

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

Sunday, July 31, 2022 – Traditional Service at 9:45 am

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Prelude "Days of Elijah" Robin Mark

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 gather today, seeking the peace Christ gives.

People: We gather, in spite of many a conflict, many a doubt, within our souls.

Pastor: We gather, longing for the breath of God's Spirit to give us courage and renewal.

All: Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest. Bless us through the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage to live as your disciples day by day. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Great Is Your Faithfulness" Songbook # 22

Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,
with you no shadow of turning we see.
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;
all of your goodness forever will be.

Refrain: Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed your hand has provided,
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To your great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
Your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. (Refrain)

~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

Even when we have been too busy to notice, God has been constantly loving us and encouraging us to grow in the light of God's love. We can trust God with our deepest confession.

Prayer of Confession

God, if we carry excess baggage on life's journey, teach us to travel more simply. If our possessions own us, free us to trust you and share with others. If our need for control keeps us anxious and demanding, help us to relax. If we carry loads of guilt, may we hand them over to you, trusting you to forgive us. God, make us simple: simple in trust, simple in life, simple in commitment to you. Prepare us for your mission. Allow us to join your labor to heal the hurting, feed the hungry, and bring good news to the poor. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose name we are baptized and sent on mission. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

There is no chasm that cannot be bridged, no loss that cannot be recovered, no mistake that cannot be forgiven, no life that cannot be redeemed – by the grace of God in Christ Jesus! All who reject vain desires and put away unwarranted fears and who put our confidence in the mercies of God may assuredly know that we are forgiven and that the ability to begin again is ours! Glory be to the Holy One who can make all things new! Alleluia!

Special Music “‘Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus” Michaela Craner, Flute
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~ We Hear God's Word ~

Scripture Lessons

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

Maddie Mest

The Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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

Sermon

“What Captures Your Attention?!”

Rev. Wanda D. Craner

Hymn for Reflection “Take My Life, and Let It Be” Songbook # 37

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord to Thee.

Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own: It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasurestore.

Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

~ 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

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Hymn

“Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped”

Songbook # 63

Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sustains all creation!
Sing praise, my soul, in profound and complete adoration!
Gladsome rejoice organ and trumpet and voice
joining God’s great congregation.

Praise God, our guardian, who lovingly offers correction,
Who, as on eagle’s wings, saves us from sinful dejection.
Have you observed, how we are always preserved
by God’s parental affection?

Sing praise to God, with sincere thanks for all your successes.
Merciful God ever loves to encourage and bless us.
Only conceive what godly strength can achieve:
strength that would touch and caress us.

Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God commending,
All that have life and breath join you, their notes sweetly blending.
God is your light! Soul, ever keep this in sight:
amen, amen never ending.

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

Announcements

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

Ann Few

Morgan Scharneck

Faye and Ed Pedrick

Jenn and David Braley

Stacey, Bill and Aurora Keim

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

- Sun., 7/31 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary. Rev. Wanda Craner preaching
~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am Rev. Wanda Craner preaching

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

- Sun., 8/7 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am with baptism

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

Scripture Readings for August 7:
Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Luke 12:32-40

Congregational Meeting to Approve Fellowship Hall Roof Repair. A congregational meeting will be held after each service on Sunday, August 7th for the express purpose on voting to repair the Fellowship Hall Roof. Information and proxy votes will be available prior to the meeting. You should have received a letter with the proxy either by email or mail.

Thank you to Rose Wolgemuth 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 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 Three Cousins Diner on Tuesday, August 16 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, August 14 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 meeting on Thursday, August 18 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.