

August 1, 2021
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Music as we Prepare for Worship “For the Beauty of the Earth” Pierpoint/Kocher

Meditation “Be Here Now”

*Be here now, never mind about the past. Be here now let the future take care of itself.
Be here now; it's only the moment that lasts. Be here now, be here now.*

Call to Worship

Pastor: We are gathered together this morning because there is nothing better we can do.

People: We cannot do better than worshiping the God of all creation.

Pastor: We cannot do better than seeking after the ways of Christ.

**People: We cannot do better than sharing the fellowship of others who are drawn
by God's welcoming and empowering Spirit.**

All: With our presence, we offer our praise.

Opening Hymn “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

*Guide me O my Great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey though.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.*

*When I reach the River Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on heaven's side.*

*Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you, I will ever sing to you. Amen.*

~ *Coming Alive in Community* ~

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

O God of love, God of power, we have heard your promises of abundant life and have been afraid to believe them. We have worshiped you with our lips but have reserved parts of ourselves for our own purposes and plans. We are bound by our need for absolute certainty and so we often miss your living presence in the surprises of life. Renew us by turning our trust to you again. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

When we confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive our sin. Friends, believe the good news; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free.

Special Music

“One Bread, One Body”

Tootsie Hine, vocalist

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~ *We Hear God's Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Barbara Brown

The Reading of Psalm 78:23-29

The Gospel: John 6:24-35

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

***Break now the bread of life, Savior, to me,
as you once broke the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;***

my spirit yearns for you, O Living Word.

Bless now the truth, dear Christ, to me, to me,

as you once blessed the bread by Galilee;

*Then shall all bondage cease, all shackles fall,
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.*

~ Sharing Blessings With Others ~

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Our Savior

Minister: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.

All: 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.

Offering our Gifts - Thank you for your faithful support of Shenkel's ongoing ministries
North Coventry Meals on Wheels program - Meals on Wheels of Chester County (MOWCC)
serves hundreds of homebound citizens throughout the county, including members from our own church family.

Doxology

*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.*

~ Holy Communion~

Invitation

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

People: 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.

Communion Prayer

Minister: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Minister: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth....With all the prophets, Martyrs, and saints, an all the company of heaven we glorify you:

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory. O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: We remember that on the night..... Christ' coming again..

All: Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!

Pastor: Gracious God, we ask you to bless..... furtherance of your will in all the world.

All: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

The Breaking of the Bread, The Pouring of the Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Music

*"Here, O My Lord, I See You Face To Face"
Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon you lean.*

*Here would I feed upon the bread of God;
here share the cup, the gracious gift of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load;
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.*

*Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear;
the meal, but not your love, is past and gone;
This joyful feast confirms that you are here, ,
now and forever, as our shield and sun.*

Benediction

Parting Music

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

African-American Spiritual

Announcements

The Prayer Community asks you to join with us this week in praying for:

Olivia Dushanko
Charlene Logan
Roberta Peterman
Gloria Mest
Mindy, Isabella and Sela Chidawu

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 8/1 ~ Reflective Worship service with communion at 8:30 am in sanctuary
~ Worship service with communion in the Grove at 9:45 am
~ Ice Cream Social following worship

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 8/8 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary
~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am
Tues., 8/10 ~ Consistory 6:30 pm

Scripture Readings for August 8:

I Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; and John 6:35, 41-51

Ice Cream Sundae Social—Today

Cost is \$5.00 for a bowl of ice cream and all the toppings. All proceeds will go to the church.

Pottstown Cluster. We will be starting to collect items again for the Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are body wash (adult), body wash (kids), shampoo, conditioner, bar soap. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster. We will be collecting each week and items will change on a monthly basis.

June 2021, we collected almost 50 baby items.

July 2021, we collected 15 packs of baby wipes; 11 baby shampoo & lotion; 32 servings of baby food; 5 baby cereals; 2 snacks; 4 apple sauce or juice; 19 bars of soap; 2 packs Pepto Bismal; bandages and sterile first aid pads; 1 pair of white socks; and 4 individual boxes of tissues.

Famous Shenkel Corn, Doggie & Pig Roast

Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 5 PM

Beverages to be provided.

Things to Bring:

- Your family and friends! 😊
- Hot dogs & roasting sticks
- Place settings for your family
- Side & Dessert to share

In order to determine what size pig we'll need, we're asking that you signup either after worship some Sunday or by emailing the church office Let us know how many adults and children expect to attend. Anyone 12-years and older is considered an adult; under 12 is a child.