

The Worship Service

Sunday, February 15, 2026



Shenkel United Church of Christ

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Shenkel's UCC's Vision Statement

Shenkel United Church of Christ extends a heartfelt welcome to all unbound by physical structure or geography and grounded in creative worship, active spirituality, community action, love and service.

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

~Gathering Together~

Prelude "How Firm a Foundation" (Traditional American Melody)

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Loving God, your people long for a sign that you have not forgotten them!

C: Shine among us! Fill our land with your radiant glory!

L: Merciful God, your people are parched from the heat of their own sin!

C: Flow among us! Flood all peoples with your grace and mercy!

L: Life-giving God, your people grow cold as the world's grief takes its toll on them!

C: Blaze among us! Set our hearts on fire with compassion! Send forth your word and let there be light!

Opening Hymn "There's A Spirit In The Air" (See insert)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

Our God is a loving God. Therefore, let us confess our sins that we may choose life and live.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorders our love of you and each other. Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken, that we may be one with you. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, by the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven. Sing praises with an upright heart as we learn the ways of God.

Passing of the Peace

Special Music

He Is Exalted, Chancel Choir

~We Hear God's Word~

Exodus 24:12-18
 Psalm 99
 Matthew 17:1-9

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: "We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding" (See insert)

~Sharing Blessings with Others~

Prayers of the People

Our Mother/Father, who are in heaven, hallowed by the 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.
 February's Special Offering – The Local Homeless Ministry

Offertory "Amazing Love" (Kendrick)

Offering Response "God Of Change And Glory" (NCH#177)

**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!**

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn "Go, My Children With My Blessing" (See insert)

Benediction

Postlude "Hornpipe" (Loeillet)

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Announcements:

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Sun, 2/15/26 ~ One Worship Service at 9:45 am in the Social Hall.
 ~ Chancel Choir rehearsals after worship service.

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 2/22/26 ~ Reflective Worship Service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary.

~ Traditionalish Worship Service at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary.

~ Chancel Choir rehearsals after worship service.

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Scripture Reading for February 22nd

Joan Palubinsky

Matthew 13:31-32

John 2:1-11

Cluster donations for February: Canned chili and canned pasta (Chef Boyardee)

Church Change Changes Churches: Tired of lugging around loose change? Donate it to Shenkel! You can put your change in one of two receptacles at the end of the back pews. We'll have a little contest to see which side of the sanctuary gives the most from 1/11/26 until Easter Sunday 4/5/26.

Qigong classes at Shenkel!: Thursday mornings 11AM-noon. No experience necessary--All are welcome! Suggested cost is \$12/class or come and pay what you're able. Cash or check payable to Shenkel UCC. Hope you'll join us!

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 will meet next on March 4th at 5:30 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 Yocom, 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 today.

Shenkel Prayer Group: Meets at 9:00 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.

Prayer Lottery: Shenkel will be praying for:

Rebecca, Joe, Grace and Cole Major

Richard Golden

Gene and Nick Takach, Eric Croom

Kelly Strunk, Steve, Madeline, and Jacoby Mest

Birthdays in the month of February:

Britnee Sanseverino	2/2/26
Barry Miller	2/4/26
Jesse Painter	2/4/26
Sandra Peterman	2/5/26
Nicole Meehan	2/10/26
Doug Allen	2/11/26
Audrey Dyott	2/13/26
Lori Skulski	2/15/26
Bill Sanseverino	2/24/26
Erika Manetti	2/25/26
Gary McDermit	2/26/26
Kathy Murphy	2/27/26

HYMNS OF THE SPIRIT

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John 6:24-35, 51-58; 1 Cor. 2:9-16; 1 John 4

There's a Spirit in the Air

Brian Wren, 1969; rev. 1987

1 There's a spir - it in the air, tell - ing Chris-tians ev - ery-where:
 2 Lose your shy - ness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done:
 3 When be - liev - ers break the bread, when a hun - gry child is fed:
 4 Still the Spir - it gives us light, see - ing wrong and set - ting right:
 5 When a strang-er's not a - lone, where the home-less find a home:

"Praise the love that Christ re-vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world."
 God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day.
 Praise the love that Christ re-vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world.
 God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day.
 Praise the love that Christ re-vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world.

6 May the Spir-it fill our praise,
 guide our thoughts and change our ways.
 God in Christ has come to stay.
 Live to-mor-row's life to-day.

7 There's a Spir-it in the air,
 call-ing peo-ple ev-ery-where:
 Praise the love that Christ re-vealed,
 liv-ing, work-ing in our world.

Brian Wren celebrates the Spirit's work in the world in this text written for Pentecost at Hockley, England. In it, Wren borrows a poetic device from the Isaac Watts hymn "Give to Our God Immortal Praise" with the alternating repetition of two choruses.

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Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS 7.7.7.
Medieval French melody
Harm. Richard Redhead, 1853

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
 3 Strength-en ed by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search-ing
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com-plete.
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983, 1990; alt.

For marriage services, this stanza may be sung between stanzas 1 and 2 above.

In this un-ion I have joined you hus-band and wife,
 Now, my chil-dren, live to-geth-er as heirs of life:
 Each the oth-er's glad-ness shar-ing,
 each the oth-er's bur-dens bear-ing,
 Now, my chil-dren, live to-geth-er as heirs of life.

American hymnwriter and translator Jaroslav Vajda crafted this benediction text as though God were "dismissing the congregation after worship, while drawing together a review of the events that transpired during the service." The wedding stanza was a later addition.

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS 8.4.8.4.8.8.4.
 Traditional Welsh melody
 For another harmonization, see 425