

The Worship Service

Sunday, September 27, 2026



Shenkel United Church of Christ

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Shenkel's UCC's Vision Statement

Shenkel United Church of Christ extends a heartfelt welcome to all unbound by physical structure or geography and grounded in creative worship, active spirituality, community action, love and service.

An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018

~Gathering Together~

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection:

“Peace Like A River”

(SmSgBk#24)

~Sharing Blessings with Others~

Blessings of the Animals

Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer

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.

Invitation to Generosity

May the gifts that we bring reflect the generosity of Creator’s abundance and goodness.

Offering our Gifts – Thank you for your faithful support of Shenkel’s ongoing ministries.
September’s Special Offering – Church World Service

Offertory

“Step by Step”

(Strasser)

Offering Response

“We Plow The Fields”

(Vs 3 only) (SmSgBk#36)

**We thank Thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food;
Accept the gifts we offer for all Thy love imparts.
And that which Thou desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.**

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

God who Provides, as we present our offerings before you, sanctify them for your glory and magnify them for your people. Amen.

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn

“Touch The Earth Lightly”

(SmSgBk#33)

Benediction

Go from this time of worship like streams of water,
Flowing from the abundance of the Living Water.
Saturate every encounter with the goodness and abundance of God
As a living witness that the people may drink.

Postlude

“Calypso Cat”
Faith Grim, pianist

(Keveren)

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding
Email: shenkelpastor@gmail.com
Sexton: Stacy Keim
Ministers: All Members of the Church

Music Director: Dan Wolgemuth
Organist: Susan Royer
Secretary: Danielle Petersen

Announcements:

~Sunday, September 27, 2026~

Sun, 9/27 ~ Last outdoor service and Blessings of the Animals at 9:45 am in the Grove with refreshments to follow.

~ Choir Rehearsal after Worship at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary, all are welcome.

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 10/4 ~ Reflective Worship Service with Communion at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary.

~ Traditionalish Worship Service with Communion at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary.

~ Choir Rehearsal after Worship at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary, all are welcome.

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



Scripture Reading for October 4th

Joan Palubinsky

Psalms 19

Matthew 21:33-46

Cluster donations for September: Salt & Pepper and common spices

Tuesday Mornings: In October at 11:00 am Pastor Suzanne is offering a class from Dr. Jemar Tisby “How to Resist White Christian Nationalism”. For people who already know what white christian nationalism is and still don’t know what to do about it. Come learn and grow together!

Walk and Pray: In an increasingly complex and troubling world, many of us are wondering what to do. One simple act is to walk and pray for peace and wholeness in our world. You are invited to walk the Labyrinth here at Shenkel from 9 - 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Come as you are able, leave when you are ready. There's power in walking and praying together!

Carol Lykens Giving Challenge: We’re receiving gifts for our Carol Lykens Fill-The-Hat Challenge! You’re encouraged to make an additional contribution to the Current Fund beyond your usual giving. Contributions can be made to Shenkel UCC with “Carol Challenge” in the memo line, or donate online through our website. Thank you!

Bosco’s Friends Helping Friends: being held October 21, 2026 from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm. You can go to the store or online to shop. See Louise or Tootie to get your \$5.00 shopping pass. More information to follow.

Qigong classes at Shenkel!: Classes are on Thursday mornings from 11AM-noon. Suggested cost is \$12/class or come and pay what you’re able. Cash or check payable to Shenkel UCC. Hope you'll join us! No experience necessary--All are welcome! **Qigong classes will now be held upstairs in the Sanctuary. There will be no Qigong class on 10/1. Classes will resume on 10/8.**

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 will meet next on October 7th 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 Yocom, Julie Zachesky, and Brenda Berriker, Tom & Mo Gallant.

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 will be on 10/18.

Shenkel Prayer Group: Meets at 10:00 am on the first Monday 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:

Tootie Hine
Jennifer Braley
Ted and Chris Gray
Suzanne Spaulding

Birthdays in the month of September:

Mark Dushanko	9/5/26
Clay Zachesky	9/5/26
Glen Bradley	9/8/26
Sherri Mocarski	9/9/26
Collin Gray	9/11/26
Connie Armbruster	9/16/26
Catherine Dyott	9/19/26
Heather Burhans Tran	9/20/26
Chris Gray	9/21/26
Tesia Craner	9/23/26
Ronald Pearson	9/24/26

Mission Statement

Shenkel UCC

- prayerfully and creatively worships God;
- unconditionally loves and accepts all;
- generously gives and serves our community and our world.