

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

PRELUDE

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OPENING OF BIBLE

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

GATHERING and PRAISE

(* Please stand if able)

GREETING: God is good. All the time.
All the time. God is good.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we gather to worship, we light this candle to remember the light and love that Jesus shared with so many.

Today, in love, we welcome the light, the light of the world.

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

(based on Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:10)

What have you brought to give today?

We have brought our hopes and our fears.

What have you brought to give today?

We have brought our joys and our sorrows.

What have you brought to give today?

We have brought our prayer and our voices.

What you brought to give today?

We have brought our talents and our money.
Let us give all of ourselves in this time of worship.
Let us, with gratitude and joy, worship God!

OPENING PRAYER (*responsively*)

Giver of life, you have sown love and hope in your world since creation. You have planted joy and kindness in our hearts and watered it with your patience.

You shine your peace upon us, that even as we experience life's challenges, your gentle presence reassures us that you are in control. Let your Spirit of generosity fill our lives and stir our desire to share with others what you have so graciously given to us. Amen

***HYMN** VU #377 "*Holy Spirit Hear Us*"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsive*)

Gracious One, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, hear us as we offer our confession.

Gracious One, we confess that too often we give sparingly, yet expect to reap abundance. Sometimes, we give the bare minimum out of fear that we do not have enough; other times, we give sparingly because we believe our efforts do not make much difference. Forgive us, we pray, for not giving generously. Give us clarity to see our giving as our way of celebrating your goodness to us and out contribution toward caring for those in need in the world you love. Help us to trust you to supply

what we need and give us the courage to share what we have, being fully confident of your continued provision In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 9: 1 – 15

REFLECTION "*Giving On Purpose*"

***HYMN** VU #376 "*Spirit of the Living God*"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING INVITATION

(Collection Plates at each entrance)

***Please Stand for the Offering Hymn**

"What Can I Give"

Sung Response (2 times)

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Teach us, God, to offer the very best of who we are in the service of your will through the mission of this church: may we offer hope, joy, and reconciliation in the world so much in need. Receive what we give for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer Amen

***CLOSING HYMN VU #382**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

***COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

***Sending forth HYMN MV#216**

"Wherever You May Go"

*Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.*

Please remain standing until Bible is closed

POSTLUDE * * * * *

- **Tuesday, October 8th Official Board 7:00**
- We continue to collect non-perishable and personal care items for the local food banks. Simply drop off in the plastic bins at each door on any Sunday

or if you prefer to make a financial contribution, there is a Food Bank can available.

- Our *Christmas Outreach* program will be coming up soon. There is an envelope in your envelope box or you may simply put your donation into a regular envelope and drop on the collection plate. As always, your contribution makes the difference in how many people we can support, and we **Thank You** for your continued support.

- Sunday, October 6th - "World Communion"
- Sunday, October 13th - "Thanksgiving Service"
- Sunday, October 20th - Regular Service
- Sunday, October 27th - "**171st Congregational Anniversary**" service and *Celebration of Pastor Roxanne Recognized as Designated Lay Minister*

Special Guest Speaker – Rev. Sue Browning, and representation from Antler River Watershed Region along with friends, colleagues and past parishioners. We invite you come and share in this special service and join us for an Anniversary luncheon following the service.

Shiloh-Inwood United Church invite us to share in the special closing service at Shiloh United Church site on Sunday, October 6th

More details on the back table

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