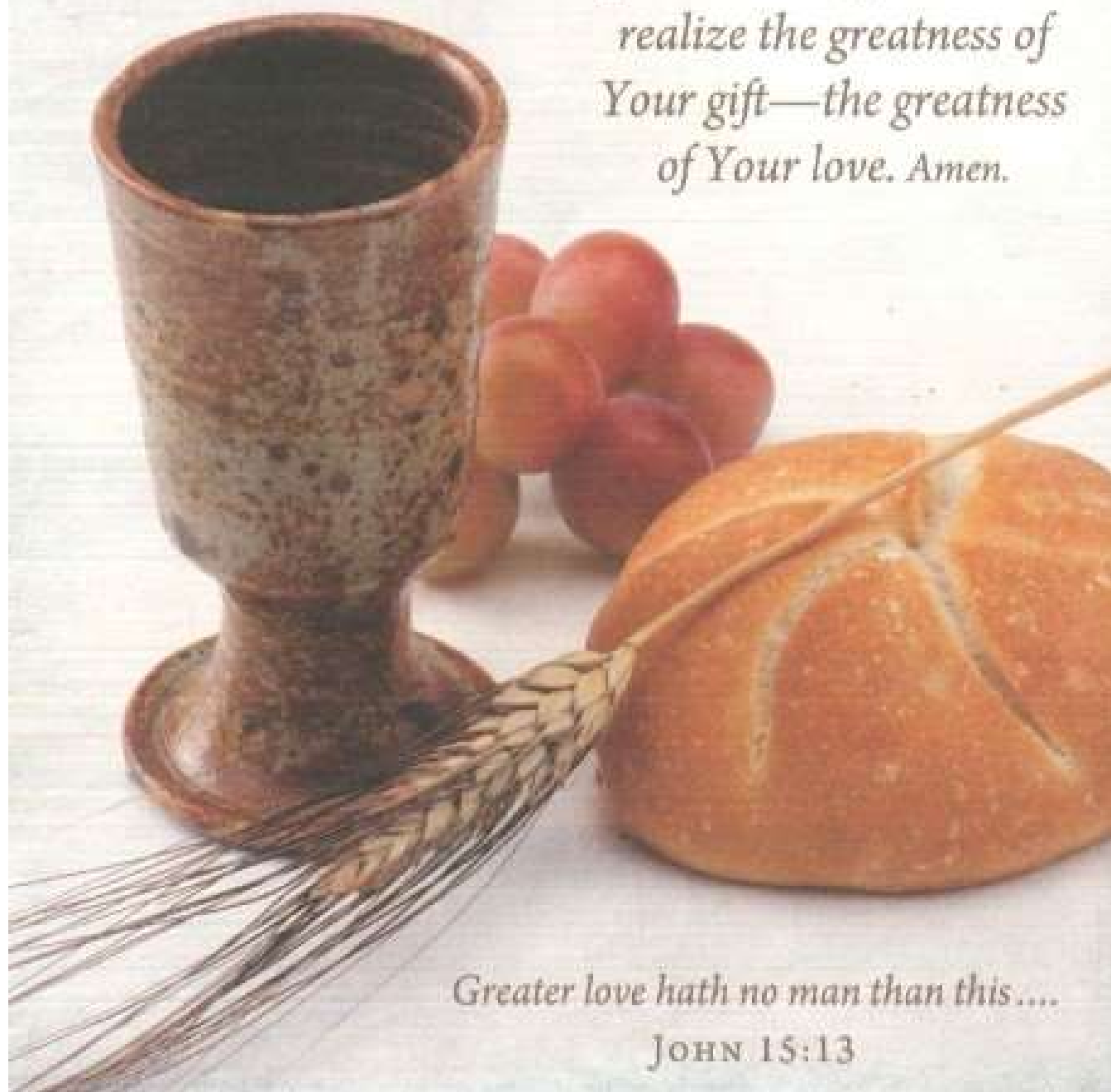


# *A Communion Prayer*

*Lord, how can we thank You enough for Your sacrifice? Do not let us take communion for granted today, but let us realize the greatness of Your gift—the greatness of Your love. Amen.*



