

September 26, 2021
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Music as we Prepare for Worship “For the Beauty of the Earth” tune: Dix

Call to Worship

Pastor: We have come to worship God. Let us come with humility.

People: We offer all that we are, knowing that we need God’s Spirit to be what we ought to be.

Pastor: We have come to worship God. Let us come with expectation.

People: In the Divine Presence there is light for our darkness and purpose in our living. Praise be to God!

Opening Hymn “Bring Many Names” Shenkel Songbook # 89

***Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story, holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!***

***Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation, setting each equation gen-i-us at play:
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!***

***Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living, caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!***

***Old, aching God, grey with endless care,
calmly piercing evil's new disguises, glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!***

***Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness, crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!***

***Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing, closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!***

~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

Let us pause and confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

O God, you search after us when we have gone far from you, yet we confess that we have become consumed with our own affairs. We seldom pause to listen for the wind in the trees or hear the happy voices of children. Sometimes we feel that the burdens of the world fall entirely on our shoulders, and we have been slow to put our trust in you or to cooperate with others. When we take ourselves too seriously, remind us that we are only human! Make us patient with our mistakes, even as we are willing to forgive others. And remind us that we are also precious, not because we are good but because you have accepted us and called us to be your very own. 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

~ We Hear God's Word ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading : Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Joan Palubinsky

The Reading of Psalm 19:7-14

The Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Shenkel Songbook #56

***I love to tell the story of unseen things above.
Of Jesus' radiant glory, of Jesus' endless love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.***

***Refrain: I love to tell the story, and when I am in glory
I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love.***

***I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden visions of all my golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, I tell it now to you
Because I want to share it, because I know it's true. (Refrain)***

***I love to tell the story; it's pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story; for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)***

*I love to tell the story; for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when I sing in glory, I know the new, new song
will be the old, old story, that I have loved so long. (Refrain)*

~ 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
Church World Services - Blanket Sunday - For over 60 years, Church World Services has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including: blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster.

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.***

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Music "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Shenkel Songbook # 56

***O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace!***

***My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.***

***Jesus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease
Is music in the sinner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!***

***Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven.***

Benediction

Parting Music

"Blessings & Honor"

arr. Osman

Announcements

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

Kelly Strunk, Steve, Jacoby and Madeline Mest

Wanda and Steve Craner

Linda, Andrew, Brandon, Aaron, Michael and AJ Foss and Christine Hauze

Ethel Miller

Dan Jenkins

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 9/ 26 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary
 ~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 10/3 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary with World Communion
 ~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am with World Communion, Blessing of
 the Animals and Neighbors in Need collection

Scripture Readings for October 3:

Psalm 8 and Genesis 1:20-24

Pottstown Cluster. We will be starting to collect items again for the Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are adult lotion, deodorant, feminine tampons, and laundry detergent. 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.

Friends Helping Friends

Come and shop at Boscov's on Wednesday, October 20. You will need to purchase a shopping pass for \$5.00 and get a 25 % discount on most items. Please see Connie for your pass. Shenkel gets to keep the \$5.00 as a fundraiser.

Meals on Wheels needs a Tuesday driver for the Coventryville area. If you can help out, even temporarily, please let us know. They have 8 clients but only 5 stops. They pick up meals from Manatawny Manor. We would be grateful even if you can just do one Tuesday a month. Please mention this to your friends and neighbors. Please call 610-430-8500. Thank you so much!! Jeani Purcell, Director Meals on Wheels of Chester County

The Lunch Bunch committee has decided to postpone Lunch Bunch activities for the time being. As much as we would all love to gather again we just feel that the Delta variant is too prevalent in our area to meet safely. Thank you for your understanding. We will be in touch with people when we decide it is safe to resume again.

Children's Sunday School Update

Board of Christian Ed has met and we have decided on two exciting Sunday School programs for our children. Due to the uncertainty of COVID cases due to the Delta variant and the fact that many of our children are too young to be vaccinated, both programs will be offered virtual.

Sunday School for children Kindergarten through 7th grade:

This will again be offered every Sunday morning at 11:30 Via Zoom. Lessons will run approximately 30 to 45 minutes and consist of a Bible story/lesson followed by an activity relating to the lesson. The activity could be a word game, an arts and crafts project, a cooking activity, a game, a Bible activity or possibly a virtual escape room. There will be many opportunities for students to navigate the Bible. For students who are unable to attend the interactive class (or any interested adult) lessons will be recorded for viewing on the Shelkel Youtube channel. Each child will receive his or her own box of supplies for ALL lessons. Parents just need to help their child log on and we will do the rest. Parents do not need to attend with child but are welcome to sit in if desired.

Sunday School for children ages 1 through 4

Each Sunday I (with help from my husband) will read a Bible story which will be the same lesson our older children are learning. In addition to the story there will be a small activity and song we do with our preschoolers. This lesson will be recorded and available for viewing around 1:00 PM on the Shenkel Youtube channel. Parents and/or grandparents can put the lesson on whenever time works for the child and themselves. Preschoolers will also receive a box with any supplies they may need.

Please contact me either by phone (610-741-6949) or e-mail (pover@comcast.net) if your child is interested so we can prepare their own special box. Please let me know by Sunday night, September 26th. I very much look forward to working with our youngest members.

Sincerely,
Linda Foss, SS superintendent/teacher

