

Shiloh United Church of Christ
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September 29th , 2024



Worship With Us

Our Mission Statement

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

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS and LARGE PRINT BULLETINS
are available in the Narthex.

Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ
Worship Service
September 29th, 2024
10:00AM

MEDITATION

“But the man who is not afraid to admit everything that he sees to be wrong with himself, and yet recognizes that he may be the object of God's love precisely because of his shortcomings, can begin to be sincere. His sincerity is based on confidence, not in his own illusions about himself, but in the endless, unfailing mercy of God.”

Thomas Merton, No Man Is an Island

PRELUDE

“My comfort by day, My Song in the Night”

Martin

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

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

One: Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations.

All: God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.

One: We struggle and worry.

All: God's loving presence sustains and strengthens us.

One: Listen for God's call to you.

All: Lord, we are listening and seeking your guidance. Amen.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us Pray!

All: Eternal God, you create us and you rescue us. Be here with us now. Help us know how much we need you. Teach us that no other power can support us like your power. As you share your power with us, teach us to be Christ to the world, proclaiming your reign for all people. As you lavish your love upon us, help us receive that love and offer it to the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

#6

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us Pray!

All: Patient Lord, we know that you call us to service, but we often feel inadequate. We love to make excuses for not doing something or for doing something only half-heartedly. Remind us again of your loving and guiding presence. Forgive us when we stumble and falter. Turn us again to you, serving joyfully and confidently. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved Ones, you are the salty people - those who bring flavor to living. Your spirit of love and confidence gives hope to others. Remember that the Lord is always with you. **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.*)

PUPPET MINISTRY

"Food Fantasteeec! Happy Growing Church Cobble Recipe"

*HYMN

"Father, I Adore You"

Insert

DEDICATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS & OFFICERS (*Teachers, officers, pianists and song leaders are invited forward*)

Pastor: On this Sunday we affirm that we are all both learners and teachers of the faith. As the stories of Israel and the parables of Jesus remind us, our God is eager for relationship, seeking, finding and rejoicing in us. We are called, as disciples, to respond and so we pray:

People: **As faithful learners, O God, may we seek you as you have sought us. May we carefully search our world, light the dark corners, sweeping away all that hides you from us. Help us to seek you, O God.**

Volunteers: As faithful teachers, officers, pianists, and song leaders, O God, may we find what we may have overlooked. May we put aside the mass of details, so that we can notice the one thing that really matters. Help us to find you, O God.

Pastor: As faithful Christian Education volunteers and learners, O God, may we rejoice as we grow in your love and love for each other. May we celebrate the value of each of us and the worth of all of us, seeking your wisdom, mercy, and love all around us.

People: **We rejoice in you, O God. Amen.**

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Second Reading: Psalm 19:7-14

CHANCEL CHOIR

“Down To the River To Pray

McDonald”

Third Lesson: James 5:13-20

SERMON

“POWERFUL PRAYER”

***HYMN**

“I Want Jesus to Go with Me”

#490

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 Christ is with us in every circumstance, suffering with us when we are in trouble, and rejoicing with us when we are glad. The generosity of Christ calls us to lives of gratitude and generosity. In Jesus Christ we are given new life. Let us celebrate this life by giving generously to the work of God’s redeeming love.

***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: Giving God, we can never match your generosity. When we are in need, you are at our side, present to us even in our darkest moments. You rescue us from harm. Make us into a people who celebrate your goodness, drawing others into the celebration of your many blessings. Receive our offerings, even if they are as small as a drink for someone who thirsts. May these tangible gifts and all the intangible gifts we share make known to the world that God is within us and among us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

Insert

***BENEDICTION**

Go in peace to serve the Lord. Remember the healing love that has taken place in your life. Be open to all the wonders and opportunities that God puts before you. Go in peace and may the peace of God go with you. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Anderson

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

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, Joanne Overmiller, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Steve Snyder, Rick & Sue Trimble, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

Norris/Hombach Family, The Eppley Family



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.

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.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (www.lightbook.org)

Lord Jesus, come with me, a new day has begun. You who have accepted the incarnation of infinite divine love, within the limits of family, village, and country, and in a routine human profession, come and guide me throughout this day! Let Your presence transform this day into a wonderful embodiment of Your great love! Come, meet those whom I meet on the roads, in the streets, and in the squares! In Your Holy name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (faithfulchristian.net)

When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet." Proverbs 3:24

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for this evening. All through the day, you have interceded on my behalf. Thank you for your mercies. Now, I put all my troubles and worries in your hands. Take away my pain and bring hope to my mind. I ask for a sound sleep tonight. Let me sleep like a baby and wake up in good health. Lord, I ask for protection for my family members and friends. Only in you, I have everlasting hope and calming peace. Amen.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of our generous God and in recognition of the dedicated members of the Shiloh UCC Visitation Team. Bev Arnold, George Flickinger, Penny Hombach, Donna Seifarth, Linda Little, by Jay and Joyce Mummert.

VIDEO TEAM: Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.

LITURGIST: Judy Clark

GREETERS: Ken & Patti Goodyear

USHER: Jesse Sechrist

NURSERY: John Reiber & Nathan Limbert

COFFEE CONNECTIONS: Natalie Fuhrman

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.

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.



Engaging Women will be meeting **MONDAY** October 21 at 6:30 p.m., instead of our usual 2nd Tuesday of the month. On Monday Oct 21 and 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."

The Women's Guild will be meeting **Oct. 7** at 1:00 pm in room 202. The program will be from our new study book **Experiencing Contagious Joy**, Chapter Six: **Resounding Joy**. Pat Roth will be leading this chapter. Special offering this month is for our missionary Sally Jane Johnson.



We invite all women of the church to join us at any time

This year's **Mission Challenge** is to raise \$4,000. The money will be divided between Bell Socialization Services and our own Capital Expense fund. Bell provides mental health programs, special housing for mentally challenged persons, and the Bell family shelter where families may stay for 30 days and then are helped to find permanent housing. The amount of money raised given to Bell will be in the form of gift cards for Weis and Giant, so this will also benefit our friends of Limon fund. Shiloh's property committee has identified many areas in the church that have to be improved and in some cases things that have to be replaced. This will require large amounts of money from the capital expense fund, so that will need to be replenished. The 2024 mission challenge begins on August 25 and ends on October 13. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's challenge. Place money in your offering envelope and mark mission challenge on the other line.



Family and Youth Ministry will be hosting **Family Night** on Monday Oct. 7th from 6-7 pm in room 100. We invite you and your families to come join us in a fun family night with a fall themed scavenger hunt (with prizes), along with a dessert "swap". We ask each family to bring a dessert of choice, that "one" dessert your family loves or is a tradition in your home.



*"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	Worship
	9:00	Sunday School (202) & Wired Word (124)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
TUES	6:00	Missions meeting (Parlor)
	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	7:00	Outreach (202)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (117)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SAT	9:00	Church Woman United (100)
SUN	10:00	Worship/World Wide Communion

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 78

THE CHURCH STAFF

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