

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

Sunday, October 16, 2022 – Traditional Service at 9:45 am

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Prelude “Prelude in the Classic Style” Young

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Choral Introit “Be Here Now” Songbook # 72
Be here now, never mind about the past.
Be here now let the future take care of itself.
Be here now; it’s only the moment that lasts. Be here now, be here now.

Call to Worship

Pastor: Listen, for the voice of God comes near!

People: Listen, for God’s voice is not obtrusive.

Pastor: We come to worship the God who became one of us,

People: Who calls us by name,

Pastor: Who is Love Incarnate,

People: Who is!

Pastor: Let us gather together in joy and hope -

People: Let us worship the God of Love!

Opening Hymn “Jesus Loves The Little Children” [CCLI #58415 - P.D.]

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.

Ev-ry color, ev-ry race, all are covered by his grace;

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus cares for little children, all the children of the world,
He's a Savior great and strong, He can shield you from all wrong.
Jesus cares for little children of the world.

~ *Coming Alive in Community* ~

Call to Confession

Trusting in God's grace and mercy, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate and merciful God, we confess that we sometimes ignore our responsibilities to you and to humanity. If ever we trample on the rights of others while asserting our own right: God, forgive. If ever we sit by on the sidelines, doing nothing, but criticizing those who do: God, forgive. If ever, by our example and deed, we hurt little ones or cause them to do wrong: God, forgive. Grant, O God, that our lives might be flavored with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, as salt flavors food. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ we have been forgiven and set free!

Special Music

"Be Careful"

Madeline Mest

Rigby/Wogemuth © 1978 Living Productions Inc, renewed 2010 First Run Muzik Psalter
(ASCAP)

~ *We Hear God's Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Lori Scharneck

Reading of Psalm 121

The Gospel: Proverbs 3:13-18

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

Message

Sarah Hostetter

Hymn for Reflection

"Called As Partners"

NCH # 495

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,

Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,

Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,

Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.

Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,

Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence in peace.

~ *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
***Neighbors in Need** - is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. For more information, go to www.ucc.org/nin.*

Offering Response

"We Praise You, O God"

NCH # 420

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Prayer of Dedication

~ *Going out in Joy* ~

Sending Hymn

"This Little Light Of Mine"

NCH # 524

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine; everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine; all through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Benediction

Announcements

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

Joan and Joe Granger
Kelly Strunk, Steve, Madeline and Jacoby Mest
Lori and Tom Klein
Stacy, Bill and Aurora Keim
Jaden Viti

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

- Sun., 10/16 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
 ~ Worship service in the sanctuary at 9:45 am with God’s Precious Children
 ~ Community Sharing and Kindness event presented by BOCE at 1 pm
Tues., 10/18 ~ Midday Dinner club at noon at Island Pizza
Thurs. 10/20 ~ Card class at 10 am
 ~ Agape at 6:30 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

- Sun., 10/23 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
 ~ Worship service in the grove at 9:45 am in sanctuary
 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
Tues., 10/25 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
Wed., 10/26 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 7 pm

Pottstown Cluster. This month’s items are dish soap, multi-purpose cleaners, and toilet paper. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster.

We will be offering opportunities for **continuing education and discussion about white privilege**. We will be using the UCC curriculum “White Privilege, let’s talk, A Resource for Transformational Dialogue” Again there will be three different discussion times in which to participate starting October 23 (part 3 ends this week):

Sunday after worship, 11:00 am; Tuesday at 11:00 am; Wednesday at 7:00 pm

All discussions are planned to take place in person in the social hall. You can pick up a copy of the third section at the church office. The expectation is that you will have read the first chapter and arrive ready to join in a discussion. I look forward to learning and growing together as we work our way through this curriculum.

Friends Helping Friends. Come and shop at Boscov's on Wednesday, October 19. You will need to purchase a shopping pass for \$5.00 and get a 25 % discount on most items. Please see Tootie or Louise for your pass. Shenkel gets to keep the \$5.00 as a fundraiser.

COMMUNITY FAMILY KINDNESS and SHARING EVENT

Sponsored by Shenkel UCC Church Board of Christian Education

Sunday, October 16, 2022 1:00 to 3:00 pm Shenkel Grove Rain or shine

Calling all children through 6th grade AND THEIR FAMILIES to join us for a fun afternoon to learn about kindness and sharing.

*STORY TIME *CRAFTS *SING SONGS *SNACK *SCAVENGER HUNT

Please invite your friends and family!

2022 Fall Book Study: Recovering Racist: Dismantling White Supremacy and Reclaiming Our Humanity

The PSEC Racial Justice Initiative is offering a 2022 Fall Book Study on Recovering Racist: Dismantling White Supremacy and Reclaiming Our Humanity by Idelette McVicker.

As a white Afrikaner woman growing up in South Africa during apartheid, Idelette McVicker was steeped in a community and a church that reinforced racism and shielded her from seeing her neighbors' oppression. Recovering Racists shares McVicker's journey over thirty years and across three continents to shatter the lies of white supremacy embedded deep within her soul.

She helps us realize that grappling with the legacy of white supremacy and recovering from racism is lifelong work that requires both inner transformation and societal change. As we work for the freedom for everyone, we also find freedom for ourselves. **Join us for five on-line sessions, Tuesdays Nov. 1-29, 3p or 7p each week.**

Approved for PSEC Diversity Training Credits

Registration is free! Register on PSEC website on the Fall Book study link.