

The Worship Service
Sunday, July 28, 2024

At the end of knowledge stands Jesus

Shenkel United Church of Christ

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Shenkel UCC's Covenant Statement

So reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it, now you do it!
(Romans 15:7, *The Message*)

We are aware of pain organized religion has inflicted on many; and we are aware many places of worship have not given the extravagant welcome God offers to us all. Therefore, Shenkel United Church of Christ covenants to extend heartfelt hospitality to ALL. Shenkel UCC affirms all persons are created in the image of God, so we offer full inclusion (communion, life, and ministries) in the faith journey of this congregation, regardless of differences: whether religious background, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, national origin, immigration and refugee status, age, ethnicity, relationship status, addiction/recovery, physical or mental ability, and political affiliation. We proclaim this statement: **no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018

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~Gathering Together~

Prelude

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

(Doris Akers)

Welcome

Invocation

Call to Worship

L: Something awakened us this morning – perhaps day's dawning, the smell of brewing coffee, the sounds of the alarm on the shelf or an animal needing attention.

C: And now we gather with awakened spirits to worship with others the Creator of this day.

L: Something moved us this morning – we left behind a sufficiency of sleep or a restless night, we engaged in feeding and dressing, we left our homes for here.

C: And now we gather in this place to worship the Christ who moves among us and to follow the Spirit which leads us into deeds of love.

All: May ours be a faith that is both awake and moving as we serve our God.

Opening Hymn

“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

(SSB#15)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

Let us confess our short comings to God.

Prayer of Confession

O God of love, God of power, we have heard your promises of abundant life and have been afraid to believe them. We have worshiped you with our lips but have reserved parts of ourselves for our own purposes and plans. We are bound by our need for absolute certainty and so we often miss your living presence in the surprises of life. Renew us by turning our trust to you again. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free.

Special Music

There's A Spirit in The Air (Brian Wren/Henry A. Casar Malani) Brian McShane, Soloist

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons
2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18
John 6:1-21

Pam McShane

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

Sermon

Rev Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: "Break Thou The Bread Of Life "

(SSB #17)

~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 Mother/Father, who are 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.

July’s Special Offering: The Bill Boyer and Bill Burhan scholarship funds.

Offertory He Knows My Name

(Tommy Walker)

Offering Response "Rise Up, Rise Up"

(SSB 2)

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn "Pass It On "

(SSB #76)

Benediction

Postlude Teach Us How to Live

(Dan Wolgemuth)

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Organist: Susan Royer

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Announcements:

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~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 7/28/24 ~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Grove.

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 8/4/24 ~ Traditionalish Worship service with communion at 9:45 am in the Grove.

Tues, 8/20/24 ~ Midday Dinner at Island Pizza at 12:00 pm.

Please feel free to scan this code to donate through our online giving page.



Scripture Reading for August 4th

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalm 78:23-29

John 6:24-35

Brian McShane

Gaza Conversation Today: After church in the Social Hall. Potluck lunch – bring something to share for lunch.

Save the date: August 10th outdoor summer concert with Bobby Jo Valentine here at Shenkel UCC, preceded by Pottstown Area Pride Festival from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Bring a lawn chair. **Volunteers are needed for:** Parking, Security, Food, Games, Set up, Clean up and General. To sign up to volunteer go to: pottstownpride.org/volunteer.

Famous Shenkel Corn & Pig Roast Sunday, August 25, 2024 at 5 PM

Corn, Pig and Beverages to be provided.

Things to Bring:

- Your family and friends!
- Place settings for your family
- Side & Dessert to share

Blessings of the Animals (Service) and All Church Picnic on 9/29/24: following the service.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends on 10/22/24: \$5.00 Coupon Shopping Passes. Shopping can be done in any Boscov's or this year online!!

Any further suggestions for things to do, please contact Louise Hine at 610-385-3716 (home) or Tootie Hine 610-781-6645 (cell) or at angels2we@gmail.com.

Cluster donations for July: Men's and women's razors and shaving cream.

Grocery run? Consider using Giant and Redner's cards for your grocery store purchases: Shenkel earns \$5 for every \$100 on Giant and Redner's gift cards – which are available every week at church.

40 Paper Towel Rolls: We continue to collect paper towels for Christ Episcopal. We have already collected and delivered 11 month's worth. Thank you for your generosity. Donations of any size are welcome.

Stewardship: Stewardship Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. The charge of the committee is to: find ways to increase much needed revenue, attract new members, and identify new ways to provide ministry. Please contact members of the committee with your thoughts. Committee members: Chris Gray, Dan Jenkins, Kim Yocum, Julie Zachesky, and Brenda Berriker.

Church School: Children from 3 years through grade 6 are invited to participate in church school on the third Sunday of the month at 11:00 AM. April 21st is our next church school. Our next church school will be in September.

The Agape Group is re-organizing and will now become the Shenkel Prayer Group. This will be a time for prayer requests, meditation, fellowship and a way to explore prayer. We will be meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 10AM at Freda Wanner's home starting in June. Freda's address is 1752 Temple Rd, Pottstown 19465. All are welcome, including new faces! Come join us for a cup of coffee or tea and celebrate the Spirit of God moving among us. Any questions feel free to talk with Tootie and/or Louise.

Prayer Lottery: Shenkel will be praying for:

Eric Klein
Barbara Sweinhart
Wayne Klein
Joyce Pashley
Collin Gray

Birthdays in the month of July:

Laura Golden	7/1/2024
Lucas Gray	7/2/2024
Susan Royer	7/5/2024
Daniel Snyder	7/7/2024
Erika Burhans Price	7/9/2024
Stacey Keim	7/10/2024
Linda Jonides	7/11/2024
Laura Hauze	7/12/2024
Leslie Hauze	7/12/2024
Joel Sweinhart	7/12/2024
Rebecca Major	7/13/2024
Hannah Dyott	7/14/2024
Jess Hartzell	7/18/2024
Steve Mest	7/18/2024
Lori Klein	7/20/2024
Tully Meehan	7/21/2024
Rachel Berriker	7/24/2024
Julie Zachesky	7/24/2024
Lucy Hartzell	7/25/2024
Cody Moyer	7/26/2024
Lucas Zachesky	7/27/2024
Lindsay Hoff	7/28/2024
Christian O'Drain	7/29/2024

