

October 10, 2021
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Music as we Prepare for Worship “All Hail the Power” arr. Turner

Call to Worship

Leader: We are gathered to give witness to the enduring realities of life.

People: We have come to affirm that life is a gift, that the gift is good, and that it comes from God.

Leader: We are gathered to renew our hope in Jesus Christ, as we travel life’s long journey.

People: We find God in the paths of our present and our past, but we also trust in God’s love in our future.

Leader: The same God guides us all the way, every day of our lives, and beyond life.

People: Let us praise God with our whole hearts, and entrust our lives to God’s hands. Amen.

Opening Hymn “Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped” Shenkel 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.*

~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

Let us pause and confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

O God of watchful care, you have offered us, and our ancestors before us, your life-giving presence, yet we do not always respond. Your abundance overwhelms us; your faithfulness confounds us, and we draw back. You have shown us in Jesus of Nazareth the humanity you have long hoped could be ours. It sounds so good – freedom, justice, and peace – but it asks so much of us! And forgetting to rely on the help of your Spirit, we grow discouraged or indifferent too easily.

And yet, we do want what you want – a new creation where we shall live, one and all, as your children. So let this newness now be in us! Forgive what lies behind us and turn our hearts and hands to what is ahead. Free us from the chains of guilt and self-pity which hinder our energy to love and our ability to be loved. Refresh our hope and vision as your church and renew our commitment to the many ministries in which we serve. May we nurture one another as we share the mystery of life and the proclamation of the gospel! This we pray, trusting in you, transforming God! Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

When we confess our sin God is faithful and just to forgive our sin. Friends, believe the good news; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free.

Special Music “God Can See Us” Madeline & Kelly Struck, vocalists
Ralph Carmichael © 1970 Bud John Songs Inc. [CCLI #198210] arranged by Dan Wolgemuth

~ We Hear God’s Word ~

Scripture Lessons

The Reading of Psalms: Psalm 90:12-17

Maddie Mest

The Epistle Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-31

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

Sermon

Kimberly Cornwell

Hymn for Reflection “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” Shenkel Songbook # 38

***I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, no turning back.***

***The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me; No turning back, no turning back.***

***Though none go with me, I still will follow, Though none go with me I still will follow,
Though none go with me, I still will follow; No turning back, no turning back.***

***Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus? No turning back, No turning back.***

~ 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 ***Neighbors in Need*** is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Doxology

*We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Music

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" vs. 1 & 3

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my Savior and my Friend;
I shall not fear life's struggles if you are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.*

*O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
That where you are in glory your servant shall be, too;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Savior and my Friend!*

Benediction

Parting Music

"O God Beyond All Praising"

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Announcements

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

Michaela Craner
Heather Burhans Tran
Susan and Barry Miller
Joel Sweinhart
Jim White

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 10/10 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary. Guest preacher Kimberly Cornwell
~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am Guest preacher Kimberly Cornwell
Tues., 10/12 ~ Consistory 6:30 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 10/17 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am
~Music and Worship meeting after worship
Tues., 10/19 ~ MidDay Dinner Club noon at Copperfield Inn at Lake Side
Wed., 10/20 ~Friends Helping Friends at all Boscov's
Thurs., 10/21 ~Agape at Freda Wanner's house at 6:30 pm

Scripture Readings for October 17:

Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10 and Mark 10:35-45

Pottstown Cluster. We will be starting to collect items again for the Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are dish soap, multi-purpose cleaners, toilet paper. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster. We will be collecting each week and items will change on a monthly basis.

Friends Helping Friends. Come and shop at Boscov's on Wednesday, October 20. You will need to purchase a shopping pass for \$5.00 and get a 25 % discount on most items. Please see Tootie or Louise for your pass. Shenkel gets to keep the \$5.00 as a fundraiser.