

**Welcome to this time of worship at
Shiloh United Church of Christ**

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Our Mission Statement

“Shiloh United Church of Christ is called to show Christ’s love for all through witness, word, and worship.”

CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL
by the people of God
gathered in the meeting house of
Shiloh United Church of Christ

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*

The Prelude to Christian Worship

“As We Gather At Your Table” Lau

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (*Please stand if you are able*)

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God

All: May our worship reflect God’s glory.

One: The firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

All: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

One: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

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

***Prayer for the World**

Holy One, we lift up our siblings around the world. We have heard their cries for justice and peace as they face the challenges of human rights abuses, damage to creation, natural disasters, and COVID-19.

Silence...

We know that there are many obstacles to addressing these challenges. But we also know that you are greater and that your love for your people is deeper than we could ever imagine.

Cover your people with your love, O God. May we feel your presence walking with us each day. Guide us, O God, that we may also walk beside our local and global neighbors in prayer, partnership, and presence. May we listen to you and our partners as we consider what we might do to share in ministry with all people.

Silence...

All: Weave us together in hope, O God, that we may recognize that we are all part of your great tapestry. All of our threads are needed and necessary for your beautiful design. Strengthen us and nourish us for the journey, as you strengthen and nourish those around the globe. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Hymn

Come, O Fount of Every BlessingNo. 459

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson: Exodus 20: 1-20
Second Lesson: Psalm 19

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon

“Where’s the Wine?”

Duet by Dani Bentzel – Piano and Sandy Bamberger – Organ

“I Exalt Thee/Shine, Jesus, ShineInnes

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

(Offering plates are located next to the bulletins in the Narthex).

Invitation to the Offering

In thanksgiving for God’s blessings to us,
let us give of our treasure as an offering to God
through the ministry of this church.

***Offertory Response**

“Doxology” No. 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.

***Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self**

You have given us so much, gracious God: deliverance from captivity, new life, guidance for our living, and Christ, our life. We offer you now just a small portion of all you have given us, praying with faith that you will take all we have and are, and use it for your work. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

(All are welcome to partake of communion)

Hymn of Communion

“Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken”No. 346

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 genders, of all cultures and cultures,
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 the risen Christ.
Bring your hopes and your history.
Bring your deliberations and your doubts.
Come as you are, broken or whole.

Confession of Sin

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

One: Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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.

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing The Bread and The Cup

***Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**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

“What a Covenant”No. 471

***Benediction**

You have been fed at the table of Jesus, go out now to feed others. May the blessings of God, the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit go with you. Amen.

The Postlude

“Fantasy on “Holy Manna””Livingston

Prayers for Our Community of Faith

Nancy Hamme, Betty Harper, Helen Luckenbaugh, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Mary Jane Arnold, Helen Byers, Charles Smith, Mary Emma Elicker, Elmer Duttera, Catherine Lochman, Elona Ellis, Mary Ann Downs, Vanessa Seifarth, Bev Kirk, Julene Bechtel, Jim Bentzel Sr. Phil Myers, Joanne Overviller, Milton Hoak, Dottie Limbert, Donna Krone, Elva Winter, Mary Rodgers, Oscar Bupp, Bob and Margie Behler, Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Sandy Barnes, Staff and Residents at Providence Place

Those Who Grieve for Their Loved Ones

The Carney Family, The Anderson Family, The Huntsman Family, The Perez and Rivera Family, The Minck Family, The Fix Family

- 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.
- THE BULLETINS are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Wilma and Lynn Stough by their son, Kevan Stough, and his wife Lisa and family.
- LITURGIST: Steve Besecker

Prayers for the Week



Morning: (Source of this version: Freely modified from *Service and Prayers for Church and Home*, Ed. Wilbur Patterson Thirkield, Methodist Book Concern, 1918)

Almighty God, in you there is no darkness at all. Give us your eternal light. When we cannot see the way before us, may we continue to put our trust in you, that under your guidance and protection we may be kept from falling this day, and finally, by your mercy, enter into our rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Evening Prayer: (Tune: *Angelus L.M.* Music: *Georg Joseph, 1657* Text: *Æterne Sol* Translation: © *the Benedictines of Saint Cecilia's Abbey, Ryde, UK.*)

Eternal Sun, true Light Divine,
Whose wisdom fills creation's plan,
We sing to you with joy this day,
The Light supreme of ev'ry soul.

