



Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ
Worship and Communion Service
September 11, 2022
8:30AM and 11:00AM

MEDITATION

"God's love is such a powerful companion for us that no matter how searing or how intense the hurt of a loss is we know that our spirits need not be destroyed by it; we know that God will help us to recover our hope, our courage and our direction in life."
Joyce Rupp

PRELUDE

8:30 & 11:00AM *"He Cares For Me"* Ellis

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God is like a potter who shapes and forms our lives.

All: We have been called to be faithful to God's intention.

One: God seeks for us to be vessels of compassion and service.

All: We have been given multiple opportunities to witness to God's love.

One: Come, let us worship the Creator who has given us life.

All: Let us send our praises to God who knows us totally and loves us. Amen.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

Oh Great Potter, allow us to enter into your house to worship you. We have come to lay the clay of our lives on your wheel, so that we might be shaped and fashioned into vessels for your Spirit who will mend those who suffer, heal the sick, and offer the outcast loving shelter. Create in us a more loving spirit, and bless us with a new attitude to serve you and your people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** *"I Need You Every Hour"* #517

8:30 & 11:00AM 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** *"Change My Heart, O God"* Page 6 & 7

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Second Reading: Luke 14:25-33

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

"God's Amazing Grace!" Sprunger

Third Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

SERMON *"Jars of Clay"*

***HYMN** *"Have Thine Own Way"* Page 8

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have received much from God—grace, mercy, abundance, the love of Christ, and the gift of life itself. In our worship, we praise God and give God thanks for these gifts. Let us now offer what we can as a way of saying, “Thank you.” In gratitude for God’s generosity, let us share God’s abundance with one another. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude 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

Let us pray!

Gracious God, we thank you for the opportunity to give our time, talent, and treasure for the building of your Kingdom on earth. We present these gifts that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries in the days ahead that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(All are welcome to partake of communion)

***COMMUNION HYMN** “As We Gather at Your Table” #332

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “A New Creed” #887

INVITATION

The bread is ready, the cup is filled, the table is set. Let all who are hungry for the love of God, come and be fed. Let all who are thirsty for new life, come and share the cup. Let all who want to follow Jesus, come and join the feast.

CONFESSION OF SIN (Inspired by Psalm 139)

One: Let us pray!

All: God of our lives, you search us and know us. We have refused to take up your cross, to bear the burdens that are ours to carry. We have not given up our attachments to possessions or to self. We have not counted the cost of walking into an unknown future with you. Help us turn away from evil, that we may walk with you once more.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Holy One rejoices in our repentance, Re-shaping us into vessels of love and service. In the grace-filled love of Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

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!

Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Now send us into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to find the lost and lonely, to heal broken souls, to free prisoners, and make the powerful care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your good news in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *“Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped”* #22

BENEDICTION

One: Go forth with the knowledge that you are always surrounded by the presence of our steadfast, loving God. Go forth with the blessing of the Almighty God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: We will go forth to live out our call and be a blessing in the created world. Amen.

POSTLUDE

8:30 & 11:00AM *“Sing Joyfully to God”* Powell

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 honor of Sue and Rick Trimble’s parents.
- **LITURGIST:** 8:30AM: Ray Fox, 11:00AM: Marsha Reiber
- **USHERS:** 8:30AM: Lew Wallace 11:00AM: Bart & Gerry Funkhouser
- **GREETERS:** 8:30AM: Ginny Heath & Natalie Fuhrman, 11:00AM: Bob & Debbie Myers
- **NURSERY DUTY:** 8:30AM: Marsha Reiber 11:00AM Linda Little
- **MUSIC:** Sandy Bamberger, Dani Bentzel

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer

Hymn: Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See (John Hunter)

“Dear Jesus, in whose life I see
All that I would, but fail to be,
Let thy clear light forever shine,
To shame and guide this life of mine.

Though what I dream and what I do
In my weak days are always two,
Help me, oppressed by things undone,
O Thou whose deeds and dreams were one!”

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”
1 Peter 5:6-7

Evening Prayer (from christianstt.com)

Dear God, as I lay down to sleep, release the stress and tension in my body. Calm my thoughts and remove all restlessness. Heavenly Father, as I close this day with evening prayer, I thank You for all the blessings in my life – family, friends, love, hope, and a secure future. Help me to trust You with my life. Direct my steps and let me walk in Your ways. Dear Father, continue speaking to me every moment of every day. Allow me to know a perfect peace that only You can provide. Above everything, protect my mind and actions so that the enemy might not get through to me. Grant me restful sleep tonight. In Jesus’ name. Amen!

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”
Matthew 6:34

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Mark Garber, Linda Glass, Bev Kirk, Sharon Klunk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Landis/Burns Family, The Harman Family, The Wheeler Family, The Kirk Family, The Frost Family, The Leppo Family, The Little Family



The pandemic stopped the **Women's Support & Social Group** from gathering for fellowship in early 2020. Some ladies have expressed they wanted to meet again for lunch once a month. Our first meeting for this year will be at **Isaac's in West York at 11:30 on Friday, September 16**. We will decide at that time if we want to meet again and where. **Come join us. Please sign up in the office with your name and phone number**, so the number of ladies attending can be given to the restaurant before that date.

You can also leave a message with Carolyn Poff at 717-292-2893.

Back to Church Sunday will be celebrated on **Sunday, September 18**. This is a nationwide event to encourage people to attend church in person. **In addition to our two services, there will be a brunch in room 100 at 9:45**. An invite card is enclosed in your bulletin today. You are encouraged to give this card to a friend, neighbor, or family member inviting them to our church. Additional cards can be found in the narthex. Let's fill the church with new and returning faces!



Engaging Women will be getting together on **Thursday, September 22nd** for a special field trip to Sight and Sound Theater to watch "David". For more information, contact Sally Curren at dgft25@hotmail.com.

Please join us for our **Fall Family Fun Night**, sponsored by our Church Chums group (our liaison group to connect our Church and ELC families), on **Saturday, October 1st from 4:00-7:00 p.m.** here at the church. Bring the whole family for a variety of food trucks, a bounce house, games, and more!! We hope to see you there!!



Mission Challenge for 2022 is to raise \$13,500 to pay back the money used to update the Audio/Visual equipment. The challenge begins **August 28** and ends on **October 9**. Please prayerfully consider donating money to our challenge and mark the "Other" line on your offering envelope.

As a reminder, the **first Sunday of every month** is food collection for the Salvation Army. The food should be placed in the shopping cart in the Welcoming Center.



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.



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

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| SUN | 8:30 & 11 | Worship/Communion |
| | 9:45 | Sunday School (100) |
| | 9:45 | Wired Word (Library) |
| MON | 9:00 | ELC Classes begin |
| | 7:00 | Consistory (100) |
| TUES | 6:30 | Cub Scout (100) |
| | 6:30 | Church Chums (202) |
| | 8:00 | Men’s Chorus |
| WED | 7:30 | Soup Prep |
| | 9:30 | Bible Study |
| | 5:00 | TOPS (100) |
| THUR | 10:30 | Our Daily Bread |
| | 6:30 | NA Group |
| | 6:30 | Choirs |
| FRI | 10:00 | Grief Group |
| SUN | 8:30 & 11 | Worship |
| | 9:45 | Back to Church Brunch |



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 78 (53/25)

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