

# *Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!*

*Sunday, July 24, 2022 – Traditional Service at 9:45 am*

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

*~Gathering Together ~*

Prelude “For the Beauty of the Earth” Kocher

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: The Word of God is a letter of love.

**People: It is addressed directly to us. It is carried to us by Christ.**

Pastor: Through worship and service, we open it up. In doing so, we open ourselves.

**People: The message of love gets written upon our hearts. We become as living letters created to deliver the good news.**

**All: With glad and grateful spirits, we gather to worship our loving God, who sends us like joyful letters into a waiting world.**

Opening Hymn “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” Songbook # 66

Come, Christians, join to sing: Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ we bring: Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!  
Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise we with grateful choice: Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!

Come lift your hearts on high: Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky: Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!  
Christ is our Guide and Friend on whom we can depend;  
his love shall never end: Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain: Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore; Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!

~ *Coming Alive in Community* ~

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. 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, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free.

Special Music

~ *We Hear God's Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Reading of Psalm 138

Susan Royer

The Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13

The Epistle Reading: Colossians 2:6-15

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

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Jon Fogle

Hymn for Reflection

“Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary”

Songbook # 13

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

God empower me to be a witness for you, acting boldly, in your name;  
Seeking justice, where there is hurting off'ring hope where there is pain.

~ *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  
**Bill Boyer Scholarship Award-** *This scholarship was established to help further the education of students who are members of Shenkel UCC and have completed high school, or for mission work associated with technical and trade endeavors. Applications, available from the church office, are due by Feb. 15th of each year, and awards are announced by April 15th of each year.*

Offering Response                      "We Plow the Fields"                      Songbook # 36  
All good gifts around us Are sent from heaven above;  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord For all His love. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

*~ Going out in Joy ~*

Sending Hymn                      "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"                      Songbook # 62  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;  
Unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal;  
Chart and compass ever be; Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, you can hush the ocean wild;  
Boisterous waves obey your will when you say to them, "Be still."  
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar,  
Keeping me from peaceful rest, then, while leaning on your breast,  
May I hear your words so true, "Fear not, I will pilot you."

Benediction

Choral Sending                      "You Shall Go Out with Joy"                      Songbook # 101  
You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.  
And the mountains and the hill will break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap,  
will clap their hands.  
And the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
while you go out with joy You shall go.

Postlude                      "Scherzo in Dm"                      Gurlitt

## *Announcements*

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

Joel Sweinhart  
Linda and John Jonides  
Jess, Adam, JJ and Lucy Hartzell  
Kelly Martin  
Matthew Scharneck

### *~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~*

Sun., 7/24 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary. Rev. Dr. Jon Fogle preaching  
Mon., 7/25 ~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am Rev. Dr. Jon Fogle preaching  
~ Community Meal at noon

### *~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~*

Sun., 7/31 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary. Rev. Wanda Craner preaching  
~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am Rev. Wanda Craner preaching

Pastor Suzanne will be on vacation July 18 through July 31.

Scripture Readings for July 31:

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Luke 12:13-21

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.

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:  
August 21; August 28; September 18; September 25

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

**Congregational Meeting** to Approve Fellowship Hall Roof Repair. A congregational meeting will be held after each service on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> for the express purpose on voting to repair the Fellowship Hall Roof. More information and proxy votes will be available prior to the meeting.