

The Worship Service

Sunday, April 19, 2026



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Shenkel's UCC's Vision Statement

Shenkel United Church of Christ extends a heartfelt welcome to all unbound by physical structure or geography and grounded in creative worship, active spirituality, community action, love and service.

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!
An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

~Gathering Together~

Prelude "Sing, Sing, Sing" (arr Koerts)

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Welcome to God's new day!

C: Everywhere we look we see new life!

L: In seeds and buds, in smiles and touch, we discover God's energizing presence.

C: Death can never be the last word.

L: God has raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ is present among us today.

All: Praise God for new life within and among us this day! Amen.

Opening Hymn "Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!" (Insert)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

Let us pray together our prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

God of endless possibility, we confess that we do not always perceive the opportunities you place before us. Caught up in our own hopes, plans, and fantasies, and crushed when they disappoint us, we are slow to see the open pathways you set before us. Open our eyes, that we may accept the new life you offer us, and thus show forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

God meets us where we are and invites us always to deeper relationship and open heartedness.

Passing of the Peace

Special Music

Teach Us How To Live. The Road

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Tootie Hine

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
Luke 24:13-35

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: "Be Known To Us In Breaking Bread" (Insert)

~Sharing Blessings with Others~

Prayers of the People

Our Mother/Father, who are in heaven, hallowed by the 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.
April's Special Offering – Phoebe Ministries

Offertory "David's Harp" (Pethel)

Offering Response "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred; Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word. Open wide our hands in sharing as we heed Christ's ageless call, Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, honoring you by loving all.

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn "I Greet You, Sure Redeemer" (Insert)

Benediction

Postlude "La Primavera" (Vivaldi)

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding Music Director: Dan Wolgemuth
Email: shenkelpastor@gmail.com Organist: Susan Royer
Sexton: Stacy Keim Secretary: Danielle Petersen
Ministers: All Members of the Church

Announcements:

~Sunday, April 19, 2026~

Sun, 4/19/26 ~ One Worship Service at 9:45 am in the Social Hall.
~ Music & Worship meeting after worship.
~ Church School at 11:00 am.

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 4/26/26 ~ Reflective Worship Service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary.
~ Traditionalish Worship Service at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary.

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Scripture Reading for April 26th

Sandy Rowe

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
John 10:1-10

Cluster donations for April: toothpaste and shampoo

Qigong classes at Shenkel!: Qigong classes will begin again Thursday, April 23rd at 11AM. There will NOT be a class on Thursday, 4/30. Class will resume weekly every Thursday beginning 5/7 at 11:00 am. The class is a "pay what you can", with a suggested fee of \$12 per session. Cash or check payable to Shenkel UCC. No experience necessary--All are welcome!

Walk and Pray: In an increasingly complex and troubling world, many of us are wondering what to do. One simple act is to walk and pray for peace and wholeness in our world. You are invited to walk the Labyrinth here at Shenkel from 9 - 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Come as you are able, leave when you are ready. Pam McShane will be at the Labyrinth most weeks to guide those who are new to labyrinth walking. There's power in walking and praying together!

Church Change Changes Churches Results: Pulpit side = \$143.42, piano side = \$92.50 for a grand total of \$235.92.

Mental Health Awareness Program: Mark your calendars and invite your friends to the upcoming, "**Finding Peace in the Chaos: An Invitation to Sanity in These Times**" Saturday, May 30, 10AM-12 noon. Flyers are available in the narthex to share with friends, neighbors, and community.

Grocery run? Consider using Giant and Redner's cards for your grocery store purchases: Shenkel earns \$5 for every \$100 on Giant and Redner's gift cards – which are available every week at church.

Stewardship: Stewardship Committee will meet next on May 6th at 5:30 pm. The charge of the committee is to: find ways to increase much needed revenue, attract new members, and identify new ways to provide ministry. Please contact members of the committee with your thoughts. Committee members: Chris Gray, Dan Jenkins, Kim Yocom, Julie Zachesky, and Brenda Berrick, Tom and Maureen Gallant.

Church School: Children from 3 years through grade 6 are invited to participate in church school on the third Sunday of the month at 11:00 AM. Our next church school is today.

Shenkel Prayer Group: Meets at 10:00 am on the first Monday of the month. All are welcome to participate. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and celebrate the Spirit of God moving among us as we pray together.

