

April 3, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prelude “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” arr. Hegarty

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Choral Introit “Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days” NCH # 211
Lord Jesus, who through forty days for us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.

Call to Worship

Pastor: God calls us away from the tumult of the world, that we may focus our thoughts on things that are lasting.

People: In God’s presence we see our lives more clearly, the broken pieces are put back together.

Pastor: God calls us out of loneliness into a life of community.

People: Worshipping together, caring about one another, we find out what it means to be truly human.

Pastor: But God will send us back into the world’s confusion and busyness, its brokenness and isolation.

People: We will go with serenity and joy, strengthened to be God’s servants, the bearers of peace.

Opening Hymn “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” NCH # 7
All people that on earth do dwell, sing out your faith with cheerful voice;
Delight in God whose praise you tell, whose presence calls you to rejoice.

Know that there is one God, indeed, who fashions us without our aid,
Who claims us, gives us all we need, whose tender care will never fade.

Enter the sacred gates with praise, with joy approach the temple walls,
Extol and bless our God always as people whom the Spirit calls.

Proclaim again that God is good, whose mercy is forever sure,
Whose truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

~ *Coming Alive in Community* ~

Call to Confession

Let us come to our time of confession with humility and trust in God’s grace.

Prayer of Confession

O God, our Creator and Sovereign, you have made us to live in freedom and joy before you, in the oneness of love with others. We praise you for the goodness in the world and within us; we seek your help in fulfilling your intentions for us. Sometimes we give our loyalty to other gods. Sometimes we fall into despair or self-pity. Sometimes we separate ourselves from others by our self-centeredness. Fill us with new life, O God, with new joy and new hope, that we may help to make the world more nearly what you want it to be, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

Bless the Lord who forgives all our iniquity and redeems our lives from the pit. Hear again the good news; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free.

Special Music

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Sandy Rowe & Kelly Strunk, vocalists

Isaac Watts/Lowell Mason © 2022 First Run Muzik Psalter [CCLI #27893]

~ We Hear God's Word ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Susan Royer

The Reading of Psalm 126

The Gospel: John 12:1-8

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“Said Judas to Mary”

NCH # 210

Said Judas to Mary, “Now what will you do with your ointment so rich and so rare?”

“I’ll pour it all over the feet of the Christ, and I’ll wipe it away with my hair,” she said,

“I’ll wipe it away with my hair.”

“O Mary, O Mary, O think of the poor. This ointment, it could have been sold;
And think of the blankets and think of the bread you could buy with the silver and gold,” he said,
“you could buy with the silver and gold.”

“Tomorrow, tomorrow, I’ll think of the poor; tomorrow,” she said, “not today;
For dearer than all of the poor in the world is my love who is going away” she said,
“my love who is going away.”

Said Jesus to Mary, “Your love is so deep, today you may do as you will.
Tomorrow, you say, I am going away, but my body I leave with you still.” He said,
“my body I leave with you still.”

The poor of the world are my body,” he said, “to the end of the world they shall be.
The bread and the blankets you gave to the poor you will know that you have given to me,” he
said, “you’ll know you have given to me.”

“My body will hang on the cross of the world tomorrow,” he said, “not today.”
And Martha and Mary will find me again and wash all my sorrow away,” he said,
“and wash all my sorrow away.”

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
Phoebe Ministries is a nonprofit, multi-facility organization located in seven eastern counties affiliated with the UCC specializing in health care, housing and support services for seniors.

Offering Response

“Give Me a Clean Heart”

NCH # 188

Give me a clean heart so I may serve you,
God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you.
For I'm not worthy of all these blessings,
Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.

Prayer of Dedication

~ *Holy Communion* ~

Invitation

Pastor: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

People: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

Communion Prayer

Minister: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Minister: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:.

All: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: We remember that on the night..... your will in all the world.

The Breaking of the Bread, The Pouring of the Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Let us pray.

All: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

~ *Going out in Joy* ~

Sending Hymn

“Savior, an Offering Costly and Sweet”

NCH # 536

Benediction

Choral Benediction

“May the Sending One Defend You”

NCH # 79

Savior, an offering costly and sweet Mary of Bethany laid at you feet;

May our love’s incense rise sweeter than sacrifice,

Savior to you, dear Savior to you.

Daily our lives would show weakness made strong,

toilsome and gloomy ways brightened with song.

Some deeds of kindness done, some souls by patience won,

Savior to you, dear Savior to you.

Some word of hope for hearts burdened with fears,

some balm of peace for eyes swollen with tears,

Some dews of mercy shed, some wayward footsteps led,

Savior to you, dear Savior to you.

Thus, ever serving you, till eventide

closes the day of life, may we abide;

And when earth’s labors cease, bid us depart in peace,

Savior to you, dear Savior to you.

Postlude

“Air”

Young

Announcements

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

Lucas Gray

Ashlyn Augustine

Jen, Jeffrey, Hannah, Catherine and Audrey Dyott

Connie and Sam Armbruster

Jim White

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

- Sun., 4/3 ~ Reflective Worship service with Communion at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
 ~ Worship service with Communion in the sanctuary at 9:45 am
 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
Tues., 4/5 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
Wed., 4/6 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 7 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

- Sun., 4/10 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
 ~ Worship service in the sanctuary at 9:45 am
Tues., 4/12 ~ Consistory at 6:30 pm
Thurs., 4/14 ~ Maundy Thursday service in Social Hall at 6 pm
Fri., 4/15 ~ Good Friday Stations of the Cross from 12 pm to 2 pm

Scripture Readings for April 10:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are adult lotion, deodorant, feminine tampons, laundry detergent. 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. Items for next month will be dish soap, multi-purpose cleaners, toilet paper.

Easter Flowers



There are envelopes available in the narthex for you to order Easter flowers. Please complete the envelope, put your payment inside and give the envelope to Tootie or Louise. Deadline is April 10.

Ukrainian Relief

First, we elected to send \$2,500 now from our Mission and Service Allocation through the Conference to Hungarian Reformed Church Aid. They are providing refugee support in Hungary and the surrounding area.

Second, starting this Sunday through Easter, you can make a donation for Ukrainian Relief through Shenkel. You can include your donation with your envelope or separately. Just mark your contribution as “Ukraine” and we will send those funds through the Conference also.

Let us continue to keep the Ukrainian people in our prayers.

Mid-day Dinner club will be meeting at Vincenzo’s on Tuesday, April 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, April 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.