

# *Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!*

*Sunday, November 6, 2022 – Traditional Service at 9:45 am*

*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

## *~Gathering Together ~*

Prelude “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” JS Bach

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Choral Introit

“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: How good to gather for worship on an autumn morning. Praise be to God!

**People: God has given us this season of cider and sweaters, brown gardens and bright leaves, bold breezes and smoky smells.**

Pastor: God has given us this season when both apples and moonlit nights are crisp.

**People: God has given us this season of squirrels scampering in the leaves and geese veering southward in the sky.**

**ALL: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Let us worship our Creator on this good autumn day.**

Opening Hymn

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

NCH # 1

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might;  
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,  
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Your life is life-giving - to both great and small;  
in all life you’re living, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,  
then wither and perish—but naught dims your powers.

So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light,  
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we now render as your angels do;  
In awe at the splendor of light hiding you.

~ *Coming Alive in Community* ~

Call to Confession

Trusting in God's grace and mercy, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

**O God of Grace, we confess that sometimes we are unsure of our faith. We are weighed down with doubt and guilt, and do not have the courage to trust in you. Fill our hearts with the assurance of your love, and renew our courage through your Holy Spirit, that we may serve you with joyful abandon. Amen.**

*Silence for Prayer and Reflection*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ we have been forgiven and set free!

Special Music

~ *We Hear God's Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Gospel Reading: Luke 20: 27-38

Sandy Rowe

Reading of Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

The Old Testament Reading: Haggai 2:1-9

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

"Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"

NCH # 307

Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
One whose word cannot be broken formed you a blessed abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.

See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
Well supply your sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.

Who can faint, while such a river ever will their thirst assuage;  
Grace which, like our God, the Giver, never fails from age to age?

‘Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a covering, showing that their God is near!  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city we through grace a part may claim,  
Let the world deride or pity, we will glory in your name.  
Fading is all worldly pleasure, all earth boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures, none but Zion's children know.

*~ Sharing Blessings With Others ~*

Prayers of the People

Offering our Gifts - Thank you for your faithful support of Shenkel's ongoing ministries  
*All Saints Day/PSEC Retired - The All Saints Offering is used to supplement the needs of the retired pastors, spouses, and widows in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference who need assistance with health and dental insurance. Your generosity will bring peace of mind and improved health to those who have served the church so faithfully in the past.*

Offertory

“Choral Meditation”

Martin

Offering Response

“We Praise You, O God”

NCH # 420

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Prayer of Dedication

*~ Holy Communion~*

Invitation

Thanksgiving Prayer

Minister: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to God.**

Minister: Let us thank God;.

**People: It is good to thank God.**

Pastor: We thank you, God, that you have provided... And now, as your daughters and sons whom have been reconciled to yourself, we pray:

**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.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

**All: Thank you, God, for renewing us at your table by the presence of our Christ. Thank you for your eternal love, the Bread of Life, that sustains all creation. May you continue to love us in our faithful acts and by that love discourage us from our unfaithful acts, that we might rejoice as your servants to the world. Amen.**

*~ Going out in Joy ~*

Sending Hymn

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

NCH # 342

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;  
O Savior, stay with us, and spread your table in our heart.

Here share with us in love divine, your body and your blood;  
That living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

Benediction

Postlude

“God the Almighty”

Davidson

*Announcements*

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

Elaine and Jim Bevan  
Susan and Barry Miller  
Forrest Kreiger  
Barbara Sweinhart  
Stephanie Viti

*~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~*

Sun., 11/6 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.  
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in sanctuary  
~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am  
Tues., 11/8 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am  
~ Consistory at 6:30 pm  
Wed., 11/9 ~ Yoga at 4:30 pm  
~ White Privilege Discussion at 7 pm

*~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~*

- Sun., 11/13 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.  
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in sanctuary  
~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am  
~ PSEC Fall Meeting 3 pm
- Tues., 11/15 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am  
~ Midday Dinner Club at Red Lobster at 12 pm  
~ Operation 143
- Wed., 11/16 ~ Yoga at 4:30 pm  
~ White Privilege Discussion at 7 pm
- Thurs., 11/17 ~ Card Class at 10 am  
~ Agape at 6:30 pm

**Pottstown Cluster.** This month's items are mouthwash, toothpaste (kids and regular). Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster.

**Pottstown Cluster Holiday meal & Christmas gifts.** Shenkel's collection assignment for the Cluster's Christmas meal this year is 200 cans of gravy. Start looking for those sales now. Deadline to donate is Sunday, December 11. For Christmas, we are also collecting gifts for children ages newborn to 17 years old. The gifts can be unwrapped or a gift card. Deadline to contribute is also Sunday, December 11. Thank you!

We will be offering opportunities for **continuing education and discussion about white privilege.** We will be using the UCC curriculum "White Privilege, let's talk, A Resource for Transformational Dialogue" Again there will be three different discussion times in which to participate starting October 23 (part 3 ends this week):

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 the third section 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 learning and growing together as we work our way through this curriculum.

**Thanksgiving Sunday Soup Supper** on November 20th at 5:30 pm. Details to follow.

**Volunteers Needed** for acolyte and scripture readers. If interested, please see Tootie.

**Thank you** for participating in Friends Helping Friends at Boscov's. We raised \$350 for our Mission Fund.

