



My
grace
is *sufficient*
for thee:
for my *strength*
is made
perfect
in *weakness.*

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ
Worship Service
October 27th, 2024
10:00AM

MEDITATION

“Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle”.

— Plato, 4th century BCE

PRELUDE

“But Now I See”

Williamson

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Please stand as you are able!)*

One: Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

All: From the storms and struggles of life we come.

One: Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

All: From fear and anxiety we come to find peace.

One: Come, open your hearts before God and your souls will be filled with joy.

All: Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed.

Let us worship God! Amen

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

All: Loving God, we have come here from many directions and many ways of life. In this hour we consciously seek your presence in this holy house of worship. Send your message of love to us that we may find peace and relaxation at your feet. Help us to let go of our worries and fears, as we listen to the hope filled story of Job. Come, Holy Spirit, inspire us to be open to hear God’s voice. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Softly and Tenderly”

#449

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

Lord Jesus Christ, even in the midst of a large, noisy crowd, you helped Bartimaeus move from blindness to sight, by focusing your power on his cries for mercy and healing. The crowd and the attempt to silence Bartimaeus did not distract you from responding to the needs of this blind beggar. This interruption to your journey provides an example of the life you call your disciples to live. The question, however, disturbs us: would we have been among those who called out for Bartimaeus to be quiet? When we find interruptions to our plans, a source of irritation, rather than an opportunity for serving others.

All: forgive us, Lord.

One: Bartimaeus' desperation and cry for mercy is echoed in the lives of many people in our own communities and throughout the world. When we close our ears and hearts to these cries.

All: forgive us, Lord.

One: Immediately after Bartimaeus regained his sight, he followed Jesus on the way. We enter the way to discipleship when our eyes are opened to see and to follow Christ in faith. When we find excuses to delay responding to your call to discipleship.

All: forgive us, Lord.

All: Lord Jesus, enlighten our minds with your wisdom, and imprint the image of your love once more on our hearts, so that we can focus anew on your presence and your power, whenever and wherever you call us to serve people in your name. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Hebrews 7:25)

One: Jesus is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. Hear then the good news that in and through Jesus Christ 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 *Light the Night at Church vs. Haunted House*

***HYMN** *"Open Our Eyes"* *—(Insert)*

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Second Reading: Psalm 126

CHANCEL CHOIR *"How Can I Keep From Singing"* Lowry/Shaw

Third Lesson: Mark 10:46-52

PRESENTATION: *Toby Kline from Wycliffe Bible Translators*

HYMN *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"* (Insert, pg 11)

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 faithful, generous, creative, and loving. Therefore, let us put our trust in God, offering our gifts of finances, time, prayer, and creative imagination for the joy of ministry right here at Shiloh UCC, and beyond the walls of this house of worship. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God with heartfelt gratitude, commitment and praise.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

“Doxology”

#780

**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: Gracious God, we have experienced your goodness and mercy. As a token of our gratitude and a reflection of our devotion, we give back to you from the blessings we have received. Multiply these gifts that they may reach the places where people need them the most. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Be Thou My Vision”

(Insert)

***BENEDICTION**

One: Let the majesty of the Father be the light by which you walk, the compassion of the Son be the love by which you walk, the presence of the Spirit be the power by which you walk. And now go in peace to serve God and others with great joy! **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“A Joyful Trumpet”

Harris

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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (Martin Luther)

I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected me through the night from all danger and harm. I ask you to preserve and keep me, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all my thoughts, words, and deeds I may serve and please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all that is mine. Let your holy angels have charge of me, that the wicked one have no power over me. **Amen.**

Evening Prayer (dailyprayer.us/prayers)

My Lord, I thank you for having given me life, and for having made me to know, love, and serve you all the days of my life and for eternity. I thank you for my faith and for the work and pleasure in the day that I am completing. I beg your pardon for my offenses and omissions of the day, and resolve to make tomorrow a better day. Be with me as I live out the rest of my day. May I do so in your holy grace and good favor. 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, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Steve Snyder, Rick & Sue Trimble, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

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

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** Presented in loving memory of Oscar Bupp by Karen Bupp.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST:** Brad Jacobs
- **GREETERS:** Natalie Furhman and Sallie Hagerman
- **USHER:** Deb Althoff
- **NURSERY** Carol Burns and Jessie Sechriest
- **COFFEE CONNECTIONS:** Patti Goodyear
- **MUSIC:** Sandy Bamberger

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

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



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** to your desired date to have your wording placed in the bulletin.

Engaging Women will be meeting On **Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m.** we will be discussing Reen Bentzel's book, 'Glorious Sadness.' All who have read the book are welcome to join us in the Parlor, but please note this is a book discussion, not a speaking engagement by Reen. Please speak to any member of Engaging Women, with any questions."



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 the Welcome center and the gallery to receive your material donations. The deadline to donate is October 27. If you wish to donate, you may choose from the following specific request list.

**Most needed item: Cash donations to purchase an emergency generator to handle power outages. 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.

**Food items: oatmeal, beverage mixes, & juices, condiments, cereal

**Female personal care items: sanitary napkins, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, razors, and Q-tips.

