

May 1, 2022
Third Sunday of Easter

~Gathering Together ~

Prelude "How Lovely is thy Dwelling Place" Brahms

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Call to Worship

Pastor: Sing praises to God, you faithful, give thanks to God's holy name!

People: Weeping may linger for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Pastor: You turn our weeping to dancing, God; you remove the garments of mourning and clothe us in gladness.

All: May we praise you and not be silent! We will give thanks to you, O God, forever!

Opening Hymn

"Come, My People"

Refrain: Come, my people, welcome to worship.

Love is in the warmth of this place.

Sing to God a song of thanksgiving,
sing to God a song of praise!

Gather in safety, welcomed in Christian love;
God touches us with strength from above. (Refrain)

Stories of Jesus show us the way to live,
how to serve others, how to forgive. (Refrain)

Stand with each other in one community,
working together God's reign to give. (Refrain)

~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your

great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with you bountiful Spirit.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

Special Music

“My Lord What A Mornin’” Dan Wolgemuth, Piano
African-American Spiritual, © 2022 First Run Muzik Psalter (ASCAP)

~ We Hear God’s Word ~

Scripture Lessons

The Epistle Reading: Acts 9:1-20 Tootie Hine

The Reading of Psalm 30

The Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“Listen to Your Savior Call” NCH # 250

Listen to your Savior call, “Do you love me most of all?”
Jesus speaks, and speaks to you: “Love me as I first loved you.”

“I delivered you when bound, and, when bleeding, healed your wound.
Sought you wandering, set you right, for your pathway gave you light.”

“Mine is an unchanging love, higher than the heights above,
Deeper than the depths beneath, free and faithful, strong as death.”

O my Savior, hear my need: though my love is faint indeed,
Still I love you and adore you – oh, for grace to love you more!

~ 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
Strengthen the Church (STC) - *It is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC.*
Shared at conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches where the UCC voice has not been heard.

Offering Response "Doxology" NCH # 778
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.

Prayer of Dedication

~ *Holy Communion* ~

Invitation

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

People: 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

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: Holy God, our loving Creator.....faithful people everywhere.

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: Merciful God, as sisters and brothers.....boldly what we believe.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit. Come. And in all for whom Christ died.

All: Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread, The Pouring of the Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Let us pray.

All: We give thanks, gracious God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

NCH # 304

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Christ servant of all.
Attend the Savior’s sovereign claim, and crown Christ servant of all.

Adorn, O martyred saint of old, the coronation hall;
Extol the wounded One foretold, and crown Christ bearer of all.
Extol the wounded One foretold, and crown Christ bearer of all.

All heirs of Israel’s chosen race, now ransomed from the fall,
Proclaim the wonders of God’s grace, and crown Christ healer of all.
Proclaim the wonders of God’s grace, and crown Christ healer of all.

Before the cross, with heaven’s throng, we on our knees shall fall;
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Christ savior of all.
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Benediction

Postlude

“Invention #1”

Bach

Announcements

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

Stephanie Viti
Kim and Steven Bade
Lucas Zachesky
Debbie and Glen Hoff
Sharon, Dan, Malcolm and Amelia Snyder

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 5/1 ~Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary with communion.
~Worship service in the sanctuary at 9:45 am with communion
~ Congregational meeting
Tues., 5/3 ~ Pastor Suzanne at Clergy Convocation
~ Office closing at noon
Wed., 5/4 ~ Pastor Suzanne at Clergy Convocation
Thurs., 5/5 ~ Pastor Suzanne at Clergy Convocation
~ Office closed

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

- Sun., 5/8 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service in the sanctuary at 9:45 am
~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
- Tues., 5/10 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
~ Consistory at 6:30 pm
- Wed., 5/11 ~ Office closing at noon
~ White Privilege Discussion at 7 pm

Scripture Readings for May 8:

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; John 10:22-30

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are adult lotion, deodorant, feminine tampons, 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. Items for next month will be dish soap, multi-purpose cleaners, toilet paper.

Mid-day Dinner club will be meeting at Douglassville Hotel on Tuesday, May 17 at noon. It is open to young-at-heart adults of any age who enjoy eating out and would like to get to know other Shenkel members a little better. If you are attending, please add your name and phone number on the sign up sheet no later than Sunday, May 15 so your reservation can be made on time or you may call Sharon Sabo at 610-326-1945 or let her know at the Sunday service if you are able to attend.

A congregational meeting will be held TODAY after the early and late services for the election of members to Consistory and the Board of Christian Education. You will be able to vote in person or by proxy for that meeting.

Beginning Sunday, May 8, we will begin part 2 of the **continuing education and discussion about white privilege**. We are using the UCC curriculum "White Privilege, let's talk, A Resource for Transformational Dialogue." There will be the same three discussion time options in which to participate:

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 Part 2 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 continuing our learning and growing together as we work our way through this curriculum.

The Coventry Woods festival will be held on Sunday May 22 from 1-5 PM. We are looking for people to staff the Shenkel display table and share information about Shenkel UCC with people who stop by. We would like to get 4 people (including youth) who can help for several hours each. We are also looking to borrow a 6' or 8' folding table and folding canopy to shade our volunteers from the sun. These items would need to be set up at 10 AM and removed after the festival ends (~5:15 PM). If you can help us with these items it would be appreciated. Please contact Gary McDermit, Chris Gray, or Dan Jenkins if you can help with any of the above.

Card Making Class will be starting on Thursday, May 19th at 10 am in the Social Hall. Each class participants make three beautiful cards. Cost is \$8. If you plan to attend the class or have any questions, please call Pat Kuestner at 610-327-0889 to insure there will be enough materials.

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