

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**





*~ Going out in Joy ~*

Sending Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

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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.  
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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.  
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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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