

**The Worship Service**  
Sunday, June 30, 2024



# The Gift of Lament

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## Shenkel United Church of Christ

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### **Shenkel UCC's Covenant Statement**

*So reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it, now you do it!*  
(Romans 15:7, *The Message*)

We are aware of pain organized religion has inflicted on many; and we are aware many places of worship have not given the extravagant welcome God offers to us all. Therefore, Shenkel United Church of Christ covenants to extend heartfelt hospitality to ALL. Shenkel UCC affirms all persons are created in the image of God, so we offer full inclusion (communion, life, and ministries) in the faith journey of this congregation, regardless of differences: whether religious background, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, national origin, immigration and refugee status, age, ethnicity, relationship status, addiction/recovery, physical or mental ability, and political affiliation. We proclaim this statement: **no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**

**Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!**  
An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018

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**~Gathering Together~**

Prelude Rejoice! God is Lord of All (Knoedler)

Welcome

Invocation

Congregational Introit Lord Prepare Me (SSB 13)

Call to Worship

L: Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

**C: We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!**

L: We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

**C: You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.**

**Unison: You turn our mourning into dancing! Our souls cannot be silent! O God our Savior, we give thanks to you forever!**

Opening Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (SSB 22)

**~Coming Alive in Community~**

Call to Confession

Surrounded by the steadfast love of God, we gain courage to examine our lives and our relationships. Together we confess the sin that cuts us off from our Creator and separates us from one another.

Prayer of Confession

**God of peace, we confess that we have relied too much on the weapons of war. We are more ready to honor warriors than to give support to those who work diligently for justice and equality of opportunity. We extol our accumulation of gadgets over a balanced sharing of resources. We are more interested in securing your support for our desires than in conforming ourselves to your will. You have given us much, and we have misspent this abundance, creating idols and pursuing illusions of pleasure. O God, forgive us and re-center us in ways that really matter. Amen.**

**~Silence for Prayer and Meditation~**

Assurance of Pardon

If God marked iniquities, who could stand? Yet there is forgiveness from the Source of Life. There is power to redeem us from the most grievous sin. God offers steadfast love to re-center our lives. When we revere God, all else in life is seen in a new light. What was dead in us is brought to new life. Our brokenness is healed. Our priorities are changed. Praise God!

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~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Maddie Mest

Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalms 30

Mark 5:21-43

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

Sermon

Rev Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: "There Was Jesus By the Water"

(NCH 545) See insert

~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 Mother/Father, who are 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.

June's Special Offering: The Coventry Food Pantry

Offertory God Is Our Shelter (Colligan)

Offering Response "Rise Up, Rise Up" (SSB 2)

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn "You Shall Go Out" (SSB 101)

Benediction

Postlude Invention 4 (JS Bach)

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Ministers: All Members of the Church

**Announcements:**

**Sunday, June 30, 2024**

**~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~**

Sun, 6/30/24 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary  
~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Grove.

**~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~**

Sun, 7/7/24 ~ Reflective Worship service with communion at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary  
~ Traditionalish Worship service with communion at 9:45 am in the Grove.

Tues, 7/16/24 ~ Midday Dinner at Douglassville Hotel at 12:00 pm

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



**Scripture Reading for July 7 2024**

**Susan Royer**

Ezekiel 2:1-5  
Psalm 123  
Mark 6:1-13

**Congregational meeting:** has been canceled for today. Tree and stump removal was approved under the Capital Improvements funds from the Carol Lykens bequest (\$65,000) by the Congregation in 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Strunk at [kjstrunk@gmail.com](mailto:kjstrunk@gmail.com).

**Carillion Concerts in July:** World renowned David Hunsberger will be presenting two concerts in July. July 17th at the bell tower in Valley Forge State Park at 7:30 pm. July 19th at Longwood Gardens at 6:00 pm. For more information contact Louise or Tootie Hine.

**Save the date:** August 10<sup>th</sup> outdoor summer concert with Bobby Jo Valentine here at Shenkel UCC, preceded by Pottstown Area Pride Festival beginning at 4:00 pm in the grove.

**Famous Shenkel Corn & Pig Roast Sunday, August 25, 2024 at 5 PM**

Corn, Pig and Beverages to be provided.

Things to Bring:

- Your family and friends!
- Place settings for your family
- Side & Dessert to share

**Cluster donations for July:** Men's and women's razors and shaving cream.

**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.

**80 Paper Towel Rolls:** We continue to collect paper towels for Christ Episcopal. We have already collected and delivered 10 month's worth. Thank you for your generosity. Donations of any size are welcome.

**Stewardship:** Stewardship Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 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 Yocum, 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. April 21st is our next church school. Our next church school will be in September.

**The Agape Group** is re-organizing and will now become the Shenkel Prayer Group. This will be a time for prayer requests, meditation, fellowship and a way to explore prayer. We will be meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 10AM at Freda Wanner's home starting in June. Freda's address is 1752 Temple Rd, Pottstown 19465. All are welcome, including new faces! Come join us for a cup of coffee or tea and celebrate the Spirit of God moving among us. Any questions feel free to talk with Tootie and/or Louise.

**Prayer Lottery:** Shenkel will be praying for:

**Tracy Dise**

**Forrest Kreiger**

**Josh Palubinsky**

**Sherri and Bob MocarSKI**

**Julie and Bill Zachesky**

**Birthdays in the month of June:**

Barry Yocom	6/1/2024
Margie Allen	6/7/2024
Sharon Sabo	6/9/2024
Dawn Yocom	6/13/2024
Tootie Hine	6/14/2024
Kim Bade	6/15/2024
Elizabeth Carr	6/16/2024
David Derman	6/16/2024
Marie Bade	6/18/2024
Amelia Snyder	6/22/2024
Ken Bevan Jr.	6/25/2024
Willaim Keim Jr.	6/25/2024
Dan Jenkins	6/29/2024
Michael Foss	6/30/2024

