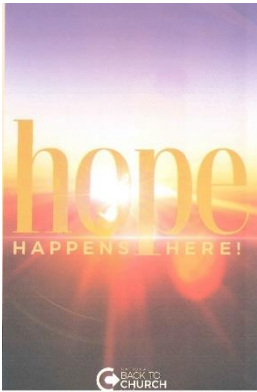


**Welcome *Back* to Shiloh United Church of Christ
Worship Service
September 18, 2022
8:30AM and 11:00AM**



MEDITATION

“Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement...get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed.”
~ **Abraham Joshua Heschel**

PRELUDE

8:30 AM
11:00 AM

“I Worship You”

“Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace”

Sprunger
St. Francis & Dungan

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;
**All: God calls us when we wander from the path chosen for us
and waste the gifts we have been given.**

One: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day.
**All: We come home to God this morning.
Let us worship God together!**

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!
Living and loving God, thank you for seeking out your lost sheep. Thank you for gathering us here like a good shepherd. Thank you for comforting us and giving us encouragement. Inspire us through your Word so that we may do your will. Find us in this hour, and fill us so fully with your love – that we never want to get lost again. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

“I Come to the Garden Alone”

#237

<p>I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses; And the voice I hear, falling on my ear the Son of God discloses, And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.</p>	<p>He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing; And the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.</p>
<p>I'd stay in the garden with him, though the night around me be falling, But he bids me a go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.</p>	

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

<p>One: Let us pray! Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you. Too often we look at the world, and see only signs of hopelessness and despair. Too often we rely on our own strength, our own plans, and our own devices, rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us. Forgive us, Holy One.</p>	<p>Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way back home. Help us navigate the treacherous waters of this world, that we might experience your abundant grace, mercy, and love. Help us put our trust in you, that the love that was in Jesus may shine in our lives for all to see. In His name we pray. Amen.</p>
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Silence is observed for reflection and prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus said, “there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

My friends, experience God’s forgiveness and joy—gifts that lead us to new life!

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.

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**

“Father, I Adore You”

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Father, I adore You, Lay my life before You, How I love You.	Jesus, I adore You, Lay my life before You, How I love You.	Spirit, I adore You, Lay my life before You, How I love You.
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WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14; Second Reading: Psalm 51:1-10

8:30 & 11:00AM CHANCEL CHOIR

“Jesus Is the Answer/ Seek Ye First”

Harlan

Third Reading: Luke 15:1-10

SERMON

“Hope Happens Here”

***HYMN**

“Softly and Tenderly” (Vs. 1 & 4)

#449

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling Calling for you and for me; See at the portals Christ waiting and watching Watching for you and for me Come home, come home all who are weary come home Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling Calling, "O sinner come home"	O for the wonderful love Jesus promised Promised for you and for me Though we have sinned Jesus offers us pardon Pardon for you and for me Come home, come home all who are weary come home Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling Calling, "O sinner come home"
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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

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have received so 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.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** “Doxology” #778
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray!
**Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world.
As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” #252

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care; in your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are.	We are yours, in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.	Let us always seek your favor let us always do your will; Jesus Christ our only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
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BENEDICTION

One: My friends, go into the world: knowing that it is God who loves us, Christ who strengthens us, and the Holy Spirit who empowers us for service. Go in peace and joy!
All: Amen!

POSTLUDE

8:30:AM “How Firm a Foundation” Scott
11:00AM “Mansion Over the Hilltop” Stanjphill

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 by the Bentzel Family to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Parke Bentzel by Janis and William Heindel.
- **LITURGIST:** **8:30AM:** Katie Bentzel, **11:00AM:** Stephanie Berkheimer
- **USHERS:** **8:30AM:** George Flickinger, **11:00AM:** Lew Wallace
- **GREETERS:** **8:30AM:** Jeanie Bentzel, **11:00AM:** Michael & Laura Andras
- **NURSERY DUTY:** **8:30AM:** Jim & Reen Bentzel, **11:00AM** Volunteer
- **MUSIC:** Sandy Bamberger & Jessie Sechriest

We would like to thank all of the volunteers and musicians for providing the worship music this Sunday!

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer

Dear God, Thank you for another day. Please watch over my family and friends. Lead our feet this day, so that we may follow in your footsteps. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*“I have set the LORD always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.”
Psalm 16:8*



Evening Prayer (By Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

Lord Jesus Christ, Bless us with rest tonight, and a good night's sleep. Forgive us for the things we did today that did not honor you. Thank you for loving us fully. Thank you that you know us through and through. We need your help every day and every hour. We thank you for the strength you give us and for helping us know that with you, even hard things are possible. Bless our family and our home, and keep us safe through the night. May your angels guard us and watch over us, just like you promised. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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 Snyder Family

The **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.



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!!



The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **October 3, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The program will be from our study book **Leading a Life of Balance. Chapter Eight: Balancing Wants and Needs**. Norene Edgar will be leading this chapter. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant. Contact Brad Jacobs with additional information at bcj402@verizon.net.



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

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.

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

SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Welcome Back to Church	
	9:45	Welcome back to Church Brunch (100)	
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)	
	7:00	Quilt Club (202)	
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)	
	5:00	TOPS (100)	
	7:00	Worship & Music (202)	
THUR	6:30	NA Group	
	6:30	Choirs	
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Dedication of School Teachers/Installation of School Officers/Youth Fellowship beings	

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 86

8:30: 59

11:00: 27

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