

The Worship Service
Sunday, October 13, 2024

Teach us, O Beloved,
to honor each day that
we may have a heart
of wisdom.

Shenkel United Church of Christ

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Shenkel's 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 Processional in G (Stanley)

Welcome

Invocation

Silent Centering

Call to Worship

L: Though a morning tiredness or a remnant of last night's sleep may linger in our systems,

C: We gather to worship, O God, with a desire for alertness in the depths of our being, for renewal and refreshment of our spirits.

L: Having enjoyed a hearty breakfast or a hasty cup of coffee,

C: We gather to worship, O God, with an appetite for fellowship, a thirst for wisdom, a need for the lasting nourishment of your Word.

L: Leaving behind this morning's newspaper, with its eye-catching headlines and items from around the world,

C: We gather to worship, O God, to celebrate the headline news of your constant presence among us, to affirm your love for all the inhabitants of Earth. With many thanks, we join together for worship.

Opening Hymn "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" (NCH#42)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

We are called to examine our faithfulness to God's covenant with us. God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Special Music

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Brian McShane

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm 90:12-17

Mark 10:17-31

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: "Let Justice Flow Like Streams"

(NCH#588)

~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.

October's Special Offering – Neighbors in Need.

Offertory

Offertory on Dandesoy

(Baylor)

Offering Response

"We Give You But Your Own"

(NCH#785)

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn

"Lord, I Want To Be A Christian"

(NCH#454)

Benediction

Postlude

Native American Melody

(Lacquiparle)

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Email: shenkelpastor@gmail.com

Sexton: Stacy Keim

Ministers: All Members of the Church

Music Director: Dan Wolgemuth

Organist: Susan Royer

Secretary: Danielle Petersen

**Announcements:
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~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 10/13/2024 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary
~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary
Tues, 10/15/2024 ~ Midday Dinner at Giovanni's at 12:00 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

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



Scripture Reading for October 20th

Louise Hine

Job 38:1-7
Psalm 104:1-9
Mark 10:35-45

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!! Saturday, October 12th starting at noon we will be sitting there selling coupons. We will be able to be there for 3 hours or more. If anyone can help us it would be greatly appreciated, Tootie and Louise Hine. Any further suggestions for things to do, please contact Lousie Hine at 610-385-3716 (Home) or Tootie Hine 610-781-6645 (cell) or at angels2we@gmail.com.

Speaker Series: Saturday, October 26th from 1-3 pm, Rev. Bill Worley will start our speaker series with "Strategies for Loving Each Other in Times of Polarization". Invite your friends and come ready to be challenged and inspired.

Carol Lykens Giving Challenge: We're receiving gifts for our Carol Lykens Fill-The-Hat Challenge! You're encouraged to make an additional contribution to the Current Fund beyond your usual giving. The goal is to match Carol's \$5000 bequest to help us meet our budget. Contributions can be made to Shenkel UCC with "Carol Challenge" in the memo line, or donate online through our website. Thank you!

Cluster donations for October: Pasta sauce and noodles.

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.

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. Our next church school is October 20th.

Shenkel Prayer Group: Meets at 10:00 am on the first Thursday of the month. All are welcome to participate. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and celebrate the Spirit of God moving among us as we pray together.

Prayer Lottery: Shenkel will be praying for:

David Klein

Brian and Pam McShane

Nicole, Scott and Tully Meehan

Tootie Hine

Glen Bradley

Birthdays in the month of October:

Glen Hoff	10/2/2024
Joe Granger	10/5/2024
Forrest Kreiger	10/5/2024
Sharon Snyder	10/6/2024
Adrienne Wanner	10/7/2024
David Phillips	10/8/2024
William Zachesky	10/10/2024
Susan Stultz	10/12/2024
Stacia Bradley	10/13/2024
Aaron Foss	10/14/2024
Roberta Peterman	10/20/2024
Cameron Dushanko	10/23/2024
Lisa Yocom	10/24/2024
Betsy Bevan	10/28/2024
Jacoby Mest	10/29/2024
Aaron Gray	10/31/2024