*Greater love hath no man than this....*

**JOHN 15:13**

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
**WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
OCTOBER 1, 2023  
8:30AM AND 11:00AM

**MEDITATION**

*“Holy Communion is offered to all, as surely as the living Jesus Christ is for all, as surely as all of us are not divided in him, but belong together as brothers and sisters, all of us poor sinners, all of us rich through his mercy.”*

— Karl Barth, Deliverance to the Captives

**PRELUDE**

**8:30AM**

*“At The Name of Jesus”*

Wagner

**11:00AM**

*“Every Day Is a Gift From the Lord”*

D. Besig

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Please stand if you are able)*

One: Welcome to God’s house! We are delighted to have you here!

**All: We hunger for God’s word of hope.**

One: You have come to the right place. Here you will be fed on the life-giving love of God.

**All: We thirst for God’s healing in our lives.**

One: At the table of the Lord, you will be fed and your thirst quenched.

**All: We commune with Christians around the world and with Christians throughout time. With Christians around the world and across time, let us worship God!**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

**Generous God, throughout the world today, Christians are sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion. We, here at Shiloh UCC, come together with a bountiful table set in the midst of struggle and strife. Help us to receive the elements of bread and juice for the nourishment of our souls, and for the strengthening of our witness to your love. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen**

**\*HYMN**

*“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

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**CHILDREN'S SERMON** *All children (including infants) and youth who desire to come forward for the Children's Sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. (Parent's/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message.)*

**\*HYMN** *“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”* Video

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us  
You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: Psalm 25:1-9

Second Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

**CHANCEL CHOIR** *“Hear Your People Singing”* Choplin

Third Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

**SERMON** *“Are You a Good Friend?”*

**\*HYMN** *“Jesus, Name Above All Names”* Insert

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *(2023 World Communion Sunday Liturgy – PCUSA)*

Pastor: From every place on this planet,

**All: we turn our face to you, O God.**

**Gather us together to pray.**

One: In the midst of the forces which want to separate us,  
bind us in your love as the Church, together.

**All: Strengthen us through the grace of your people gathered,  
with the truth of your presence.**

Pastor: In a world aching to be made new,

**All: We cry out with those who suffer the pains  
of what powers and principalities extract from the world's poorest.  
We cry out with those suffering from illness and disease,  
at whom the world turns a callous glance.  
We cry out with those stinging from the sins of white supremacy.  
We cry out with those seeking justice, equality, and peace —  
peace, at all times, in all ways.**

Pastor: In a world stretching toward wholeness,

**All: we celebrate with those whose lives bear the fruit of your Spirit  
and seek to share in your call to partnership.  
We celebrate with those whose efforts are making the world new.  
We celebrate with all who gather  
to earnestly seek your transforming work in the world.**

Pastor: Help our Congregation, Shiloh UCC, to be a place

**All: where all are welcomed and all are fed.  
Make us a people who grow your family  
by practices of mutuality, generosity, and justice.  
And may we be found to be witnesses, when Jesus returns,  
to the truth of who we were created to be —  
people who belong to each other, and people who belong to you, O God.**

Pastor: At this time, we pray for those who need Your special care...

#### **SILENT PRAYER**

#### **THE LORDS 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 OFFERING BEFORE GOD**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Whatever our means, whatever our needs, we all have something to share: time, talent, and treasure. In thanksgiving for God's blessings, and in communion with one another, let us share what we have, knowing that we are one flesh with all humanity. Now, let us gather our gifts and tithes 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

One: Let us pray!

**Generous God, our gratitude for life and its gifts overflows into the giving of ourselves. We offer you what we have, and what we are. Now take these gifts, and use them to bless others through the ministries of Shiloh UCC. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*(All are welcome to partake of communion)*

### COMMUNION HYMN

*"Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken"*

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### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*"A New Creed"*

#887

Leader: We are not alone; we live in God's world.

**People: We believe in God: Who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, The Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## INVITATION

As part of the world-wide community of Christians,  
we remember Jesus' meal with his disciples.  
Jesus sets the table where we dine today.  
Jesus' welcome extends to all of humanity.  
People of all ages, of all cultures, and of all economic conditions  
are welcome here.

