

June 26, 2022
Third Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Prelude "Ballade" Burgmuller

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Choral Introit "Let Your Spirit Come" Songbook # 96
Let your Spirit come, let your Spirit come; fall upon me now, fall upon me now.
Let your spirit come, let your Spirit come; fall upon us now, fall upon us now.
Let your rain fall down, let your rain fall down; pour upon our souls, pour upon our souls.
Come and wash us now, come and wash us now;
come and make us whole, come and make us whole.
Let your Spirit come, let your Spirit come; fall upon me now, fall upon me now.
Let your spirit come, let your Spirit come; fall upon us now, fall upon us now.

Call to Worship

Pastor: We come today, representing all the majesty of creation

People: Diverse and beautiful, blessed and beloved, all made in the image of the Creator of all things.

Pastor: We come today, called to this time and this place by an infinite God

People: Who hears our cries and responds with love and mercy.

Pastor: We come today, Transgender, Nonbinary, Bisexual, Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Intersex, Gay, Queer, Ally

People: We come today, knowing you will listen and answer our needs.

Pastor: We come today, to deliver our joined prayers of hope.

People: We come today, a people mourning still our losses, still recovering from the ravages of the Covid-19 pandemic and the pandemic of institutionalized racism that has plagued our world for too many centuries.

Pastor: We come today, knowing you care for us.

People: We come today, knowing that even when others reject us, your arms are open to offer comfort. We come. (KFR, 2020)

Opening Hymn "The Summer Days are Come Again" Songbook # 34

The summer days are come again; Once more the glad earth yields
Her golden wealth of ripening grain, And breath of clover fields,
And deepening shade of summer woods, And glow of summer air,
And winging thoughts, and happy moods Of love and joy and prayer.

The summer days are come again; The birds are on the wing;
God's praises, in their loving strain, Unconsciously they sing.
We know who giveth all the good That doth our cup o'er-brim;
For summer joy in field and wood, We lift our song to Him. Amen.

~ *Coming Alive in Community* ~

Call to Confession

God has always been there for us, loving us and calling us to be all that we can be. Let us tell God all about ourselves, not leaving anything out.

Prayer of Confession

Everloving, everliving God, you have given us life itself and have asked us to be life-giving people in your name. But we, in turn, have cared more about ourselves and our comfort than about your people in every place. There are people in our very presence who are left out of our thoughts and prayers, because our minds and hearts are too crowded with all the things that will make us feel self-satisfied. The world aches for peace, while we proclaim power to be more important. People on our streets go hungry because we make sure that we are full before even thinking about them. God, forgive us and renew in us the purpose to live and love as Jesus did. In his name we pray. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear the good news, our sins are forgiven.

Special Music

“God is Faithful” Dan Wolgemuth, Piano
Dan Wolgemuth © 2022 First Run Muzik Psalter ASCAP

~ *We Hear God’s Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51-62

Barbara Brown

The Reading of Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

The Epistle Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-14

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“Spirit of the Living God”
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Songbook # 58

~ *Sharing Blessings With Others* ~

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Our Savior

Minister: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.

Choral Sending “Teach Us How to Live” Songbook # 99
In these last days I will pour out my Spirit, grace for ev’ryone.
Those who by faith call on me for salvation enter my kingdom.
Your young men will see visions, your daughters will prophesy.
Wonders in heaven and signs on earth point to Jesus Christ.
Turn from your sin and be baptized in Jesus, He alone forgives;
Receive this gift, Holy Spirit in dwell us, teach us how to live.
Teach us how to live.

Postlude “Shout to the North” Smith

Announcements

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

Joan and Joe Palubinsky
Angeline Viti
Glen Bradley
Kay Ellis
Erika Price

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 6/26 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
 ~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 7/3 ~ Reflective Worship service with Communion at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
 ~ Worship service with Communion in the Grove at 9:45 am

Scripture Readings for July 3:

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20; Psalm 66:1-9; II Kings 5:1-14

The A/V team is looking for additional people to stream worship services on Sunday mornings. We will provide as much personalized training needed for you to feel comfortable. Senior high youth are also welcome as long as they feel comfortable using a computer. If you can help or have any interest please notify Gary McDermit or Dave Derman.

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are paper towels, razors, and shaving cream. 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.

Thank you to Dan Jenkins for providing the refreshments after the service today.

We are looking for a few more people to provide refreshments on the following Sundays:
July 10; July 31; August 14; August 21; August 28; September 11; September 18; September 25