

A chalice and a loaf of bread are placed on a white, fringed cloth. The chalice is on the left, and the loaf is on the right. The background is a warm, golden-brown gradient.

*Do
This*

Remembrance in
of me

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
VISIONING SUNDAY/COMMUNION
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION

*“Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength,
while loving someone deeply gives you courage.”*

- Lao Tzu

PRELUDE

“Praise the Lord”

Edwards

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

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

One: As we gather together to worship, let us remember the words of Scripture:

All: Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.

One: Jesus sent his disciples out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.

All: For with two, if you fall, someone is there to help you up.

One: Jesus says, “Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

All: Also, if two lie down together, they can keep warm.

One: Every day the believers continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.

All: Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.

One: Let us consider how we may spur each other on toward love and good deeds.

All: A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

One: So let us not give up meeting together, but let us encourage one another. Let us worship God together.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

One: Holy One, Source of all life and Ground of all love, we thank you for your love that never lets us go. Thank you for the privilege of gathering in this space with our neighbors to worship you. We do not come merely to open the doors of the church, but we come that our hearts might be opened to you and to one another. As we worship you today, help us to respond to the call of love – to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves. Guide us as families, as a community of faith, as a nation to follow the path of love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

#505

CHILDREN’S SERMON *(All children of God who desire to come forward for the Children’s Sermon are welcome. Parent’s/ caregivers are encouraged to accompany their young child during the message.)*

***HYMN**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

#31

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 149

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

8:30 & 11:00AM DUET BY DANI BENTZEL & SANDY BAMBBERGER

“I Love the Church”

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Third Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20

VISIONING VIDEO INTRO

8:30AM Brad Jacobs

11:00AM Steve Besecker

***HYMN**

“I Surrender All”

Insert

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 gives to us continually.
In each breath, we receive God's spirit.
Responding to God's generosity,
let us give to God in thanksgiving.

***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!
Gracious God, we bring our gifts to you with grateful hearts, aware of all that we enjoy in Christ and in creation. Bless these gifts and the service we offer in Jesus' name, so that others may share in your goodness and know of the love we have witnessed in Christ, our Friend and Savior. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
(All are welcome to partake of communion)

***COMMUNION HYMN** "*Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*" #342

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A New Creed* #887

INVITATION

One: Jesus Christ said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

All: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

One: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

CONFESSION OF SIN

One: God is present to us, but we don't always feel it. God is good to us, but we can't always accept it. Fact is, there are things within and around us that attempt to step between us and our relationship to God's goodness. There are things that we think, things that we do, that act to separate us from God. The church calls that "sin."

All: God of all mercy, I confess that sin grips me and I cannot break free. The sin is in my mind, on my lips, in my acts done or even ignored and stands between me and you. My entire heart is not always yours. My love of neighbor falls short. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on me. Grant me your renewing forgiveness. Lead me on your paths of righteousness, and I shall delight in you, and I shall follow you, giving glory to your holy name. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. Through Christ, our sins, every one of them: the sins of commission, the sins of omission, the sins we confessed with contrition – all are forgiven.

All: By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

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.

***HYMN**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

#14 Special Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The members of Consistory will serve you the bread and juice. To demonstrate our unity in Christ, we will take the elements together. Please wait until everyone has been served. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bountiful God, we thank that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Insert

***BENEDICTION** (*Written by former Pastor Rev. Chuck Baboian*)

My prayer is that as we leave this place, when we think of this church, that the primary picture comes to mind is not the building, but the community which is Shiloh United Church of Christ. A place where love is affirmed, and truth is told. Where laughter and tears are encouraged and shared. And acceptance and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ are extended to one another. Where our Statement of Faith may be as simple as, “I have a Christ centered faith in God which offers meaning plus direction to my life.” So may that God of grace bless you and accompany you, today and in all your tomorrows. May this people of God say **Amen!**

POSTLUDE

“Our Hearts in Christian Love”

Roberts

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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer

Gracious God, we come this day seeking courage and hope for the future. Our world is in such peril. Heal our world and quiet the words of war. Help us to be those who bring peace in our families and communities. Banish the darkness of doubt and fear; anoint us with your light and love that we may spread the good news of your mercy to everyone. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer

