

# *Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!*

*Sunday, July 17, 2022 – Traditional Service at 9:45 am*

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

*~Gathering Together ~*

Prelude “Beautiful One “ Hughes

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Choral Introit “Let Your Spirit Come” Songbook # 96  
Let your Spirit come, let your Spirit come; fall upon me now, fall upon me now.  
Let your spirit come, let your Spirit come; fall upon us now, fall upon us now.  
Let your rain fall down, let your rain fall down; pour upon our souls, pour upon our souls.  
Come and wash us now, come and wash us now;  
come and make us whole, come and make us whole.  
Let your Spirit come, let your Spirit come; fall upon me now, fall upon me now.  
Let your spirit come, let your Spirit come; fall upon us now, fall upon us now.

Call to Worship

Pastor: We have sensed God’s presence throughout the past week. Now we gather to worship.

**People: We saw God whenever our vision looked beyond the cloudiness of fears to the bright clarity of hope.**

Pastor: We tasted God whenever we savored the scriptures or let the ways of Christ flavor our actions.

**People: We heard God whenever we were deaf to unkindness but alert for words of love and understanding.**

Pastor: We smelled God whenever we breathed in the freshness of the morning and felt gratitude fill our hearts as clean air filled our lungs.

**People: We touched God whenever we extended or received a helping hand.**

Pastor: God is with us always in Spirit and in truth – there to be sensed and known. With thanks for God’s presence, we come together this morning to worship.

Opening Hymn “Seek Ye First” Songbook # 48

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you; Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

~ *Coming Alive in Community* ~

Call to Confession

Let us come with confidence and humility to our time of confession.

Prayer of Confession

**We come into your presence with thanks, Creator God, for all that fills our lives with joy: the love of family and friends, the comfort of our homes, the challenge of work, and the delight of leisure. Forgive us that too often we have taken all these for granted, failing to see them as your gifts. In this time of worship, stretch our understanding, that we may know our lives in the perspective of your gracious authority. Teach us to live in the world with faithfulness to your intention for the world, and to be at home wherever your spirit leads us; through Jesus Christ your faithful witness. Amen.**

*Silence for Prayer and Reflection*

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Special Music

“Put Your Hand in the Hand”

Songbook # 105

Congregation w/percussion

Chorus: Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water.

Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea.

Take a look at yourself and you can look at others differently.

By putting your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee.

Ev’ry time I look into the Holy Book I wanna tremble.

When I read about the part where the carpenter cleared the temple.

For the buyers and sellers were no diff’rent fellas than what I profess to be,

it causes me pain to know I’m not the person I should be. (refrain)

Ev’ry time we gather in the Grove to have our worship service,

I can feel the presence of God and with confidence know, His purpose.

For when His creation stills our hearts, we find His grace imparts a new life that is free,

and we realize that His love can make us into who we should be. (refrain)

~ *We Hear God’s Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

Sandy Rowe

The Reading of Psalm 15

The Gospel Reading: Luke 10:38-42

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“Take My Gifts”

Songbook # 52

Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,  
gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free,  
now because your love has touched me,, I have love to give away,  
now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply!

Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,  
harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,  
spiced with humor, laced with laughter – flavor of the Jesus life,  
tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

Take whatever I can offer gifts that I have yet to find,  
skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind,  
things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be:  
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

~ *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

***Bill Boyer Scholarship Award-*** *This scholarship was established to help further the education of students who are members of Shenkel UCC and have completed high school, or for mission work associated with technical and trade endeavors. Applications, available from the church office, are due by Feb. 15th of each year, and awards are announced by April 15th of each year.*

Offering Response

“We Plow the Fields”

Songbook # 36

All good gifts around us Are sent from heaven above;  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord For all His love. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Sending Hymn

~ *Going out in Joy* ~

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Songbook # 90

There’s a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,  
And I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.  
Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive  
Till you know that Spirit’s fullness and believe;  
You’re the one to profit when you say,  
“I am going to stay with Jesus all the way” (Refrain)

Benediction

Choral Sending

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

Songbook # 101

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.  
And the mountains and the hill will break forth before you.  
There’ll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap,  
will clap their hands.  
And the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
while you go out with joy You shall go.

Postlude

Fanfare on “Rise Up, O Church”

Walter

*Announcements*

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

Gary McDermit

Kortne Hudick

Susan and Barry Miller

Dede and Pete Wanner

Erika and Kyle Manetti

*~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~*

- Sun., 7/17 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.  
~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am
- Tues., 7/19 ~ Midday Dinner Club at Ice House Deli at noon; office closes at 11:30 am
- Thurs., 7/21 ~ Card making class at 10 am  
~ Agape at Freda Wanner's at 6:30 pm  
~ OFFICE CLOSED

*~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~*

- Sun., 7/24 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary. Rev. Dr. Jon Fogle preaching  
~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am Rev. Dr. Jon Fogle preaching
- Mon., 7/25 ~ Community Meal at noon

Pastor Suzanne will be on vacation July 18 through July 31.

Scripture Readings for July 24:

Psalm 138; Luke 11:1-13; Colossians 2:6-15

The A/V team is looking for additional people to stream worship services on Sunday mornings. We will provide as much personalized training needed for you to feel comfortable. Senior high youth are also welcome as long as they feel comfortable using a computer. If you can help or have any interest please notify Gary McDermit or Dave Derman.

Thank you to Pat Kuestner for providing the refreshments after the service today.

We are looking for a few more people to provide refreshments on the following Sundays:  
August 21; August 28; September 11; September 18; September 25

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

**Mid-day Dinner club** will be meeting at Ice House Deli on Tuesday, July 19 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, July 17 so your reservation can be made on time or you may call Sharon Sabo at 610-326-1945 or let her know at the Sunday service if you are able to attend.

**Card Making Class** will be starting on Thursday, July 21st at 10 am in the Social Hall. Each class participants make three beautiful cards. Cost is \$8. If you plan to attend the class or have any questions, please call Pat Kuestner at 610-327-0889 to insure there will be enough materials.