

January 16, 2022
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude "Flourish" Held

Greeting

Opening Hymn "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unfailing love.

Call to Confession

Let us come with confidence and humility to our time of confession.

Prayer of Confession

God of all creation, Ruler of all peoples, you know us completely, how mean we are and how good we are. We humbly confess the mistakes we have made and the good we have neglected, the promises we have broken and the duties we have refused. Let the power and joy of your love become a mighty force in our lives. Help us to develop the good that is in us, and not be afraid to use it. Fortify our decision to live with honesty, integrity, joy and unselfishness, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

God is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free.

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand
of your God.

⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights
in you, and your land shall be married.

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder^[e] marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Gospel: John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

"God of Change and Glory"

God of change and glory, God of time and space,

When we fear the future, give to us your grace.

In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise. (Refrain)

Refrain: Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.

In our difference is blessing from diversity we praise

One Giver, one Word, one Spirit, one God known in many ways,
hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,

You are still creating endless love and light.

This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart. (Refrain)

Prayers of Intercession/ Lord's Prayer

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

Bethany Children's Home - provides residential services for children and adolescents who are unable to live with their own family. Using the Sanctuary Model, Bethany strives to provide a safe place of nurture, protection, and supportive care to aid their residents in their self-understanding, growth, and healing toward a brighter, healthier future. Founded in 1863 and related to the United Church of Christ, Bethany serves more than three hundred boys and girls each year on its Womelsdorf, PA campus.

Sending Hymn

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Lend your joy to all our giving, let it light our pilgrim way;
From the night of anxious keeping, loose us into generous day.
Then when years on earth are over, and we’ve lived our human span,
God, fulfill beyond our dreaming, all our stewardship began.

Benediction

Parting Music

“Processional in G”

Stanley

Announcements

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

Stauffer Kutz

Dan Wolgemuth and Rosemary Dulaff

Lucas Zachesky

Cameron Dushanko

Julie and Bill Zachesky

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 1/16 ~ Virtual Service posted to YouTube at 9:45 am

Wed., 1/19 ~ Bible Study on Zoom at 7 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 1/23 ~ Virtual Service posted to YouTube at 9:45 am

Wed., 1/26 ~ Bible Study on Zoom at 7 pm

Scripture Readings for January 23:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; Luke 4:14-21

Pottstown Cluster. This month’s items are Baby Items: baby cereal, baby food, baby lotion, baby wipes, baby shampoo. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is postponed until further notice. Copies of the 2021 Annual Report will be available for you by the end of January or beginning of February.