

July 3, 2022
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Prelude "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Bradbury, arr. Krieger

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Choral Introit "Let Your Spirit Come" Songbook # 96
Let your Spirit come, let your Spirit come; fall upon me now, fall upon me now.
Let your spirit come, let your Spirit come; fall upon us now, fall upon us now.
Let your rain fall down, let your rain fall down; pour upon our souls, pour upon our souls.
Come and wash us now, come and wash us now;
come and make us whole, come and make us whole.
Let your Spirit come, let your Spirit come; fall upon me now, fall upon me now.
Let your spirit come, let your Spirit come; fall upon us now, fall upon us now.

Call to Worship

Pastor: The Spirit of God moves among us, binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time and place.

People: The Spirit moves within us, empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people.

Pastor: The Spirit moves through us making us channels of God's love.

All: As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living God made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn "How Great Thou Art" Songbook # 85
*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed:*

[Refrain]

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art.*

*When thru the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur; and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze: (Refrain)*

*And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin: (Refrain)*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

*Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God how great thou art."
(Refrain)*

~ 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, promise 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 Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear the good news, our sins are forgiven.

Special Music

"So Send I You"

Kelly Strunk, vocalist

E. Margaret Claskson/John W. Peterson, © 1954, 1963 Singspiration Inc [CCLI#304602]

~ We Hear God's Word ~

Scripture Lessons

The Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Tootie Hine

The Reading of Psalm 66:1-9

The Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-14

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Songbook # 38

***I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.***

***The world behind me, the cross before me; the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me no turning back, no turning back.***

*Though none go with me, I still will follow; though none go with me, I still will follow;
though none go with me, I still will follow no turning back, no turning back.*

*Will you decide to follow Jesus? Will you decide to follow Jesus?
Will you decide to follow Jesus? no turning back, no turning back.*

Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles’ Creed”

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ 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

***Bill Boyer Scholarship Award-** This scholarship was established to help further the education of students who are members of Shenkel UCC and have completed high school, or for mission work associated with technical and trade endeavors. Applications, available from the church office, are due by Feb. 15th of each year, and awards are announced by April 15th of each year.*

Offering Response

“We Plow the Fields”

Songbook # 36

All good gifts around us Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord For all His love. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

~ Holy Communion ~

Invitation

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus

Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

People: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather at Christ’s table.

Pastor: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to

share in the community of God's people.

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: We give you thanks, God.....we praise you with joy.

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..... mystery of our faith.

**All: Christ's death, O God, we proclaim. Christ's resurrection we declare.
Christ's coming we await. Glory be to you, O God.**

Pastor: Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith..... able to make all things new.

All: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread, The Pouring of the Cup / Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Hymn

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Songbook # 6

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:

bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone,

teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,

gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Benediction

Choral Sending

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

Songbook # 101

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.
And the mountains and the hill will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap,
will clap their hands.

And the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
while you go out with joy You shall go.

Postlude

“Postlude on Melita”

Dykes, arr Parks

Announcements

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

Ruth Brewer

Brenda and Randy Berrick

Sue and Gary Stultz

Pat and Don Laverty

Rosemary and Dan Wolgemuth

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 7/3 ~ Reflective Worship service with Communion at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service with Communion in the Grove at 9:45 am

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 7/10 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am
Tues., 7/12 ~ Consistory at 6:30 pm

Scripture Readings for July 10 :

Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10; Luke 10:25-37

The A/V team is looking for additional people to stream worship services on Sunday mornings. We will provide as much personalized training needed for you to feel comfortable. Senior high youth are also welcome as long as they feel comfortable using a computer. If you can help or have any interest please notify Gary McDermit or Dave Derman.

Thank you to Connie Armbruster for providing the refreshments after the service today.

We are looking for a few more people to provide refreshments on the following Sundays:

August 21; August 28; September 11; September 18; September 25

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are mouthwash, toothpaste (kids and regular. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster.