

September 19, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Music as we Prepare for Worship “Like a River Glorious” Hoekstra

Call to Worship

Pastor: In autumn beauty blue sky and golden land is clothed. Apple-gathering children and nut-gathering squirrels alike prepare for winter.

People: In our tradition, harvest is a time of rejoicing in God’s natural bounty and the ingathering of our lives.

Pastor: We praise God for all we have received. Seasons turn but God’s love is changeless.

People: We praise God for all we have received. Maple leaves dancing, crisp breezes blowing, the good news stories of Jesus’ sojourn in Galilee, and the restless winds of the Spirit rushing through our lives – all these assure us of God’s faithful presence.

Opening Hymn “Jesus Shall Reign” Shenkel Songbook # 91

*Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does its successive journeys run;
God’s realm shall stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*Thru Christ shall endless prayer be made, borne by the Spirit’s ceaseless aid;
like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.*

*People and realms of every tongue dwell on God’s love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their earliest prayers in Jesus name.*

*Let every creature rise and bring tributes of praise for all to sing;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.*

~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

Let us pause and confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, we live in a world where human life is exploited and abused. Violence is taken lightly, and people are often viewed as objects. Images of hunger and war and murder flash before us until we become nearly hardened. If we have taken on these values of the world, forgive us. Give us tender hearts, help us to reflect your righteousness, and give us courage to challenge the wrongs we see; through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Special Music

~ We Hear God's Word ~

Scripture Lessons

The Reading of Psalm 1

Kelli Sorg

The Epistle Reading: James 3:13-18

The Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“Community of Christ”

***Community of Christ, who make the Cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life for God alone:
The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race and every song.***

***Community of Christ, look past the Church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry, and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed, the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash your neighbor's feet.***

***Community of Christ, through whom the word must sound --
cry out for justice and for peace the whole world round:
disarm the powers that war and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish into joy.***

***When menace melts away, so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;
our currency be love and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one for evermore.***

~ 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
Church World Services - Blanket Sunday - For over 60 years, Church World Services has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including: blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster.

Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.***

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Music

"I've Got Peace Like a River" Shenkel Songbook # 24

***I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.***

***I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.***

***I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.***

***I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor,
I've got faith like an anchor in my soul.
I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor,
I've got faith like an anchor in my soul.***

Benediction

Parting Music

"Fugue"

Pachelbel

Announcements

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

Stacey, Bill and Aurora Keim

Alex Mocarski

Lindsay Hoff

Carol and Ron Pearson

Lisa and Barry Yocom

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 9/19 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary
 ~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am
Tues., 9/21 ~ MidDay Dinner Club at Black Jax at noon

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 9/ 26 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary
 ~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am

Scripture Readings for September 26:
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; Mark 9:38-50

Pottstown Cluster. We will be starting to collect items again for the Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are body wash (adult), body wash (kids), shampoo, conditioner, bar soap. 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.

Children's Sunday School Update

Board of Christian Ed has met and we have decided on two exciting Sunday School programs for our children. Due to the uncertainty of COVID cases due to the Delta variant and the fact that many of our children are too young to be vaccinated, both programs will be offered virtual.

Sunday School for children Kindergarten through 7th grade:

This will again be offered every Sunday morning at 11:30 Via Zoom. Lessons will run approximately 30 to 45 minutes and consist of a Bible story/lesson followed by an activity relating to the lesson. The activity could be a word game, an arts and crafts project, a cooking activity, a game, a Bible activity or possibly a virtual escape room. There will be many opportunities for students to navigate the Bible. For students who are unable to attend the interactive class (or any interested adult) lessons will be recorded for viewing on the Shenkel Youtube channel. Each child will receive his or her own box of supplies for ALL lessons. Parents just need to help their child log on and we will do the rest. Parents do not need to attend with child but are welcome to sit in if desired.

Sunday School for children ages 1 through 4

Each Sunday I (with help from my husband) will read a Bible story which will be the same lesson our older children are learning. In addition to the story there will be a small activity and song we do with our preschoolers. This lesson will be recorded and available for viewing around 1:00 PM on the Shenkel Youtube channel. Parents and/or grandparents can put the lesson on whenever time works for the child and themselves. Preschoolers will also receive a box with any supplies they may need.

Please contact me either by phone (610-741-6949) or e-mail (pover@comcast.net) if your child is interested so we can prepare their own special box. Please let me know by Sunday night, September 26th. I very much look forward to working with our youngest members.

Sincerely,
Linda Foss, SS superintendent/teacher