

November 7, 2021
Twenty fourth Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Gathering Music “Holy Spirit, Rain Down” Frager

Centering Music “Open My Eyes” Bulletin Insert

Call to Worship

Pastor: We are here not because we have found God but because God our Creator has called us here,

People: Challenging us to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, and to be servants in the service of the whole human family.

Pastor: But the call is also God’s promise:

People: A promise of forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, and eternal life in that realm which has no end.

All: Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto God!

Opening Hymn “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” Bulletin Insert

~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

Let us come with confidence and humility to our time of confession.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, our soul, our strength, our mind. We have not loved our neighbors with a deep and abiding compassion. And we have not loved ourselves and cared for our own truest needs. Transform our shallowness, enliven our deadness, heal our wounded, broken places, and so fill us with your spirit that we can be forgiven, even as we forgive ourselves and others. For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ who brings us love that has no end. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

God is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear the good news; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free.

Special Music “Give Thanks” Tootie Hine, Soloist

Henry Smart © 1978 Integrity’s Hosanna! Music [CCLI #20285]

~ *We Hear God's Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: I Kings 17:8-16

Barbara Brown

The Reading of Psalms: Psalm 146

The Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Bulletin Insert

~ *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

***All Saints Day/PSEC Retired** - 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.*

Offering Response

***We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.***

~ *Holy Communion* ~

Invitation

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week, Jesus

Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

People: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather at Christ's table.

Pastor: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

Communion Prayer

Minister: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Minister: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks, Holy One.....we worship and glorify you, God Most Holy.

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory,
O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the
highest!**

Pastor: For in the night of betrayal..... Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance
of me.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Holy One, show forth kingdom of justice and peace. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread, The Pouring of the Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Let us pray.

**All: We give you thanks, God of abundant life, for bread and friendship and hope. With
these gifts of your grace we are nourished. With these signs of your presence we are able to
be faithful. Continue then to nourish us, inspire us, and call us, that we might help make
your Reign more of a reality in our day. Amen.**

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Music

“Because I Have Been Given Much”

Bulletin Insert

Benediction

Parting Music

“Fantasia”

Telemann

Announcements

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

Angeline Viti

Betty Bortz

Lynn, David and Katie Derman

Faye and Ed Pedrick

Matthew Scharneck

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

- Sun., 11/7 ~ Reflective Worship service with Communion at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
Congregational meeting to follow.
~ Worship service with Communion in the Social Hall at 9:45 am.
Congregational meeting to follow.
~ Youth Group trip to Wilcox Farms. 2 pm in grove.
- Tues., 11/9 ~ Consistory at 6:30 pm
- Thurs., 11/11 ~ Office closed

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

- Sun., 11/14 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service in the Social Hall at 9:45 am.
- Tues., 11/16 ~ Midday Dinner Club at BlackJax Restaurant at noon
- Thurs., 11/18 ~ Agape at Freda Wanner's at 6:30 pm

Scripture Readings for November 14:

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Mark 13:1-8

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are dish soap, multi-purpose cleaners, toilet paper. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster.

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday , November 24 at 7 pm on Zoom. Please let Pastor Suzanne know if you are interested so she can send you an invitation to join on Zoom.

Pottstown Cluster Holiday meal & Christmas gifts

Shenkel's collection assignment for the Cluster's Christmas meal this year is 200 cans of corn. Start looking for those sales now. Deadline to donate is Sunday, December 12. 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 12. Thank you!