Your Holy Spirit's ardent fire
Inspired some chosen master minds,
To shed bright rays upon the world
And open up salvation's way.

Both inspiration from on high,
And efforts of deep human thought,
Have worked in harmony of grace
Developing our holy Faith.

This saint and doctor whom we praise,
Shines out with luster all his own,
A jewel in the favored crown
Of those who spread true doctrine's light.

May his assistance help us now,
Unswerving path of truth to tread,
That we at last may gaze on you,
Our God, for all eternity.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Let praise resound and never die
From saints and angel hosts on high.

"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 9:15 **World Communion Sunday/NIN**
- 11:00 Blessing of Pets Drive-Thru
- MON 1:00 Women's Guild (Sanct.)
- TUES 6:30 Boy Scouts (100)
- WED 9:30 Bible Study (100)
- 10:00 Staff Meeting (202)
- 5:30 TOPS (100)
- THURS 6:15 Hand Bell Choir Rehearsals (Sanct.)
- 6:30 NA Group (100)
- SUN 9:15 **Worship/Harvest Home**



Attendance last Sunday: 86 Pastor Melinda Installation: 40

THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D. pastormelinda@shilohucc.com
Pastor Melinda office hours: Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	
Director of Music	Stephanie Limbert
Organist	Sandra Bamberger
Missionaries in Costa Rica	Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson
Early Learning Center Director	Allison Hartnett
Administrative Assistant	Maira Rivera
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Please do not use the comcastbiz.net email for the church office or Pastor Melinda. It will be discontinued in January. You can continue to use Office@shilohucc.com and PastorMelinda@shilohucc.com.



During the month of **October**, the **Women's Guild**, through the Sunday School, will be having a special collection to support the needs of the residents of "New Life For Girls." New Life for Girls is a residential ministry for women with drug and alcohol related problems. Due to Covid-19 concerns, our support will be limited to monetary contributions. Please use the "other" line on your offering envelope and designate **New Life For Girls**. The deadline to donate is **October 25**.

The **Women's Guild** will finally meet after a long absent on **October 5** in the church sanctuary at 1:00 p.m. Please be advised we will social distance and wear masks. We will complete our study book on Growing Older & Wiser, Lifelong Trust. Hopefully, we can relate to the past couple of months with the review of this lesson. Norene Edgar will be leading our study. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*



The **2020 Stewardship Challenge** is to raise \$2020 for the organization called **Just For Today**. Their website is www.jft-rvss.org. The challenge began on **August 30** and will end on **October 11**. You can use your regular offering and mark the "other" line as Stewardship Challenge or you may use any envelope and denote what the contribution is for. Please prayerfully consider supporting this worthwhile organization that supports veterans and others in recovery.



Harvest Home is Sunday, **October 11**. We are asking for donations of **NON-PERISHABLE** food. Please place your food donations in the grocery cart in the gallery by Friday, **October 11**. This is our time to share with those who have a great need to place a healthy meal on the table for their family.

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



Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry \(CAIM\)](http://www.caim.org). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. Offering will be accepted during the month of October. Please use the special envelopes in the narthex or use the "other" line on your envelope and designate "NIN".

As a reminder, Consistory is seeking additional **Ushers and or Greeters** to volunteer during Sunday worship services. A new list will be created with members who have been attending. Please contact Maira in the office or a member of Consistory if you are interested.



GROCERY GIFT CARDS = CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH. Weis and Giant grocery gift cards are available for purchase. 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. Please contact the office if you interested in purchasing one.

This year, instead of a Strawberry Festival we will have a Pumpkin Celebration! On October 25th, we will have single servings of Pumpkin desserts available to pick up outside in the portico. You can preorder Pumpkin Cupcakes with cream cheese frosting, slices of Pumpkin Pie or a serving of Pumpkin Roll. Each item will be \$1.00. All proceeds will go toward the repayment of the Boiler loan. Orders will be taken from October 4th through October 18th. Order forms and envelopes for prepayment can be found and placed in the box in the gallery.

