

**The Worship Service**  
Sunday, August 18, 2024

**“YOU ARE WHAT YOU  
EAT.”**

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**Shenkel United Church of Christ**

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**Shenkel UCC's Covenant Statement**

*So reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it, now you do it!*  
(Romans 15:7, *The Message*)

We are aware of pain organized religion has inflicted on many; and we are aware many places of worship have not given the extravagant welcome God offers to us all. Therefore, Shenkel United Church of Christ covenants to extend heartfelt hospitality to ALL. Shenkel UCC affirms all persons are created in the image of God, so we offer full inclusion (communion, life, and ministries) in the faith journey of this congregation, regardless of differences: whether religious background, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, national origin, immigration and refugee status, age, ethnicity, relationship status, addiction/recovery, physical or mental ability, and political affiliation. We proclaim this statement: **no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**

## Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018

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### ~Gathering Together~

Prelude Amazed (Anderson)

Welcome

Invocation

Congregational Introit "Lord Prepare Me" (SSB #13)

Call to Worship

L: Praise God, let us give thanks to God with our whole hearts.

**C: God is good and God's steadfast love endures forever.**

L: God feeds the hungry with bread from heaven.

**C: God lifts up the oppressed and cares for the weak.**

L: As we praise God may our hearts be opened to live faithfully, mirroring God's love and care.

Opening Hymn "As The Grain Was Scattered" (SSB #27)

### ~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

We are called to examine our faithfulness to God's covenant with us. God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of Mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Special Music

Dream God's Dream - soloist on verses 1 & 2, Cong on choruses (SSB #31)

### ~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

I Kings 2:10-12 & 3:3-14

Psalm 111

John 6:51-58

Tootie Hine

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: "Guide My Feet" (SSB #53)

~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 Mother/Father, who are 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.

August’s Special Offering: North Coventry Meals on Wheels

Offertory Fairest Lord Jesus (arr Tornquist)

Offering Response "Rise Up, Rise Up" (SSB #2)

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn "Take My Gifts" (SSB #52)

Benediction

Postlude Recessional (Turner)

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Organist: Susan Royer

Ministers: All Members of the Church

**Announcements:**

**Sunday, August 18, 2024**

~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 8/18/24 ~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Grove.  
~ Labor Day Choir Rehearsal at 11:45 am

**~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~**

Tues, 8/20/24 ~ Midday Dinner at Island Pizza at 12:00 pm.  
Sun, 8/25/24 ~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Grove.  
~ Labor Day Choir Rehearsal at 11:45 am  
~ Famous Shenkel Corn and Pig Roast at 5:00 pm

Please feel free to scan this code to donate through our online giving page.



**Scripture Reading for August 25th**

**Sandy Rowe**

Joshua 24:1,2a & 14-18  
Psalm 24:15-22  
John 6:56-69

**Famous Shenkel Corn & Pig Roast Sunday, August 25, 2024 at 5 PM**

Corn, Pig and Beverages to be provided.

Things to Bring:

- Your family and friends!
- Place settings for your family
- Side & Dessert to share

**Blessings of the Animals (Service) and All Church Picnic on 9/29/24:** following the service.

**Boscov's Friends Helping Friends on 10/22/24:** \$5.00 Coupon Shopping Passes. Shopping can be done in any Boscov's or this year online!! We have two dates where we will be sitting at Boscov's offering coupons to Boscov's customers. The dates are: Saturday, September 21 starting at noon; and Saturday, October 12 starting at noon. We will be able to be there for 3 hours or more. If anyone can help us it would be greatly appreciated, Tootie and Louise Hine.

Any further suggestions for things to do, please contact Louise Hine at 610-385-3716 (home) or Tootie Hine 610-781-6645 (cell) or at [angels2we@gmail.com](mailto:angels2we@gmail.com).

**Cluster donations for August:** School supplies, pens, pencils, crayons, erasers and notebooks.

**Grocery run? Consider using Giant and Redner's cards for your grocery store purchases:** Shenkel earns \$5 for every \$100 on Giant and Redner's gift cards – which are available every week at church.

**40 Paper Towel Rolls:** We continue to collect paper towels for Christ Episcopal. We have already collected and delivered 11 month's worth. Thank you for your generosity. Donations of any size are welcome.

**Stewardship:** Stewardship Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. The charge of the committee is to: find ways to increase much needed revenue, attract new members, and identify new ways to

provide ministry. Please contact members of the committee with your thoughts. Committee members: Chris Gray, Dan Jenkins, Kim Yocum, Julie Zachesky, and Brenda Berriker.

**Church School:** Children from 3 years through grade 6 are invited to participate in church school on the third Sunday of the month at 11:00 AM. Our next church school starts on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The Agape Group** is re-organizing and will now become the Shenkel Prayer Group. This will be a time for prayer requests, meditation, fellowship and a way to explore prayer. We will be meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 10AM in the Social Hall. All are welcome, including new faces! Come join us for a cup of coffee or tea and celebrate the Spirit of God moving among us. Any questions feel free to talk with Tootie and/or Louise.

**Prayer Lottery:** Shenkel will be praying for:

Judy Gergle  
Anthony Gulotta  
Gary McDermit  
Gloria Mest  
Erika Price

**Birthdays in the month of August:**

Steven Bade	8/3/2024
Ted Gray	8/4/2024
Dan Wolgemuth	8/6/2024
Maryln Rohrbach	8/8/2024
Jim Bevan	8/10/2024
Barbara Sweinhart	8/10/2024
Elaine Bevan	8/12/2024
Grace Major	8/12/2024
Morgan Scharneck	8/16/2024
Jennifer Dyott	8/17/2024
Carol Pearson	8/18/2024
Ashlyn Augustine	8/21/2024
Kaya Skulski	8/27/2024
Jeffrey Dyott	8/28/2024
Lori Scharneck	8/28/2024
Joyce Pashley	8/29/2024
Noah Bradley	8/30/2024
Christian Golden	8/31/2024
Wayne Klein	8/31/2024