Prayer Lottery: Shenkel will be praying for:

Barry and Susan Miller

Lucas Zachesky

Jennifer, Jeffrey, Hannah, Catherine and Audrey Dyott

Kim Yocom and Barry Peterman

Birthdays in the month of April:

Scott Meehan	4/4/26
James White	4/7/26
Debbie Hoff	4/10/26
Scott Kutz	4/10/26
Gloria Mest	4/10/26
Sandy Rowe	4/11/26
Gary Stultz	4/12/26
Julianne Wanner	4/12/26
Drew Sweinhart	4/16/26
Angeline Viti	4/16/26
Rosemary Wolgemuth	4/16/26
Jennifer Braley	4/18/26
Buckley Meehan	4/18/26
Kelly Strunk	4/19/26
Barbara Brown	4/21/26
Kaelyn Kline	4/24/26
Joan Palubinsky	4/28/26
Donald Laverty	4/29/26

Mission Statement

Shenkel UCC

- prayerfully and creatively worships God;
- unconditionally loves and accepts all;
- generously gives and serves our community and our world.

A toi la gloire, ô Ressuscité!

(Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!)

Matt. 28:1-10; John 20:19-29; 1 Cor. 15:54-55

Edmond L. Budry, 1904
Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1993



1 A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té! A toi la vic - toi - re,
1 Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One! End - less is the vic - tory
2 See, it is Je - sus, Je - sus has ap - peared; do not doubt at all for
3 Am I still fright - ened? One whom I a - dore, Je - sus, lives a - gain, gives



pour l'é - ter - ni - té! Bril - lant de lu - miè - re, l'ange est de - scen -
you o'er death have won. An - gels clothed in ra - dian - ce rolled the stone a -
noth - ing you will fear. Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph
peace for - ev - er - more. Je - sus is my vic - tory, life and strength and



du, il rou - le la pier - re du tom - beau vain - cu.
way; con - quered is the grave in which your bod - y lay.
sing; tell it with - out ceas - ing: Death has lost its sting.
Head; Je - sus is my glo - ry, noth - ing shall I dread.



Refrain



A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té!
Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!



Swiss pastor Edmond L. Budry may have drawn his inspiration for this hymn from a German Advent poem set to Handel's triumphant music. The tune Judas Maccabeus is adapted from a chorus in Handel's oratorio of the same name.

Tune: JUDAS MACCABEUS
5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5. with refrain
G. F. Handel, 1751



A toi la vic - toi - re, pour l'é - ter - ni - té!
End - less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

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*James Montgomery, 1825; alt.**Luke 24:30-31, 35*

1 Be known to us in break-ing bread, but do not then de - part;
2 Here share with us in love di - vine, your bod - y and your blood;

O Sav - ior, stay with us and spread your ta - ble in our heart.
That liv - ing bread, that heav-en-ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

This hymn is sometimes found as the second and third stanzas of an American hymn, "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless." Montgomery—Moravian poet, journalist, humanitarian, and author of more than 400 hymns—titled this hymn "The Family Table."

Tune: ST. FLAVIAN C.M.
Day, *The Whole Booke of Psalms*, 1562

John 11:25-27

Anon., from Strasbourg Psalter, 1545
Transl. Elizabeth L. Smith, 1868; alt.

1 I greet you, sure Re - deem - er, with my heart,
2 You are the source of mer - cy and of grace,
3 You are the life, by which a - lone we live,
4 You have the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness,
5 Our hope is all in you and you a - lone;

glad for the sav - ing love that you im - part,
reign - ing om - ni - po - tent in ev - ery place;
and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive.
no harsh - ness have you and no bit - ter - ness;
we trust the prom - ise that your word makes known.

Who pain did un - der - go for my poor sake;
So rule in us and our whole be - ing sway.
Sus - tain us by your faith and by your power,
Grant us the grace that flows in you so free
O dear Re - deem - er, make us calm and sure,

I pray you from our hearts all cares to take.
Shine on us with the light of your pure day.
and give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.
that we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.
that in your strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

This hymn first appeared in a sixteenth-century Strasbourg Psalter edited by John Calvin. The original tune Old 124th and text were both shortened to the present meter—the tune for an early English psalter and the text for the 1920 Hymnal of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Tune: TOULON 10.10.10.
Adapt. from OLD 124th
Trente quatre Pseaumes, Geneva, 1551