

February 27, 2022
Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“Larghetto”

Mozart

Greeting

Gathering Hymn

“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

We have come at Christ’s own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God’s grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
We, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

Call to Confession

Let us honestly open ourselves to God.

Prayer of Confession

O God, you know the times when we have looked the other way because it was more convenient. When we have been silent, because it was safer. When we have ignored another’s cries, because we have just been too busy. Forgive us and help us be better disciples today.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

Listen to the good news. We are forgiven and are free from our past sins. We go now as new people.

Special Music

“Shine, Jesus Shine”
Graham Hendricks (CCLI #30426)

Tootie Hine, Soloist

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

Sermon

Randy Berriker

Hymn for Reflection

“Be Now My Vision”

Be now my vision, O God of my heart; nothing surpasses the love you impart –
You my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, your presence my light.

Be now my wisdom, and be my true word; ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me, now and forever your child I will be.

Riches I need not, nor life’s empty praise, you, my inheritance, now and always;
You and you only are first in my heart, great God, my treasure, may we never part.

Sovereign of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Prayers of Intercession/ Lord's Prayer

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

Pottstown Homeless Ministries Fund - *This fund will continue to provide support for the homeless drop-in ministry held monthly during the winter.*

Parting Hymn

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
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 lifegiving – 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.

Benediction

Postlude

“May the Sending One Defend You”

Thompson

Announcements

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

Forrest Kreiger
Lynne and Cody Moyer
Betsy and Ken Bevan
Wanda and Steve Craner
Carole and Henry Bailey

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 2/27 ~ Virtual Service posted to YouTube at 9:45 am
Wed., 3/2 ~ Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

- Sun., 3/7 ~ Reflective Worship service with communion at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
 ~ Worship service with communion in the sanctuary at 9:45 am
 ~ Annual Congregational Meeting following worship
 ~ Choir Rehearsal at 11 am
 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
Tues., 3/8 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
 ~ Consistory meeting at 6:30 pm
Wed., 3/2 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 7 pm

Scripture Readings for March 6:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Luke 4:1-13

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are body wash (adults and kids), shampoo, conditioner and 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. Items for next month will be adult lotion, deodorant, feminine tampons, laundry detergent.

Annual Congregational Meeting. On Sunday, March 6th, we will hold the Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following the **Traditional worship service**. Copies of the 2021 Annual Report will be available. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Lenten Bible Study. Beginning with the first Sunday in Lent, March 6, we will be offering opportunities for education and discussion about white privilege. We will be using the UCC curriculum "White Privilege, let's talk, A Resource for Transformational Dialogue."

In an effort to make the discussion available to as many people as possible there will be three different discussion times in which to participate:

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. Each group will be working on the same topic while the discussions will vary according to the people who attend. You can pick up a copy of the first section, "The Spiritual Autobiography Told through the Lens of Race", at the church office. The expectation is that you will have read the first chapter and arrive ready to join in a discussion.

Mid-day Dinner club will be meeting at Coventry Pub on Tuesday, March 15 at noon. It is open to young-at-heart adults of any age who enjoy eating out and would like to get to know other Shenkel members a little better. If you are attending, please add your name and phone number on the sign up sheet no later than Sunday, March 13 so your reservation can be made on time or you may call Sharon Sabo at 610-326-1945 or let her know at the Sunday service if you are able to attend.