**School supplies: index cards

**Baby items: new born diapers, toddler "pull up"

**Household: Powdered laundry detergent, paper plates, toilet paper, facial tissues



We will conduct the Homewood Auxiliary Membership Drive for Plum Creek in the months of October and November. A single membership is \$3.00 and \$5.00 for couples. You

will receive a newsletter of activities and events quarterly. Please contact Pat Roth or Shirley Lohmann to help the auxiliary fund special projects for the residences.



For the first Sunday in November (3rd), would you please prayerfully considering donating gravy for our grocery cart. New Hope Ministries in Dover will be providing about 800 turkeys to families in need in November and

are asking their partner churches to provide the side dishes. Shiloh has signed up for gravy. It would be best if the gravy was the kind in a can or the packets (only because of glass jars breaking).



The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **November 4, at 1:00 pm in room 202.** The program will be from our study book **Experiencing Contagious Joy, Chapter**

Seven: Joy Mingled. Jessica Sechriest 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..*

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.



Small Group for ages 5-8 scheduled for October 28th in room 100 at 6pm, games, lesson, and a fall treat.



Help is needed every other month on the first Sunday of the month. You will need to cut bread and buy grape juice. You would come Saturday to set up and then would need to clean up after the service. Training will be provided. Any help would be appreciated. See Tammy Hildebrecht or call 717-683-0440

A **Service of Remembrance** will be held on **November 3rd**. We will remember by name members of our church who have **died since last years' service, on October 29th, 2023**. We also invite members of our congregation to give us the names of family who are non-members who have died. Please call the church office by **October 27th** so their names may be included in the bulletin. Memorial gifts made during the past year will be dedicated and pictures of deceased loved ones will be displayed. Please bring any pictures to the **Gallery on Sunday October 27th or November 3rd**. A short scripture passage should be prepared to include with the recognition.



Funds from the November 3rd **CASH Rally** envelope will be given to the UCC Hurricanes 2024 Appeal. All funds received in this envelope will **be added to the ongoing Love offering for Hurricane Relief** which will be going on until the end of December. Funds received in the Thanksgiving envelope will be given to the Salvation Army.

Name tags have been distributed to many church members. **The Outreach Committee** is encouraging everyone to wear their name tags each week. If there is a correction that needs to be made to your name tag, or if you have not received a name tag, please contact Jane Harrison. Thanks for your cooperation with this project.



Mark your calendars for the long-anticipated dedication of the Dover Area HS Veterans Memorial. Will be held on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, 2024, 3:30 pm (rain or shine) at the Dover Area High School, 4500 Intermediate Ave., Dover, PA ..**Any questions contact Brad Jacobs at bcj402@verizon.net or call 717-764-2773.**

HEARTS AND HANDS for JESUS INTERNATIONAL

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Cordially invites you to attend our Second Annual Prayer Breakfast and Missions and Ministries Support Conference on Saturday, November 9th, 2024, from 8am till 10am at Genesis Church 1405 Seven Valley Road, York, PA 17408. Our mission is to prayerfully lift-up and support Sally and Crosby Johnson's missions and ministries in Limon, Costa Rica and Central America in every possible way and means. Please join us for an enlightening morning of good food and prayerful consideration of their ongoing missions and ministry's needs. There will be highlights of the successes of the Education Ministry and Food bank Ministry. We are anticipating a live ZOOM call with Missionary Sally Johnson RSVP to Wanda or Mike Bentzel by 11/02/24 Cell #'s 717 577 6596 & 717 577 0320 Or email mbentzel@comcast.net No charge for breakfast! Free will basket will be available

NEW FOR FAMILIES:

Are you looking for an activity that the whole family can participate in together? Well, this is it, we are starting a **Family Choir** for ages 4 years and up (including siblings, parents & grandparents) to provide additional Special Music for our worship services. So come out with your families and join us. **Where: Shiloh UCC Sanctuary When: Thursdays at 6:00 to 6:30pm Starting November 7 th** Looking forward to seeing you and your families, If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Limbert.



Family and Youth Ministry is Hosting a **"Paint Day"** Come join us **Saturday November 16 @ 3pm** in **Room 100**. Paint a masterpiece with your family and have it as a keepsake to take home. Also enjoy a warm bowl of soup as a treat afterwards For this event I need people to

Use the QR code below to RSVP!



Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou
3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won - der - ful key
send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
ev - ery - where; o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare

Refrain
that shall un - clasp and set me free.
ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I
love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

O - pen my eyes,
O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
O - pen my heart,

WORDS: Clara H. Scott, 1895
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*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

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| SUN | 10:00 | Worship |
| | 9:00 | Sunday School (202) & Wired Word (124) |
| | 9:15 | Coffee Connections (gallery) |
| MON: | 6:00 | Small Youth Group ages 5-8 |
| TUES | 6:30 | Cub Scouts |
| WED | 9:30 | Bible Study (202) |
| | 5:00 | TOPS (117) |
| THUR | 6:30 | NA Group (100) |
| | 6:30 | Choirs |
| SUN | 10:00 | Worship |

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 97

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