

~ *Coming Alive in Community* ~

Call to Confession

Meeting God can be a very disturbing experience, for God may require of us changes that we fear. We may hear challenges that push us beyond our comfort zones. In our prayers of confession, we seek to overcome our resistance to God's direction and open ourselves to greater possibilities.

Prayer of Confession

God, we often fail to recognize that you are always with us. We are the ungodly ones who deny your love by our failure to love. We deny your law by our failure to live by it. We laugh at your promises. We appear more burdened than joyful in the midst of the wondrous gift of life. We seldom pause to give thanks. The compassion of Christ finds little echo in us, who claim to be Christians. We need your forgiveness, O God, and a new vision. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's favor rests on us. Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven and we are set free.

Special Music

~ *We Hear God's Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18:1-15

Joan Palubinsky

The Reading of Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:8

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

"Here I Am, Lord"

SSB # 26

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

[Refrain]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

~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
Coventry Food Pantry- The Pantry is located at 692 W. Schuylkill Rd Unit 1, Pottstown PA 19465 and is a provider for the Emergency Food Assistance Program for Northern Chester County. Established over 30 years ago, it assists area residents from all municipalities in the Owen J. Roberts School District including South Coventry Township. For more information, go to <http://coventryfoodpantry.com>

Offertory

“Pour Out Your Spirit”

Grundy

Offering Response

“Grateful”

Insert

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy One,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

You are more than we imagine, Ancient, Holy, Living God.
Even when we doubt your presence you are faithful to your Word.
Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy One,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

May our lives proclaim your justice, may our voices sing your praise.
May our hands work in your service to the glory of your name.
Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy One,

joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

Prayer of Dedication

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Hymn “Wherever You Go” SSB # 14
Wherever you go, God is with you; wherever you go, God is there.
Wherever you go, whatever you do, you are in God’s care.

Wherever we go, God is with us; wherever we go, God is there.
Wherever we go, whatever we do, we are in God’s care.

Benediction

Postlude “Recessional” Held

Announcements

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

Forrest Kreiger
Dawn Yocom
Gloria Mest
Eric Klein
Ruth Brewer

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 6/18 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
 ~ Worship service at 9:45 am in the grove
Tues., 6/20 ~ Midday Dinner club at St. Peter’s Inn at noon
Thurs., 6/22 ~ Card making class at 10 am

Pastor Suzanne and Gary on Mission Trip in Florida from June 24 through July 1.

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 6/25 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
 ~ Worship service at 9:45 am in the grove
Mon., 6/26 ~ Community Meal at Christ Episcopal at noon

The bulletins are sponsored by Gary & Sue Stultz to the glory of God.

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are cleaning supplies: toilet bowl cleaner, sponges, cleaning cloths, paper towels and rubber cleaner gloves. 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.