

February 6, 2022
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“Elevation”

Guilmant

Greeting

Gathering Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
Early in the morning we praise your majesty.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Call to Confession

Trusting in God’s grace we dare to draw near and pray.

Prayer of Confession

Before you, Holy One, we are people of unclean lips and hearts. We confess to you our shortcomings and hardness of heart. Touch us with the fire of your love. Speak your call to us, and give us the courage to respond, “We will.” Show us your way, that we may walk in paths of goodness and truth, through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

When we confess our sin, the One who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free.

Special Music

“Calling”

Dan Wolgemuth, Arrangement & Keyboard
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Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“You Have Come down to the Lakeshore”

You have come down to the lakeshore Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.

Refrain: O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you’ve called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.

You know full well my possessions. Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fishnets and will for working. (Refrain)

You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary,
A love that’s willing to go on loving. (Refrain)

You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning;
As loving Friend, you have come to call me. (Refrain)

Prayers of Intercession/ Lord’s Prayer

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
Pottstown Homeless Ministries Fund - *This fund will continue to provide support for the homeless drop-in ministry held monthly during the winter.*

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

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

Pastor: God be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

Congregation: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer for Epiphany

In response to God's infinite love and boundless grace we rejoice to give thanks at all times and in all places, to the one who created order out of chaos, who penetrated the night of sin with the light of the world, and whose light cannot be overcome by human resistance.

We thank you, God, living Spirit, for sending a star to guide the wise to Christ. But even more we praise you for signs and witnesses in every generation that lead us to your Christ.

We thank you that Christ identified with sinners, preached good news to the poor, proclaimed release to those shackled by ignorance, prejudice, and injustice, and brought life and immortality to light by living the gospel-life.

We bless you for the gifts you have lavishly given us, though undeserving: for new definitions of power and wisdom, for disarming the principalities and powers, for removing the estrangement of sin, for inviting all to faithful discipleship, for promising courage in the struggle for justice and peace, for your presence in trial and rejoicing, for the sacrament of your extravagance, and for inviting us to dwell in your presence forever.

Mighty God, we worship and praise you.

With magi and shepherds, apostles and martyrs, we sing your glory.

At the name of Jesus let every knee bow, and every tongue confess, and every heart join in song of the heavenly host, singing.

**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!**

For in the night of betrayal Jesus

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine, Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

Amen.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

Prayer after Communion

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.

Parting Hymn

“Jesus Calls Us, o’er the Tumult”

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day that voice still calls us, saying "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the treasures we adore,
From each idol that would keep us, saying "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

Benediction

Postlude

“I Will Choose Christ”

Booth

Announcements

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

Clair and Jim Faust

Marie Bade

BJ Peterman

Olivia Dushanko

Ethel Miller

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 2/6 ~ Virtual Service with Communion posted to YouTube at 9:45 am
Tues., 2/8 ~ Consistory at 6:30 pm on Zoom
Wed., 2/9 ~ Bible Study on Zoom at 7 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 2/13 ~ Virtual Service posted to YouTube at 9:45 am
Wed., 2/16 ~ Bible Study on Zoom at 7 pm

Scripture Readings for February 13:

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; Luke 6:17-26

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are body wash (adults and kids), shampoo, conditioner and bar soap 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 September will be adult lotion, deodorant, feminine tampons, laundry detergent