

# **Worship Service**

## **Sunday, November 2, 2025**



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### **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

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(Fred Moyer)

Welcome

Invocation

Call to Worship

L: There are many who have walked the path toward God before us, showing us the way with their lives.

**C: We come to give thanks for them.**

L: As they were called, so are we called to live as Jesus did, answering the call of God, saying, "Here I am! Send me."

**C: We come to ask for guidance and courage.**

L: We are, each of us, like those who have gone before us, a strange mixture of saint and sinner. God accepts us that way and fills us with the Spirit, who empowers us to act.

**C: We come to worship the Holy God.**

Opening Hymn

"For All The Saints"

(NCH#299)

**~Coming Alive in Community~**

Call to Confession

Trusting in God's mercy we come to our time of confession.

Prayer of Confession

**Glorious God of power and majesty, you bow down to hear our every sigh; deliver us from arrogance and empty vanities. Prevent us from trying to raise ourselves by lowering the position of others. Cast down our pride that we may grow in humility. Take away the barriers of self-defense; grant us the firm security that comes from trust in you and is built with neighborly cooperation and mutual respect. Lead us in the lowly steps of Jesus until we attain the end of a pure joy and eternal victory, through Christ, our servant and sovereign. Amen.**

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment when a son or daughter opens to the gift of forgiveness. God's Spirit assures us of welcome in Christ.

Passing the Peace

Special Music

Blessed Are The Poor In Spirit

**~We Hear God's Word~**

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection:

“Blessed Are You”

(Sing! Prayer And Praise#77)

**77** **Blessed Are You**

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C G F/C C F G G<sup>aug</sup>/D<sup>#</sup>



1. Bless - ed are you. Bless - ed are  
2. Bless - ed are you. Bless - ed are  
3. Bless - ed are you. Bless - ed are

C C<sup>7</sup> F G<sup>sus</sup> G



you. O you who are the poor, God's  
you. If hun - ger steals the day, for  
you. O you who cry a tear, new

C E<sup>7</sup> A<sup>m</sup> D<sup>m</sup><sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup><sup>sus</sup> F/C C



realm is at your door, and bless - ed are you.  
just - ice we will pray, and bless - ed are you.  
joy is draw-ing near, and bless - ed are you.

*Words based on Luke 6:20-23.*

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Remembering the Saints

Lisa Yocom October 24, 1945 – April 10, 2025

Freda Wanner January 13, 1931 – May 26, 2025

~Sharing Blessings with Others~

Prayers of the People  
The Prayer of Our Savior

**All: 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.  
November’s Special Offering – PSEC Retired Clergy

Offertory Impressions (Roesch)

Offering Response “I Will Choose Christ” (Sing! Prayer And Praise #148, First complete Phrase)

**I WILL CHOOSE CHRIST**  
Tom Booth

I will choose Christ, I will choose love,  
I choose to serve, I give my heart,  
I give my life, I give my all to you.  
to you. I give my all.

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Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

L: God be with you

**C: And also with you**

L: Lift up your hearts

**C: We lift them up to God**

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you mighty and merciful God through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of the saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy, and rejoice with you in glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with Lisa and Freda and all the faithful of every time and place, 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.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say. Amen.

**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, gracious God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements (Pew Communion)

Prayer after Communion

**All: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn      "I Sing A Song Of The Saints of God"      (NCH#295)

Benediction

Postlude      Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart      (Tune: Marion, arr. Ritter)

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**Announcements:**  
**Sunday, November 2, 2025**

**~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~**

Sun, 11/2/25 ~ Reflective Worship Service with communion at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary.

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

**~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~**

Sun, 11/9/25 ~ Reflective Worship Service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary.

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

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



**Scripture Reading for November 9th**

**Pam McShane**

Haggai 2:1-9

Psalm 98

Luke 20:27-38

**Cluster donations for November: Bar soap**

**Qigong classes at Shenkel!:** Thursday mornings 11AM-noon. No experience necessary--All are welcome! Cost is \$12/class, cash or check payable to Shenkel UCC. Hope you'll join us!

**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. Contributions can be made to Shenkel UCC with "Carol Challenge" in the memo line, or donate online through our website. Thank you!

**Operation 143 Fall Fundraiser Bingo Saturday, November 8 at 5:00 pm:**

Stewardship will be organizing a prize basket on behalf of Shenkel. You can support this event by contributing towards the cost of the prize basket (money can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office, marked as Operation 143 Bingo) and/or purchase a ticket and attend the event (tickets at [operation143.org](http://operation143.org)). A fun event for a very worthwhile cause!

**Thanksgiving Meal Kits:** Shenkel is contributing boxes of instant potatoes to the Cluster's Meal Kits. We are hoping to donate at least 300 boxes. We will collect them until November 16<sup>th</sup> and display them on the altar rail at the front of the sanctuary.

**Community Labyrinth Walk:** Come experience the calming, centering possibilities of walking the labyrinth in community. The last Sunday of the month (11/30) join us for a labyrinth walk. Will start around 11:00 am following the 9:45 am service.

**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 November 5th 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 on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**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:

Tracy Dise  
Sharon and John Sabo  
Joe and Joan Palubinsky  
Henry and Carole Bailey  
Randy and Brenda Berriker

#### **Birthdays in the month of November**

Cole Major	11/5/2025
Louise Hine	11/6/2025
Alex Mocarski	11/6/2025
Joe Palubinsky	11/7/2025
Homer Royer	11/8/2025
Kaleena Sweinhart	11/8/2025
Madeline Mest	11/15/2025
John Sabo	11/16/2025
Peter Wanner	11/17/2025
Clair Faust	11/19/2025
Ben Mocarski	11/21/2025
Tracy Dise	11/25/2025
AJ Foss	11/25/2025
Linda Foss	11/28/2025
Mindy Chidawu	11/30/2025