

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.

Installation Service of Rev. Suzanne Spaulding

Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 3 PM

Prelude Music

"Souer Monique"
"Spirit, Descend"
"Draw the Circle Wide"
"Trumpet Tune"

Couperin
arr. Wyrzten
Light
Johnson

Call to Worship

Leader: Come from the east and the west, the north and the south, and worship the God of our fathers and mothers, the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen. The grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

People: Amen.

Processional Hymn

"Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

Insert

Invocation

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Gracious God, gentle in your power and strong in your tenderness, you have brought us forth from the womb of your being and breathed into us the breath of life. We know that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from you. Feed our deep hungers with the living bread that you give us in Jesus Christ. May Jesus' promise, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them," be fulfilled in us. Make us a joyful company of your people so that with the faithful every place and time we may praise and honor you, God Most High. Amen.

Special Music

"Come Share the Spirit"

Kelly Strunk, soloist

Scripture Lessons

The Reading of Psalm 63:1-8

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:1-13

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

Sermon

Rev. William P. Worley

Hymn of Celebration "Praise God for All Beginnings" Choir/ Congregation Insert

This was written exclusively for Suzanne's Installation Service and will be the "world-premiere" of the piece.

Installation Service

Greeting

Rev. Nichole Jackson, Ursinus Association

Association Representative: The Ursinus Association of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

People: Let us look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Presentation

Joan Palubinsky, Search Committee Chairman

Rev. Nichole Jackson, Ursinus Association

Exhortation

Rev. Nichole Jackson, Ursinus Association

Covenant

Rev. Nichole Jackson, Ursinus Association

Association Representative: Dear friends,

Pastor: I am willing.....United Church of Christ.

Association Representative: Members of Shenkel United Church of Christ, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with your pastor and teacher?

People: We, the members of Shenkel United Church of Christ, receive Reverend Suzanne Spaulding as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with her in the ministry of the gospel and to give her due honor and support.

We gather with her and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Association Representative: Members of Ursinus Association, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with Shenkel United Church of Christ and its pastor and teacher?

Association Members: We, the members of the Ursinus Association of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and the pastor and teacher of Shenkel United Church of Christ, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Prayer of Installation

Rev. Nichole Jackson, Ursinus Association

Association Representative: Let us pray.

Almighty God,

Christ reigns in glory, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Declaration

Rev. Nichole Jackson, Ursinus Association

Association Representative: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Ursinus

Association of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as pastor and teacher of Shenkel United Church of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn	"Called As Partners"	Insert
Offering our Gifts		
Dedication and Response	"Halleluja"	Insert
Sending Hymn	"De Colores"	Insert
Benediction		
Postlude	"A Mighty Fortress"	arr. Kim

Service Participants:

Randy Berriker, Worship Leader and Consistory President

Rev. Nichole Jackson, Ursinus Association

Rev. William P. Worley, Pennsylvania Southeast Conference Minister

Joan Palubinsky, Search Committee Chairman

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding, Pastor of Shenkel United Church of Christ

Everyone is invited to join in a fellowship meal in the Social Hall following the service.

Today's offering will be sent to the Ursinus Association for Members in Discernment.