

The Worship Service
Sunday, February 9, 2025

*“When they had brought their boats
to shore, they left everything and
followed
Jesus.”*

Shenkel United Church of Christ

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Shenkel's 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 Take My Life (Underwood, arr. Wyrzten)

Welcome

Invocation

Silence for Meditation

Call to Worship

L: This is a day for openings.

C: It began for us with an opening of our eyes to the dawning light.

L: We have opened coffee tins and cereal boxes, doors of refrigerators and doors of automobiles.

C: We have come into a sanctuary that is open and welcoming to all who seek entrance.

L: Now we open ourselves to the sharing of ministry and the worship of God.

All: We gather together trusting and believing that God's love will fill us as we open our spirits to receive it.

Opening Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" (NCH #277)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

Let us together admit our waywardness and seek forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, before your splendor and glory we fall silent, aware of our human frailty and sin. Who are we to speak your word of love, or spread your gospel of truth? Yet only speak your word of forgiveness, only touch us with your healing fire, and humbly we will respond to your call, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

God hears our prayers and delights to remind us of how much we are loved. Believe the good news: we are forgiven and set free!

Special Music

Tu has venido a la orilla, Brian McShane, *Soloist*

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Lori Scharneck

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 138

Luke 5:1-11

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: "Take My Life, God, Let It Be"

(NCH #448)

~Sharing Blessings with Others~

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Our Savior

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. February’s Special Offering – Local Homeless Ministry

Offertory

An Iona Boat Song

(Arr. White)

Offering Response "Love Came Down At Christmas"

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine.
Love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn

"There Is A Name I Love To Hear"

(NCH #52)

Benediction

Postlude

Recessional

(Handel)

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Special Music: (Cesareo Gabarain (text trans. by Madeleine Forell Marshall © 1979, 1987, 1989 OCP Publications (onlicense #126039]

Announcements:

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~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 2/9/25 ~Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary

~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary

~ Chancel Choir rehearsal at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

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- ~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary
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- ~ Church School at 11:00 am

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Scripture Reading for February 16th

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

Luke 6:17-26

Dan Wolgemuth

Cluster donations for February: Bath soap and shampoo

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.

Stewardship: Stewardship Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 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 is on 2/16/25.

Shenkel Prayer Group: Meets at 10:00 am on the first Thursday of the month. All are welcome to participate. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and celebrate the Spirit of God moving among us as we pray together.

Prayer Lottery: Shenkel will be praying for:

- David Phillips
- Collin Gray
- Mike and Robin Martin
- Joe and Joan Palubinsky
- Henry and Carole Bailey

Birthdays in the month of February:

Britnee Sanseverino	2/2/25	Lori Skulski	2/15/25
Barry Miller	2/4/25	Bill Sanseverino	2/24/25
Jesse Painter	2/4/25	Erika Manetti	2/25/25
Sandra Peterman	2/5/25	Gary McDermit	2/26/25
Nicole Meehan	2/10/25	Kathy Murphy	2/27/25
Doug Allen	2/11/25		
Audrey Dyott	2/13/25		