

The Worship Service

Sunday, November 10, 2024



Shenkel United Church of Christ

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Shenkel's UCC's Covenant Statement

So reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it, now you do it!

(Romans 15:7, The Message)

We are aware of pain organized religion has inflicted on many; and we are aware many places of worship have not given the extravagant welcome God offers to us all. Therefore, Shenkel United Church of Christ covenants to extend heartfelt hospitality to ALL. Shenkel UCC affirms all persons are created in the image of God, so we offer full inclusion (communion, life, and ministries) in the faith journey of this congregation, regardless of differences: whether religious background, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, national origin, immigration and refugee status, age, ethnicity, relationship status, addiction/recovery, physical or mental ability, and political affiliation. We proclaim this statement: **no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018

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~Gathering Together~

Prelude Passacaglia on Old 100th (Bourgeois)

Welcome

Invocation

Call to Worship

L: We have come to worship God. Let us come with humility.

C: We offer all that we are, knowing that we need God's Spirit to be what we ought to be.

L: We have come to worship God. Let us come with expectation.

C: In the Divine Presence there is light for our darkness and purpose in our living. Praise be to God!

Opening Hymn " Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (NCH#43)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Confession

When we cloud the air with senseless words,

God have mercy.

When we bend your ear for our own greed, ignoring the needs of others,

God have mercy.

When we silence the cries for justice of those around us,

God have mercy.

When we ignore the voice of the Christ in our midst,

God have mercy.

When we fail to praise you with our words and actions,

God have mercy. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

God clears the air, untangles the listening, lifts the tongue, pays attention, ignites our hearts – by free and festive forgiveness.

Special Music "Enter In The Realm Of God," Brian McShane, Soloist

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Joan Palubinsky

I Kings 17:8-16

Psalms 146

Mark 12:38-44

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: "What Gift Can We Bring?"

(NCH#370)

~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 Mother/Father, who are 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. November's Special Offering – All Saints – Retired Clergy

Offertory

Minuet

(Bach)

Offering Response

"We Give You But Your Own"

(NCH#785)

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

(NCH#565)

Benediction

Postlude

God Has Loved, So We Love

(Bayler)

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Email: shenkelpastor@gmail.com

Sexton: Stacy Keim

Ministers: All Members of the Church

Music Director: Dan Wolgemuth

Organist: Susan Royer

Secretary: Danielle Petersen

Special Music: (Lavon Bayler/Visayan Folk Melody) © 1994 The Pilgrim Press [one license #02000]

**Announcements:
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~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 11/10/2024 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary
~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 11/17/24 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary
~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary
~ Church School at 11:00 am

Tues, 11/19/24 ~ Midday Dinner at Nudy's Café at 12:00 pm

Please feel free to scan this code to donate through our online giving page.



Scripture Reading for November 17th

I Samuel 1:4-20

I Samuel 2:1-10

Mark 13:1-8

Maddie Mest

Carol Lykens Giving Challenge: We're receiving gifts for our Carol Lykens Fill-The-Hat Challenge! You're encouraged to make an additional contribution to the Current Fund beyond your usual giving. The goal is to match Carol's \$5000 bequest to help us meet our budget. Contributions can be made to Shenkel UCC with "Carol Challenge" in the memo line, or donate online through our website. Thank you!

Cluster donations for November: Apple juice (Our goal is 300)

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 meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 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 Yocum, Julie Zachesky, and Brenda Berriker.

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 November 17th.

Shenkel Prayer Group: Meets at 10:00 am on the first Thursday 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.

Thanksgiving Soup Supper: November 24th at 5:30 pm.

Prayer Lottery: Shenkel will be praying for:

Forrest Kreiger
Alex Mocarski
Gloria Mest
Dan Jenkins
Dan, Sharon, Malcolm & Amelia Snyder

Birthdays in the month of November:

Cole Major	11/5/2024
Lousie Hine	11/6/2024
Alex Mocarski	11/6/2024
Joe Palubinsky	11/7/2024
Homer Royer	11/8/2024
Kaleena Sweinhart	11/8/2024
Maddie Mest	11/15/2024
John Sabo	11/16/2024
Peter Wanner	11/17/2024
Clair Faust	11/19/2024
Ben Mocarski	11/21/2024
Tracey Dise	11/25/2024
AJ Foss	11/25/2024
Linda Foss	11/28/2024
Mindy Chidawu	11/30/2024

