

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

Sunday, October 30, 2022 – Traditional Service at 9:45 am

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Prelude “Andante” Rheinberger

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Choral Introit

“Be Here Now”

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: In exploring the heritage of our faith, we come into contact with those who laid its foundation on the rock of commitment and who constructed it with the building blocks of historical events.

People: We discover that our spiritual forebearers were a chosen people capable both of startling unfaithfulness and of wondrous ability to serve God with gladness.

Pastor: In our worship, we envision the best that is possible for a human future and hold it before God in confident prayers and in quiet confessions of willingness to work for a promising tomorrow.

People: We proclaim that our sole source of hope for realizing a preferred future issues from a living Christ.

Pastor: The past is rich. The future bears mystery. Our worship embodies both in a wondrous and revealing and reverent present. Praise be to God.

Opening Hymn

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

NCH # 459

Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

Here I pause my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,
Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we humbly confess our faults. For anger, impatience and quickness to misunderstand – forgive us. For thoughtlessness, indifferences, and self-centering – forgive us. For unkindness and the lack of kindness – forgive us. For not speaking out against injustice and suffering – forgive us. For all the times we have not followed Jesus in the way of love – forgive, heal and transform us anew into your servant people. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. 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

“This Is My Father's World”

Congregation w/Chimes

Maltbie Babcock & Mary Babcock Crawford/English Melody adapt. Franklin Shepperd

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~ We Hear God's Word ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Tootie Hine

Reading of Psalm 119:137-144

The Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Remembrance of the Saints

Ronald Christman

Carol Ann Lykens

Celia Rose Phillips

Raymond J. Rowe
Kathryn M. Ellis
Hymn for Reflection

“Be Still, My Soul”

NCH # 488

Be still, my soul; for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best eternal friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; for God will undertake
to guide in future days as in the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
How Jesus' power ruled them long ago.

Be still, my soul; the hour will soon be here
when we shall be with God whom we adore,
with disappointment gone, no grief nor fear,
sorrow replaced with joy forevermore.
Be still my soul; when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

~ *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.

Offertory

“If You But Trust”

Neumark

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.

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

- Sun., 10/30 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in sanctuary
~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
Tues., 11/1 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
Wed., 11/2 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 7 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

- Sun., 11/6 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in sanctuary
~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
Tues., 11/8 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
~ Consistory at 6:30 pm
Wed., 11/9 ~ Yoga at 4:30 pm
~ 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.

A 5-week Restorative Yoga & Yin Yoga Exploration at Shenkel

Dates and times for this series:

The class will run from 4:30 – 5:45 on Wednesdays

November 9, 16, 30 and December 7, 14

Cost for the series: \$100.00

This series is meant to offer people a chance to experience a quiet, contemplative yoga practice that by design releases stress and tension. The practice will offer some warming movements in patterns (called Kriyas) that begin to connect the breath and movement, seek to bring the mind

and body to the present moment, and then will move into reclining shapes that can release tension from the body. We close the practice with a silent resting pose (shavasana) to integrate the practice. This is a quiet practice, offering time for observation, contemplation and the seeds of meditation.

For this practice you will need:

Yoga mat, 2 yoga blocks (9"x 6" x 4"), 8 foot long yoga strap with a "D" buckle and 2 blankets. Because this is a more quiet and still practice wear warm clothing and socks. ALL are welcome, invite your friends!

Please contact Chris Gray cgcal@comcast.net, (610) 246-3548 to register by **November 2**.

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.

Thanksgiving Sunday Soup Supper on November 20th at 5:30 pm. Details to follow.