As you have made this day, O God, you also make the night.
Give your light for our comfort.
Come upon us with quietness and still our souls
that we may listen for the whisper of your Holy Spirit
and be attentive to your nearness in our dreams.
Empower us to rise again in new life to proclaim your praise,
and to show Jesus to the world. In His name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Julie Beall, 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 Baboian Family, The Brenneman/Hershey Family, The Guillard Family

*“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 **Visioning Sunday/Communion**
9:45 Sunday School (100), Wired Word (202)

MON 9:00 ELC Class begin
7:00 Consistory (202)

TUES 6:30 Cub Scouts (100)
6:30 Engaging Women (Parlor)

WED 9:30 Bible Study (202)
5:00 TOPS (117)

THUR 1:00 Central PA Blood Dr.
6:30 NA Group (100)

FRI 9:00 Women’s Group B-fast (Rt. 74 Rest)
10:00 Grief Group (202)
1:00 Private Event (100)

SUN 8:30 & 11 **Worship/Welcome back to church Sunday**

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 82

THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D. pastormelinda@shilohucc.com 717-764-3569
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- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in honor of Sue's father and in memory of Sue's mother and Rick's parents by Sue and Rick Trimble.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of our parents, Nevin and Margaret Mummert and Lester and Romaine Miller and my brother, Gene Miller by Jay and Joyce Mummert.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Ray Fox **11:00AM:** Linda Little
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** John & Mary Reiber **11:00AM:** Shirley Lohmann & Joyce Mummert
- **NURSERY: 8:30AM:** Carol Burns **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC:** Dani Bentzel, Sandy Bamberger

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



The current Visioning Committee Members: Tim, Katie, and Dani Bentzel, Robert, Stephanie, and Nathan Limbert, Jane Harrison, Linda Little, Brad Jacobs, Steve and Sue Besecker, and Pastor Melinda

Today's lectionary's theme is REMEMBER, RETORE, AND RENEW and an ideal time to show a video from The Lewis Center on how a church discerns its vision and then lives its vision. This is only an example. Shiloh's Visioning Committee has been meeting for over three years, involved and asked for input from the church members through various methods, and kept the congregation updated often. So we have done the remembering and restoring and it is time to work on the renewing. We need the congregation to be involved in our discerning our vision and then living said vision.

2023 MISSION CHALLENGE

This year's 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.



Engaging Women will reconvene for its first fall meeting on **Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor**. They will be discussing William Kent Krueger's book *This Tender Land*. All are welcome to join us. Please contact Sally Curren with any questions.

The **Central PA Blood Bank** will be having a mobile blood drive on **Thursday, September 14th from 1:00-6:00 pm**. Walk-ins are welcome but they strongly suggest you schedule an appointment. There are 3 ways to do so. 717GiveBlood.org, call 1-800-771-0059 or scan the QR code on one of the flyers. Registration is required in the church lobby prior to donating. You must bring a form of I.D. Donors will receive a \$5 Bill Mack's Ice Cream gift card!



The **Women's Social and Support Group** will meet for breakfast at **Rt. 74 Family Restaurant on Friday, September 15th at 9:00 am**. Please contact Gladys Seigman at 717-764-1840 by **Monday, September 11th** if you plan to attend.

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.





Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC **Men's Breakfast** on **Tuesday, September 19, 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.

In recognition of **Welcome Back to Church Sunday** on **September 17th** you are invited to attend a brunch in **room 100**. It will be held from **9:45 AM until 11:00 AM**. Please use the sign-up sheets in the gallery to indicate your intention of attending. We hope to see everyone there for good food and conversation!



There will be a **prayer breakfast held at Genesis Church across from twin pines on 616 on September 23rd 2023**. All are invited to attend with hearts and hands for Jesus. Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson will be in town and will be there. The breakfast will be pancakes, sausage links and scrambled eggs and drinks. We will serve breakfast from **8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** please call Linda Little at 717-309-4523 if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

The **2023 Church Directory** is now available. Copies are in the gallery.



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.