No one can earn a place at this meal. Come of your own choice.  
You need only desire a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Bring your hopes and your  
history. Bring your deliberations and your doubts. Come as you are, broken or whole.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

One: Let us pray!  
**Gracious God, Creator of this universe,  
in your generosity you have given us  
a world of abundance and diversity,  
yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.**

**We confess that we have defaced your creation and  
poisoned our environment through our consumerist  
behavior and for personal gain.**

**In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and  
intended for us to be united, yet we have built  
walls to separate us from those who are different from us.**

**You gave us wisdom and creativity  
and we have used those to trick each other  
and to develop weapons of destruction and death.**

**You gave us laws to order our lives  
and we have abused them  
to take revenge and punish our enemies.  
We love war rather than strive for peace.**

**We ignore the poor and the weak,  
and honor the rich and powerful.  
In all this we have not lived according to your will.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements,  
and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of honor and praise. In your  
mercy, forgive us our sins. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: From the beginning of all creation, God's word was love. That love has been lavished upon you through Jesus Christ, not because you did anything to earn it, but because it is God's great gift to you. Find healing and hope in God's gift of forgiveness.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

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

One: Hear the words of Jesus: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." The peace of Christ is ours, through the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us. 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

*To demonstrate our unity in Christ, we will take the elements together. Please open the cup containing the bread first, then please open the juice. Thank you!*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us pray!

**Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.**

**We are fed by your love;**

**we are strengthened by your life.**

**We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts.**

**We are now commissioned to:**

**feed as we have been fed,**

**forgive as we have been forgiven,**

**love as we have been loved.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*"Jesus Shall Reign (Vs. 1, 4 & 5)"*

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## BENEDICTION

One: May you care for those who are left out,  
may you comfort those who are lonely,  
and may you never be left out or lonely yourself.  
And may the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now,  
be in your homes and in your families  
and with all those whom you love  
and for whom you pray,  
now and always.

**All: Amen!**

## POSTLUDE

**8:30AM**                    *“Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”*    Powell  
**11:00AM**                    *“Meditation”*    A. McBirney

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

- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, George & Jaron Flickinger & Nathan Limbert.
- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of my wife, Phyllis Hoover, by Chris, Robert and Mark Hoover.
- **LITURGIST:** **8:30AM:** Brad Jacobs, **11:00AM:** Carol Burns
- **GREETERS:** **8:30AM:** Melinda & David Kreiser **11:00AM:** Steve & Sue Besecker
- **NURSERY:** **8:30AM:** Jim & Reen Bentzel **11:00AM** Volunteer
- **MUSIC:** Chancel Choir, Joan Hamme & Sandy Bamberger

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



## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

### **Morning Prayer** (*Source: Ministrymatters.com*)

Open our hearts this morning, O Lord. Make us mindful of all those this day who live in places of fear and greed, of oppression and hate, of poverty and hopelessness. Enable us to be people who work for peace and hope in this world. We lift many people in our prayers this morning. Many of our loved ones suffer because of bad health and mourning, loneliness and fear, alienation and sorrow. Bring them comfort and peace. Our hearts cry out for people all around our world, who are endangered by systems of hatred and fear. Touch the hearts of these dear ones, O Lord. Make us your disciples who bring messages and actions of hope, joy, and faith. Strengthen us to truly be your witnesses today and all our days. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer** (*www.davidtorkington.com*)

Lord, help me to put aside everything that has fragmented me throughout this day, if only for a few moments. Teach me how to be still and come to know that you are my God, not just with my head, but with every feeling in every fiber of my being. Then, let me experience something of "the peace that surpasses the understanding", to draw me together again in you and in Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Helen Byers, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Stewart Wagner, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

## THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Bechtel Family, The Guillard Family, The Stambaugh Family, The King/Limbert Family



**The Women's Guild will be meeting Oct 2, at 1:00 pm in room 202.** The program will be from our study book **Encouraging One Another, Chapter Seven: Love One Another** Jessica Sechrist will be leading this chapter. Special offering this month is for New Life for Girls and Cash Rally. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

This year's Mission challenge began on **August 27** and ends on **October 8**. Our goal is to raise **\$3000** to be divided between **White Rose Hospice and the VNA Hospice and Home Care**. These non-profits provide a wonderful service to persons who want to stay in their home and receive health care as well as those who choose to wish to spend their end of life time with dignity. As we know all too well, many of our Shiloh members have had the need of these services. Please mark your offering envelope "Mission Challenge" on the other line or just use a regular envelope and mark it accordingly. Thanks for considering this mission challenge.



