

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

Sunday, November 13, 2022 – Traditional Service at 9:45 am

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Prelude "I Love to Tell the Story" arr. Warriner

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Choral Introit

"Be Here Now"

Be here now, never mind about the past.
Be here now let the future take care of itself.
Be here now; it's only the moment that lasts. Be here now, be here now.

Call to Worship

Pastor: A new day has dawned. God's gift of life is renewed in you and me.

People: Praise God for today! Praise God for the creative spirit in our midst.

Pastor: Be still and know that God is here. Let the Spirit in.

People: We are ready to pray and think and rejoice. We are ready to hear God's word.

Pastor: Then listen and respond to God, who meets us in new ways and in different sounds, today in worship, and every day in the world.

People: Come to us, O God, and guide our worship. Speak. Speak to us the Word we need, and let that Word change us and empower us to be your people. Amen.

Opening Hymn

"This is the Day"

NCH # 84

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made,
that our God has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it and be glad in it.

This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again,
Jesus rose again; we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it and be glad in it.

This is the day Jesus rose again, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again.

This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came,
when the Spirit came; we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it and be glad in it.

This is the day when the Spirit came, we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came.

~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

Trusting in God's grace and mercy, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Caring and compassionate Creator, we enter this place set apart for your worship, knowing that we have failed to see you in other places. We have ignored your beauty around us, in earth and sky, in plants and creatures, in the people who surround us. We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our faith, to be weighed down by what we do not have, rather than rejoicing in your gifts to us. In these moments together, draw us so close that we cannot help but know every day that you are with us, wherever we go. Enlarge our capacity to care, so we may see you in all whom we meet. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ we have been forgiven and set free!

Special Music

"Days Of Elijah"

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~ We Hear God's Word ~

Scripture Lessons

The Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

Joan Palubinsky

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 12

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

NCH # 417

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing, Laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and taste what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; Our God is making all things new.

~ *Sharing Blessings With Others* ~

Prayers of the People

Offering our Gifts - Thank you for your faithful support of Shenkel's ongoing ministries
All Saints Day/PSEC Retired - *The All Saints Offering is used to supplement the needs of the retired pastors,
spouses, and widows in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference who need assistance with health and dental
insurance. Your generosity will bring peace of mind and improved health to those who have
served the church so faithfully in the past.*

Offertory "Rise Up My Heart with Gladness" JS Bach

Offering Response "We Praise You, O God" NCH # 420

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Prayer of Dedication

~ *Going out in Joy* ~

Sending Hymn "God Will Take Care of You" NCH # 460

Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath God's wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain: God will take care of you, through every day o'er all the way;
God will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart grows fail, God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. (Refrain)

All you may need God will provide, God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. (Refrain)

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you,
Lean, weary one, upon God's breast, God will take care of you. (Refrain)

Benediction

Postlude

“Victory Through Christ”

Smith

Announcements

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

Connie and Sam Armbruster
Erika and Kyle Manetti
Lynne and Cody Moyer
Wayne Klein
Julie and Bill Zachesky

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

- Sun., 11/13 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in sanctuary
~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
~ PSEC Fall Meeting 3 pm
- Tues., 11/15 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
~ Midday Dinner Club at Red Lobster at 12 pm
~ Operation 143
- Wed., 11/16 ~ Yoga at 4:30 pm
~ White Privilege Discussion at 7 pm
- Thurs., 11/17 ~ Card Class at 10 am
~ Agape at 6:30 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

- Sun., 11/20 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in sanctuary
~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
~ Community Thanksgiving Soup Supper at 5:30 pm
- Tues., 11/22 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
- Wed., 11/23 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 7 pm

Scripture Readings for November 20:
Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79

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

Pottstown Cluster Holiday meal & Christmas gifts. Shenkel's collection assignment for the Cluster's Christmas meal this year is 200 **cans** of gravy. Start looking for those sales now. Deadline to donate is Sunday, December 11. For Christmas, we are also collecting gifts for children ages newborn to 17 years old. The gifts can be unwrapped or a gift card. Deadline to contribute is also Sunday, December 11. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Sunday Soup Supper on November 20th at 5:30 pm. See Louise if you are interested in bringing soup. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.

Volunteers Needed for acolyte and scripture readers. If interested, please see Tootie.