

May 29, 2022
Seventh Sunday of Easter

~Gathering Together ~

Prelude "Aria" J.S. Bach

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Choral Introit "Come, My People"
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!

Call to Worship

Pastor: We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

People: We need not look up to find God, we need only look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.

Pastor: We need not listen for distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

People: We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

Opening Hymn "Eternal Christ, Who, Kneeling" NCH # 390
1st verse – congregation; 2nd & 3rd verse – soloist

Eternal Christ, who, kneeling when earthly tasks were done,
Turned unto God appealing, "That they may all be one,"
We thank you for your vision of unity untorn,
Of faith without division with which your church was born.

~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

Let us come with open, humble hearts to our time of confession.

Hymn of Confession "Eternal Christ, Who, Kneeling" Vs. 2 & 3 NCH # 390
But we have often slighted the ties designed to hold
your followers united within one common fold.
On history's tattered pages we see, O Christ, with shame,
the strife which through the ages has marred your church's name.

Accept our deep contrition for all our sundering ways
which still disrupt your mission, which mock our words of praise.
Christ, may your Spirit guide us that we may find, beyond
the things which still divide us, love's all-embracing bond.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear again the good news: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven and we are set free.

Special Music

~ We Hear God's Word ~

Scripture Lessons

The Gospel Reading: John 17:20-26

Susan Royer

The Reading of Psalm 97

The Epistle Reading: Acts 16:16-34

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

"Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing"

NCH # 303

Rejoice, give thanks and sing; your Sovereign God adore!
For Christ has robbed death's stings and triumphs evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Our Savior Jesus reigns, the God of truth and love;
The Lamb who purged our stains is crowned with power above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Christ Jesus cannot fail to rule both earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell are to the Savior given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ the Judge shall come,
And take the faithful up to their eternal home.
We shall soon hear a heavenly voice
Above the trumpet's sound, "Rejoice!"

~ *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

~ *Going out in Joy* ~

Sending Hymn

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

NCH # 391

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain: God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? (Refrain)

As we stand a world divided by our own self seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village might envision wider dreams. (Refrain)

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. (Refrain)

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again. (Refrain)

Benediction

Postlude

“With Trumpets and Horns”

Handel

Announcements

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

Pat Kuestner
Lindsay Hoff
Roberta Peterman
Karl Metka
Richard, Ricky and Ryan Golden

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 5/29 ~ 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., 5/31 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
Wed., 6/1 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 7 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 6/5 ~ Reflective Worship service with communion at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service with communion in the sanctuary at 9:45 am
~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
Tues., 6/7 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
Wed., 6/8 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 7 pm

Scripture Readings for June 5:

Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-34; Acts 2:1-21

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 5th, for the express purpose of acting on a proposal to remove dead trees from our property. Further information and proxy votes will be forthcoming.

Beginning Sunday, May 8, we will be 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 A/V team is looking for additional people to stream worship services on Sunday mornings. We will provide as much personalized training needed for you to feel comfortable. Senior high youth are also welcome as long as they feel comfortable using a computer. If you can help or have any interest please notify Gary McDermit or Dave Derman.

If anyone is interested in starting Lunch Bunch again, please let Barbara Brown, Tootie or Louise know you are interested.