

The Worship Service

Sunday, October 27, 2024



Shenkel United Church of Christ

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Shenkel's UCC's Covenant Statement

So reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it, now you do it! (Romans 15:7, The Message)

We are aware of pain organized religion has inflicted on many; and we are aware many places of worship have not given the extravagant welcome God offers to us all. Therefore, Shenkel United Church of Christ covenants to extend heartfelt hospitality to ALL. Shenkel UCC affirms all persons are created in the image of God, so we offer full inclusion (communion, life, and ministries) in the faith journey of this congregation, regardless of differences: whether religious background, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, national origin, immigration and refugee status, age, ethnicity, relationship status, addiction/recovery, physical or mental ability, and political affiliation. We proclaim this statement: **no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018

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~Gathering Together~

Prelude Fantasia in Dm (Telemann)

Welcome

Invocation

Call to Worship

L: God has called people from the farthest places of the earth.

C: From east and west, from north and south, the people of God are gathered.

L: God has called the blind and the lame, pregnant women, and those with nursing infants.

C: From all ways of life and every experience the people of God are gathered.

L: Those who are weeping will be consoled, those who are thirsty will be led by brooks of water, those who stumble shall find a straight path.

C: We hear God's call through prophet words, and we come as this congregation to be the gathered people of God.

Opening Hymn "A Mighty Fortress" (NCH#439)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

With humble hearts let us come to our time of confession.

Prayer of Confession

Majestic and merciful God, we come to you a wayward people. We have forgotten your intentions for us; we have rejected the way of Christ; we have disregarded the power of your Spirit; and we have worshiped ourselves and the things we have made. Forgive us, restore us in the knowledge of whose we are, and make us alive to serve you with faith, hope, and love; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free!

Special Music

In Christ Alone; Kelly Strunk, Sandy Rowe & Lori Scharneck, Vocalists, Sue Stultz, Flute

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Louise Hine

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 126

Mark 10:46-52

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: "If You But Trust In God To Guide You"

(NCH#410)

~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 Mother/Father, who are 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.
October’s Special Offering – Neighbors in Need.

Offertory In Faith and Hope (JS Bach)

Offering Response “We Give You But Your Own” (NCH#785)

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn “How Firm A Foundation” (NCH#407)

Benediction

Postlude Postlude on Ein Fest Burg (arr. R Miller)

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Music Director: Dan Wolgemuth

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Organist: Susan Royer

Sexton: Stacy

Keim

Secretary: Danielle Petersen

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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**Announcements:
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~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 10/27/2024 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary

~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 11/3/24 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am with communion in the Sanctuary

~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am with communion in the Sanctuary

Please feel free to scan this code to donate through our online giving page.



Scripture Reading for November 3rd

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Psalm 119:1-8

Mark 12:28-34

Sandy Rowe

Carol Lykens Giving Challenge: We're receiving gifts for our Carol Lykens Fill-The-Hat Challenge! You're encouraged to make an additional contribution to the Current Fund beyond your usual giving. The goal is to match Carol's \$5000 bequest to help us meet our budget. Contributions can be made to Shenkel UCC with "Carol Challenge" in the memo line, or donate online through our website. Thank you!

Cluster donations for October: Pasta sauce and noodles.

Grocery run? Consider using Giant and Redner's cards for your grocery store purchases: Shenkel earns \$5 for every \$100 on Giant and Redner's gift cards – which are available every week at church.

Stewardship: Stewardship Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. The charge of the committee is to: find ways to increase much needed revenue, attract new members, and identify new ways to provide ministry. Please contact members of the committee with your thoughts. Committee members: Chris Gray, Dan Jenkins, Kim Yocum, Julie Zachesky, and Brenda Berriker.

Church School: Children from 3 years through grade 6 are invited to participate in church school on the third Sunday of the month at 11:00 AM. Our next church school is November 17th.

Shenkel Prayer Group: Meets at 10:00 am on the first Thursday of the month. All are welcome to participate. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and celebrate the Spirit of God moving among us as we pray together.

Thanksgiving Soup Supper: November 24th, at 5:30 pm.

Prayer Lottery: Shenkel will be praying for:

Connie Armbruster

Ronald and Carol Pearson

Erika Price

Mindy, Isabelle and Sela Chidawu

Sandy Rowe

Birthdays in the month of October:

Glen Hoff	10/2/2024	Stacia Bradley	10/13/2024
Joe Granger	10/5/2024	Aaron Foss	10/14/2024
Forrest Kreiger	10/5/2024	Roberta Peterman	10/20/2024
Sharon Snyder	10/6/2024	Cameron Dushanko	10/23/2024

Adrienne Wanner	10/7/2024	Lisa Yocom	10/24/2024
David Phillips	10/8/2024	Betsy Bevan	10/28/2024
William Zachesky	10/10/2024	Jacoby Mest	10/29/2024
Susan Stultz	10/12/2024	Aaron Gray	10/31/2024