

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

~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession

God our creator, our shepherd, our provider, as we gather together to give you praise and thanks, we acknowledge that our memories of blessings can be short, and our memories of hardship are often long. Our anxieties about the present and future sometimes cause us to forget our experiences of your providence. We struggle to find your peace in our daily lives. We acknowledge that fear and worry make us greedy, and cause us to overlook the needs of our neighbors. God, we know that you created us in your image, and that you long for us to rejoice, give thanks, and share.

Pause for a time for silent prayer and reflection.

Forgive us for the ways we fall short of your desires for us. Heal us of all that separates us from you. Renew in us your spirit of generous love, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Special Music "Be Thou My Vision" Sandy Rowe, Soprano; Lori Scharneck, Alto
Ancient Irish Hymn, Versified by Eleanor H. Hull © 2022 First Run Muzik Psalter (ASCAP)
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~ We Hear God's Word ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Susan Royer

The Gospel Reading: Luke 1:68-79

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

NCH # 304

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Christ servant of all!
Attend the Savior's sovereign claim, and crown Christ servant of all.

Adorn, O martyred saints of old, the coronation hall;
Extol the wounded One foretold, and crown Christ bearer of all.
Extol the wounded One foretold, and crown Christ bearer of all.

All heirs of Israel's chosen race, now ransomed from the fall,
Proclaim the wonders of God's grace, and crown Christ healer of all.
Proclaim the wonders of God's grace, and crown Christ healer of all.

Before the cross, with heaven's throng, we on our knees shall fall;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Christ savior of all.
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~ 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 "Rise Up My Heart with Gladness" JS Bach

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

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" NCH # 460

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our parents' arms, has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God our Maker now be given,
To Christ, and Spirit, too, our help in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Benediction

Postlude

“Nun Danket”

Karg-Elert

Announcements

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

Olivia Dushanko
Lisa and Barry Yocom
Sharon, Dan, Malcolm and Amelia Snyder
Wanda and Steve Craner

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 11/20 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in sanctuary
~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
~ Community Thanksgiving Soup Supper at 5:30 pm
Tues., 11/22 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
Thurs., 11/24 ~Happy Thanksgiving – Office closed

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 11/27 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in sanctuary

Scripture Readings for November 27:
Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

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!

Thanksgiving Sunday Soup Supper on November 20th at 5:30 pm. See Louise if you are interested in bringing soup. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.

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