

August 29, 2021
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Music as we Prepare for Worship “Kneeling at the Altar” Brem

Meditation “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: We have gathered here this morning to worship God.

People: We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.

Pastor: We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

**All: We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives, and to
Ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.**

Opening Hymn “Morning Has Broken” Shenkel Songbook #78

*Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from Heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where His feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
born of the One Light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!
God's re-creation of the new day!*

~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, whose care never ceases, we come to you as we are. We are tired from trying to do more than we can manage. We are anxious about problems which go unresolved. We are worried about events beyond our control. We do not easily let go. For mistakes we cannot redeem, for tasks left undone, for uncertain goals, we need your forgiveness and ask for your understanding. For recovery of strength and enthusiasm, we pray for your Spirit. For fullness of life, generous hearts, and contented souls, we pray to be followers of Christ Jesus. In your mercy, restore us and lead us. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

When we confess our sin God is faithful and just to forgive our sin. Friends, believe the good news; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free.

Special Music

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

Richard Blanchard © 1959

~ We Hear God’s Word ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Susan Royer

The Epistle Reading: James 1:17-27

The Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection “Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary” Shenkel Songbook #13

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving,
I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.*

*God empow’r me to be a witness for you,
Acting boldly, in your name; seeking justice,
Where there is hurting off’ring hope everywhere there is pain.*

~ 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
North Coventry Meals on Wheels program - Meals on Wheels of Chester County (MOWCC)
serves hundreds of homebound citizens throughout the county, including members from our own
church family.

Doxology

***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.***

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Music

“Take My Gifts”

Shenkel Songbook #52

***Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free,
now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply!***

***Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
spiced with humor, laced with laughter flavor of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.***

***Take whatever I can offer gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.***

Benediction

Parting Music

“Rise Up O My Soul”

Good

Announcements

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

Pat Kuestner
Chris and Ted Gray
Forrest Kreiger
Sandy and Ray Rowe
Stephanie Viti

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 8/29 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary
 ~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 9/5 ~ Community Worship service with Temple in the Grove at 9:45 am

Lisa will be on vacation 9/5 through 9/12.

Scripture Readings for September 5:

Isaiah 35:4-7a and Mark 7:24-37

Pottstown Cluster. We will be collecting items again for the Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are body wash (adult), body wash (kids), shampoo, conditioner, 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.

Friends Helping Friends

Come and shop at Boscov's on Wednesday, October 20. You will need to purchase a shopping pass for \$5.00 and get a 25 % discount on most items. Please see Tootie or Louise for your pass. Shenkel gets to keep the \$5.00 as a fundraiser.

Here are two addresses to which you can send condolences to the Baseley family.

Dave/Carol Baseley
111 Schweitz Rd.
Fleetwood, PA 19522

Sharon/Ted Madden
116 Piedmont Ave.
West Berlin, NJ 08091