

The Worship Service

Sunday, July 21, 2024



Shenkel United Church of Christ

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Shenkel 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 Prelude and Fugue (Fischer)

Welcome

Invocation

Congregational Introit Lord Prepare Me (SSB 13)

Call to Worship

L: Come away and rest for a while. Leave behind your busyness to be fully present to God.

C: We have come for relief from life's turmoil. God gathers us as a shepherd gathers her sheep.

L: God's steadfast love surrounds us here. We are reminded of God's enduring faithfulness.

C: This is God's house, and we are God's children. God invites us to feel at home in this place.

Opening Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" (SSB 25)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

In Jesus Christ, God broke the barrier of sin and pain which separates us from our neighbor, ourselves, and our God. We seek God's grace so we might move from alienation to new life.

Prayer of Confession

When we deny your presence in our busy days – When we feel justified in our anger and resentment toward others – When we judge others before looking at ourselves – O God grant us new life in you.

When we occupy ourselves in worldly matters and reject your peace and assurance – When we refuse to follow your will because we are fearful and untrusting – When we seek the security of false gods and turn our faces from your Light – O God, grant us new life in you.

~Silence for Prayer and Meditation~

Assurance of Pardon

There is no greater joy in the heart of God than this moment now! For in this moment, we call upon God to grant us new life in the center of our wounded hearts. Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free!

Special Music Child Of Blessing, Child Of Promise (Ronald S. Cole-turner/Dan Wolgemuth) © Words-© 1981, Renewed-1988 Hope Publishing Company [CCLI #1727790] / Music-© 2022 First Run Muzik Psalter (ASCAP); Analexis Foss, Soloist

~We Hear God's Word~

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalms 89:20-37

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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

Sermon

Rev Suzanne M. Spauling

Hymn for Reflection: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

(SSB47)

Welcome

L: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

C: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.

L: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.

Address

L: Jesus said: Unless we are born anew, we cannot see the reign of God; unless we are born of water and the Spirit, we cannot enter God's new order. Paul the apostle said: All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into Christ's death. We were buried therefore with Christ by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, to the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.

L: The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. In as much as the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's church the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

C: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ members of Christ's body.

Questions of the Candidates

Pastor: Do you desire to have your children baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parents: I / We do.

Pastor: Will you encourage these children to renounce the powers of evil and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

Parents: I / We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Will you teach these children that they may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Parents: I / We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple(s), to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Parents: I / We do, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with these children in the Christian faith, to help these children to be faithful members of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that they may affirm their baptism?

Parents: I / We do, with the help of God.

Congregational Assent

L: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

C: We promise our love, support, and care.

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the mad of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion of victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

Prayer of Baptism

L: Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

L: We thank you, God, for the gift of creation called forth by your saving Word. Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life.

In the time of Noah, you washed the earth with the waters of the flood, and your ark of salvation bore a new beginning.

Benediction

Postlude

Rejoice

(Innes)

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding
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Sexton: Stacy Keim

Music Director: Dan Wolgemuth
Organist: Susan Royer
Ministers: All Members of the Church

Announcements:

Sunday, July 21, 2024

~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 7/21/24 ~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Grove.

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 7/28/24 ~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Grove.

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



Scripture Reading for July 28th

Pam McShane

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18
John 6:1-21

Ice Cream Sundae Sunday Social Today! \$5.00 per bowl, all proceeds go to the Mission Fund.

Gaza Conversation on 7/28/24: After church in the Social Hall. Potluck lunch – bring something to share for lunch.

Save the date: August 10th outdoor summer concert with Bobby Jo Valentine here at Shenkel UCC, preceded by Pottstown Area Pride Festival from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Bring a lawn chair. **Volunteers are needed for:** Parking, Security, Food, Games, Set up, Clean up and General. To sign up to volunteer go to: pottstownpride.org/volunteer.

Famous Shenkel Corn & Pig Roast Sunday, August 25, 2024 at 5 PM

Corn, Pig and Beverages to be provided.

Things to Bring:

- Your family and friends!
- Place settings for your family
- Side & Dessert to share

Blessings of the Animals (Service) and All Church Picnic on 9/29/24: following the service.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends on 10/22/24: \$5.00 Coupon Shopping Passes. Shopping can be done in any Boscov's or this year online!!

Any further suggestions for things to do, please contact Louise Hine at 610-385-3716 (home) or Tootie Hine 610-781-6645 (cell) or at angels2we@gmail.com.

Cluster donations for July: Men's and women's razors and shaving cream.

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.

80 Paper Towel Rolls: We continue to collect paper towels for Christ Episcopal. We have already collected and delivered 10 month's worth. Thank you for your generosity. Donations of any size are welcome.

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. April 21st is our next church school. Our next church school will be in September.

The Agape Group is re-organizing and will now become the Shenkel Prayer Group. This will be a time for prayer requests, meditation, fellowship and a way to explore prayer. We will be meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 10AM at Freda Wanner's home starting in June. Freda's address is 1752 Temple Rd, Pottstown 19465. All are welcome, including new faces! Come join us for a cup of coffee or tea and celebrate the Spirit of God moving among us. Any questions feel free to talk with Tootie and/or Louise.

Prayer Lottery: Shenkel will be praying for:

Louise Hine

Dede and Peter Wanner

Aaron Gray

Ben Mocarski

Cameron Dushanko

Birthdays in the month of July:

Laura Golden 7/1/2024

Lucas Gray 7/2/2024

Susan Royer 7/5/2024

Daniel Snyder 7/7/2024

Erika Burhans Price	7/9/2024
Stacey Keim	7/10/2024
Linda Jonides	7/11/2024
Laura Hauze	7/12/2024
Leslie Hauze	7/12/2024
Joel Sweinhart	7/12/2024
Rebecca Major	7/13/2024
Hannah Dyott	7/14/2024
Jess Hartzell	7/18/2024
Steve Mest	7/18/2024
Lori Klein	7/20/2024
Tully Meehan	7/21/2024
Rachel Berrick	7/24/2024
Julie Zachesky	7/24/2024
Lucy Hartzell	7/25/2024
Cody Moyer	7/26/2024
Lucas Zachesky	7/27/2024
Lindsay Hoff	7/28/2024
Christian O'Drain	7/29/2024

