

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

Sunday, June 4, 2023 – Traditional Service at 9:45 am

Trinity Sunday

~Gathering Together ~

Prelude “Prayer from L’Organiste” Franck

Welcome

Invocation

Solo Introit “Gathered Here”

Call to Worship

Leader: Who are we, gathering in this place?

People: Disciples of the Christ.

Leader: Why are we here?

People: To journey on the Way.

Leader: Where does this Way take us?

People: To the knowledge—in our heads and in our hearts,

That death is not victorious. That God—Creator, Christ and Spirit—

Is in all, is with all, is of all.

Opening Hymn “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” NCH #4

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,

Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, teach us what our praise should be.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,

Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!

Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;

Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began;

Boundless love is reigning o’er us, reconciling race and clan.

Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.

~ *Coming Alive in Community* ~

Call to Confession

Let us draw near to the throne of grace without fear, to the seat of mercy with courage, and
confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession

O God our Creator, who gave us all that we are and have, release us from self-centeredness to be able to share what we are, what we know, what we have: with one another in this worship, and in the world which you love. In the name of Christ, who makes sharing possible, Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: In Christ our hope is new every day, and there is no condemnation. Rise up and live
as free people of God.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to all.

Special Music

“So Send I You”

Kelly Strunk, Vocalist

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~ *We Hear God’s Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Tootie Hine

The Reading of Psalm 8

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

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

Sermon

Rev. Marian Shearer

Hymn for Reflection

“God of the Sparrow God of the Whale”

NCH # 32

God of the sparrow God of the whale. God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe. How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake God of the storm. God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe. How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross. God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace. How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry God of the sick. God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care. How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor God of the foe. God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love. How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages God near at hand. God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy. How do your children say Home.

~ 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
Strengthen the Church - is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at Conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches where the UCC voice has not been heard. For more information, go to www.ucc.org.

Offertory

“Tranquility”

Southbridge

Offering Response

“We Give You But Your Own”

NCH # 785

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

Prayer of Dedication

~ Holy Communion ~

Invitation:

Leader: The ears of wheat are broken and scattered on the hillside to grow. Gathered, they are broken again and scattered through the city to make bread. The bread is scattered to each home and broken to give nourishment. Broken and scattered, broken and scattered, and some becomes the Lord's body broken for us as we are the people of God scattered throughout the town, and perhaps, broken to give nourishment to others.

Leader: God is with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give God thanks and praise.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: With all our hearts, we people of all places and times,

All: Thank you, God!

Leader: Your love for us is incomprehensible! Even ... you call us back to your Love,

All: Thank you, God!

Leader: With all of your creation, we sing praise:

All: Holy, Holy Holy Lord, God of love and life, Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in God's name. Hosanna, in the highest!

Leader: As we come to your table O God, we remember the night that Jesus sat with his friends and disciples. . . . In this moment, may your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Leader: Jesus Christ, the bread of life!

People: Jesus Christ, the cup of hope!

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Bread and Wine

Prayer after Communion

All: Thank you, God, for the bread and the cup, for the life and the love for the wisdom to walk into your world. With your strength, our faith is strengthened. With your love, our love grows. Help us to share that love, strength and faith. Help us to accept when others share it with us, that is might change the world. In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Hymn "Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts" NCH # 329

Jesus, the joy of loving hearts, fount of our lives, and light of all;
From every bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to hear your call..

Your truth unchanged has ever stood; you plead with all to call on you;
To those still seeking, you are good; to those who find you, life is new.

We taste of you, the living bread, and long to feast upon you still;
We drink of you, the fountain-head, our thirsty souls from you we fill.

For you our restless spirits long yearn, where'er our changing lot is cast;
Glad, when your smile on us you turn, blessed, when by faith we hold you fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay! Make all our moments calm and bright!
Oh chase the cloud of sin away! Shed o'er the world your holy light.

Benediction

Postlude

“Prelude in C”

JS Bach

Attributions:

Elements from Gifts in Open Hands, ed. Maren Tirabassi and Kathy Wonson Eddy, The Pilgrim Press, 2011.

Call to Worship and Communion liturgy: adapted from Richard Bott, Canada

Prayer of Confession from Detlev Knoche, Germany

Invitation to Communion, Isobel de Gruchy, South Africa

Announcements

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

Alex MocarSKI

Carol and Ron Pearson

Kaleena Sweinhart

Stephanie Viti

Richard Golden

Scripture Readings for June 11

Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Matthew 9:35—10:8

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 6/4 ~ Reflective Worship service with communion at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service with communion at 9:45 am in sanctuary
~ Rev. Marian Shearer is guest preacher

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 6/11 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in the grove
Tues., 6/13 ~ Consistory at 6:30 pm

Thurs., 6/15 ~ Card making class at 10 am
~ Agape at 6:30 pm

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are cleaning supplies: toilet brushes, toilet plungers, dust pans and brushes, mops, brooms. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster.

Mid-day Dinner club will be meeting at St. Peter's Inn on Tuesday, June 20 at noon. It is open to young-at-heart adults of any age who enjoy eating out and would like to get to know other Shenkel members a little better. If you are attending, please add your name and phone number on the sign up sheet no later than Sunday, June 18 or you may call Sharon Sabo at 610-326-1945 or let her know at the Sunday service if you are able to attend.

Barry Yocom has decided to retire from mowing the grove. We are looking for volunteers to help with the mowing around the pavilion and grove. Barry has given his lawn mower to the church to use. Please see Dan Jenkins if you are willing to help. The more volunteers the lighter the load.