Donations of **NON-PERISHABLE** food will be collected and displayed on Sunday, **October 8** for Harvest Home. Please place your food donations in the designated boxes by Friday, **October 6**. This is our time to share with those who have a great need to place a healthy meal on the table for their family. The food will then be donated to the Salvation Army.

Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday, October 10, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant** located at **3720 Carlisle Rd, Dover, PA**. Contact Brad Jacobs at 717-764-2773 or bcj402@verizon.net for additional information.



**Engaging Women** will be meeting on **Friday, October 13 in the library**. Contact Sally Curren at dgft25@hotmail.com for additional information.

The **Women's Social and Support Group** will meet for lunch at **The Olive Garden Restaurant** on **Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm**. Please contact Beverly Gerberick at 717-764-2988 by **Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** if you plan to attend.



The **Church Chums** will be holding the **Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 22**. There will be games and activities for the kids in the parking lot. There will also be food trucks, fall desserts and goodies in Room 100. We are asking for donations for our Bakery table. Seasonal desserts would be greatly appreciated, but anything at all is welcome! Please see Patti Goodyear or Katie Bentzel with any questions.



During The month of **October** and **November** we will be accepting memberships for the **Homewood Auxiliary**. A **single membership is \$3.00 or \$5.00 per couple**. You will receive a quarterly newsletter with updates from all the Homewood sites and a pen for your support. Please see **Pat Roth or Shirley Lohmann will receive your membership**.

A **Service of Remembrance** will be held on **October 29**. Pictures of deceased loved ones will be displayed. Please bring any pictures to the Gallery on Sunday, October 22 or 29. Also, please contact the office with the names of anyone who passed during 2022 that should be recognized during the service by **October 20**. A short scripture passage should be prepared to include with the recognition.



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. The following dates are still available:

**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.

*“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 8:30 & 11 **World Wide Communion**  
9:45 Sunday School (100 & 202)  
MON 1:00 Women’s Guild (202)  
TUES 6:30 Cub Scouts (100)  
WED 9:30 Bible Study  
5:00 TOPS (100)  
7:00 Outreach (202)  
THUR 5:00 ELC Board (202)  
6:30 NA Group  
6:30 Choirs  
SUN 8:30 & 11 Harvest Home/Mission Challenge Ends

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 96**

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During the month of **October**, the **Women's Guild**, in cooperation with the Sunday School, will be having a special collection to support the needs of the residents and staff of "**New Life for Girls**" which is a residential ministry for women with drug and alcohol related problems.



All members of the congregation, Sunday School classes, and church related groups are asked to review the wish list of needed items (see below) and respond accordingly. Collection boxes will be in room 100 and the gallery to receive your material donations. The deadline to donate is **October 29**. If you wish to donate, you may choose from the following **specific request list**.

- 1 **Most needed item**: Cash donations to purchase an emergency generator and /or to improve the safety of the agency's driveway. Church members may use the "other" line on their offering envelope and designate New Life for Girls. Sunday School classes and other church related groups may give their cash donations directly to the church treasurer, Natalie Fuhrman.
- 2 **Female** personal care items (body wash, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, razors, Q-tips and toothpaste, etc.).
- 3 **School supplies** (spiral notebooks with paper, 2 pocket folders, index cards, pens, pencils and 3-ring binders).
- 4 **Kitchen and/or bath cleaning supplies** (dish detergent, toilet bowl cleaner, glass cleaner).
- 5 **Paper products of all types** (napkins, plates, paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissues, etc.)
- 6 **Laundry supplies** (powered detergent, liquid bleach and dryer sheets).
- 7 **Non-perishable food items** (coffee, tea, cereal, sugar, juice, canned fruits and vegetables).
- 8 **Clothing accessories for cold weather** (scarfs, gloves, hats).
- 9 **Baby needs** (wipes, baby wash, diapers size 3, 4 & 5).