

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

~Gathering Together~

Prelude Allegretto (Wilhelm Bach)

Welcome

Invocation

Call to Worship

L: The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the power to become new people!

C: The winds of the spirit have given us breath and the fire of the spirit has enkindled in us a love for God and each other.

L: Come here in faithfulness and be ready for the surprises that God's Spirit brings.

C: We open our lives to the presence of God and trust God's promise to us that we can live new lives of freedom and grace. May God help us to be true people of spirit, letting holy surprises fill our days!

Opening Hymn "O God, Our Help" (NCH #25)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

Let us as a faith community acknowledge our short comings and our need of forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

O God, our God, we celebrate the new life which you have given us. We have experienced broken lives made whole, old wounds of alienation healed over, and tired spirits rejuvenated with new vision. Gracious God, we are so grateful for the purpose and possibilities you have placed before us. Yet there are times when doubt has overcome hope, cynicism has replaced dedication, the world's values have captured us more than yours. Forgive us those times we pray. Help us let go of the past that we might move joyfully into a new future that points to your love and justice. Amen

~Silence for Prayer and Meditation~

Assurance of Pardon

God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free!

Special Music Ariel and friends

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Louise Hine

I Samuel 3:1-10

Psalms 129:1-6, 13-18

Mark 2:23-3:6

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

Sermon

Sarah Hostetter

Hymn for Reflection: “Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

(NCH #172)

~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 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.

June’s Special Offering: The Coventry Food Pantry

Offertory Courante (Frescobaldi)

Offering Response “Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion

L: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger, you who believe in me shall never thirst.

C: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

Communion Prayer

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: Is it right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care. We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ’s death, we celebrate Christ’s resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ’s return

at the end of history. We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you:

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 of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.

ALL: Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!

Pastor: Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

ALL: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing The Elements

Prayer After Communion (Unison)

Eternal God, you have called your people from the east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn "Here I am Lord 26", SSB (Summer Song Book) See insert

Benediction

Postlude Postlude on Westminster Abbey (R Miller)

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding
Email: shenkelpastor@gmail.com
Sexton: Stacy Keim

Music Director: Dan Wolgemuth
Organist: Susan Royer
Ministers: All Members of the Church

Announcements:

Sunday, June 2, 2024

~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 6/2/24 ~ Traditionalish Worship service with communion at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary
~ Conversation on the crisis in Gaza at 11:30 am

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 6/9/24 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary
~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary
Tues, 6/18/24 ~ Midday dinner at St. Peters Inn at 12:00 pm

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



Scripture Reading for June 9th

I Samuel 8:1-20
Psalm 138
Mark 3:20-35

Marie Bade's 99th Birthday Celebration: June 9th after worship in the Social hall. Birthday cards are appreciated or donations to the Shenkel's music fund or general fund.

Carillion Concerts in July: World renowned David Hunsberger will be presenting two concerts in July. July 17th at the bell tower in Valley Forge State Park at 7:30 pm. July 19th at Longwood Gardens at 6:00 pm. For more information contact Louise or Tootie Hine.

Save the date: August 10th outdoor summer concert with Bobby Jo Valentine here at Shenkel UCC in the grove at 7:00 pm.

Famous Shenkel Corn & Pig Roast Sunday, August 25, 2024 at 5 PM

Corn, Pig and Beverages to be provided.

Things to Bring:

- Your family and friends!
- Place settings for your family
- Side & Dessert to share

Conversations on the crisis in Gaza:

- Understand more about this catastrophe – the Nakba in 1948 and now.
- Hear the voices of our Palestinian Christian partners.
- Learn how to take action now and over time.

Next Opportunity - June 2 at 11:30 am in the Social Hall – food will be available. Special guests: Rev. Linda Noonan and Ariel Ackerman

Cluster donations for June: Ramen noodles and canned pasta.

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.

120 Paper Towel Rolls: We continue to collect paper towels for Christ Episcopal. We have already collected and delivered 9 month's worth. Thank you for your generosity. Donations of any size are welcome.

Stewardship: Stewardship Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 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, Sandy Peterman, Tootie, Louise Hine, 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. April 21st is our next church school. Our next church school will be in September.

The Agape Group is re-organizing and will now become the Shenkel Prayer Group. This will be a time for prayer requests, meditation, fellowship and a way to explore prayer. We will be meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 10AM at Freda Wanner's home starting in June. Freda's address is 1752 Temple Rd, Pottstown 19465. All are welcome, including new faces! Come join us for a cup of coffee or tea and celebrate the Spirit of God moving among us. Any questions feel free to talk with Tootie and/or Louise.

Prayer Lottery: Shenkel will be praying for:

James White

Jenn and David Braley

Scott Kutz

Roberta Peterman

Maureen and Tom Gallant

Birthdays in the month of June:

Barry Yocom	6/1/2024
Margie Allen	6/7/2024
Sharon Sabo	6/9/2024
Dawn Yocom	6/13/2024
Tootie Hine	6/14/2024
Kim Bade	6/15/2024
Elizabeth Carr	6/16/2024
David Derman	6/16/2024
Marie Bade	6/18/2024
Amelia Snyder	6/22/2024
Ken Bevan Jr.	6/25/2024
Willaim Keim Jr.	6/25/2024
Dan Jenkins	6/29/2024
Michael Foss	6/30/2024