

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

Sunday, August 21, 2022 – Traditional Service at 9:45 am

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Prelude “Come Thou Fount” Traditional American Melody

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Choral Introit “Let Your Spirit Come” Songbook # 96
Let your Spirit come, let your Spirit come; fall upon me now, fall upon me now.
Let your spirit come, let your Spirit come; fall upon us now, fall upon us now.
Let your rain fall down, let your rain fall down; pour upon our souls, pour upon our souls.
Come and wash us now, come and wash us now;
come and make us whole, come and make us whole.
Let your Spirit come, let your Spirit come; fall upon me now, fall upon me now.
Let your spirit come, let your Spirit come; fall upon us now, fall upon us now.

Call to Worship

Pastor: Before beginnings and beyond never-endings, our God stretches through eternity.

People: God reaches out to embrace us every moment.

Pastor: Both in common tasks and in unique experiences, our God is present and active.

People: God wills to be known by all members of the human family.

All: That is why we gather to worship. With the opening of worship, we open ourselves. May we see anew our eternal God, greet with grace our sisters and brothers in Christ, and receive with thanks an empowering Spirit.

Opening Hymn “O Grant Us, God, a Little Space” Songbook # 35

O grant us, God, a little space from daily tasks set free.
We meet within this holy place and find security.

Around us rolls the ceaseless tide of business, toil, and care,
And scarcely can we turn aside for one brief hour of prayer.

Yet this is not the only place your presence may be found;
On daily work you shed your grace, and blessings all around.

Yours are the work-place, home, and mart, the wealth of sea and land;
The worlds of science and of art are fashioned by your hand.

Work shall be prayer, if all be wrought as you would have it done;
And prayer, by you inspired and taught, shall then with work be one.

~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

Let us come humbly and boldly to our time of confession, counting on God's mercy.

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that when left to our own devices as followers of our own ways, we become self-centered and spiritually off-center. Draw us toward you, that we may know the heart of things. Center us.

We confess that our vision of people and events gets distorted by prejudice and self-interest. Grant us the ability to view the world with eyes of faith. Help us to see with a clarity that only your love can give. Focus us.

We confess that in our lives we give great weight to the insignificant and take too lightly the things that matter most. Enable us to make wiser judgments and to set our priorities with the help of your discerning Spirit. Balance us.

We offer this prayer with confidence in your power to forgive, to heal, and to guide. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

When we confess our sin God is faithful and just to forgive us and restore us to right relationship. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free!

Special Music

"Healing River of the Spirit"

Sandy Rowe, Vocalist

Dr. Ruth C Duck/*The Sacred Harp*) Lyrics © 1996 The Pilgrim Press [oneline #07407] ;

Music arrangement © 2022 First Run Muzik Psalter [P.D.]

~ We Hear God's Word ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:9-14

Dan Wolgemuth

Reading of Psalm 103:1-8

The Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“Bless the Lord”

Songbook # 14

Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in to life.

Baptism

Henry James Carr

Son of James and Elizabeth (Bevan) Carr, brother of Zoey

Invitation

Welcome

Leader: They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them,

People: “Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it.”

Leader; And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

Address

Leader: Jesus said: Unless we are born . . . and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

People: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ’s body.

Questions of the Candidates

Congregational Assent

Minister: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism.

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

**People: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

**You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.
You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.
In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues and races.**

**You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.**

**You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

Prayer of Baptism

Leader: Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. We thank you, God.....

Act of Baptism

Leader: Henry James Carr, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: The Holy Spirit be upon you, Henry, child of God, disciple of Christ, member of the church.

Act of Praise

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

Songbook # 20

I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;

In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

Prayer for the Baptized

Pastor: Let us pray for the one baptized today. Gracious God, you have filled the world with joy by giving us the gift of Jesus. Bless this newly baptized person. May he be filled with joy; may he never be ashamed to confess a personal faith in you. Bless the parents of this child. May they always show their gratitude for the life you have given by loving and caring for Henry. Bless these your faithful people. Unite them in the peace of Christ and the company of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

~ 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
North Coventry Meals on Wheels program - *Meals on Wheels of Chester County (MOWCC)*
serves hundreds of homebound citizens throughout the county, including members from our own church family. For more information, go to www.mowcc.org.

Offering Response

"We Plow the Fields"

Songbook # 36

All good gifts around us Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord For all His love. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Hymn “Shall We Gather at the River” vs. 1-3 Songbook # 81

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod.
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. (refrain)

As we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown. (refrain)

Benediction

Choral Sending “You Shall Go Out with Joy” Songbook # 101

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.
And the mountains and the hill will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap,
 will clap their hands.

And the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
while you go out with joy You shall go.

Postlude “In Christ Alone”

Announcements

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

Marie Bade

Stacia and Joe Bradley

Dan Jenkins

Clair and Jim Faust

Sandy and Ray Rowe

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 8/21 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service in the grove at 9:45 am with baptism
Mon., 8/22 ~ Community Meal at noon

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 8/28 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service in the grove at 9:45 am

Scripture Readings for August 28:
Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Beginning Sunday, September 11, we will be offering opportunities for **continuing education and discussion about white privilege**. We will be using the UCC curriculum “White Privilege, let’s talk, A Resource for Transformational Dialogue” Again there will be three different discussion times in which to participate:

Sunday after worship, 11:00 am; Tuesday at 11:00 am; Wednesday at 7:00 pm

All discussions are planned to take place in person in the social hall. You can pick up a copy of the third section at the church office. The expectation is that you will have read the first chapter and arrive ready to join in a discussion. I look forward to learning and growing together as we work our way through this curriculum.

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. Next month’s items are body wash (adults and kids), shampoo, conditioner and bar soap .

Thank you to Barbara Brown for providing the refreshments after the service today.
We are looking for a few more people to provide refreshments on the following Sundays:
September 18 and September 25

Community Labor Day Service. We will again be hosting the Community Labor Day service on Sunday, September 4 at 10 am. There will not be an 8:30 service. We will be having communion at the 10:00 am service. Shenkel is responsible for drinks for after the service.

Disaster Relief. We will be collecting money to help the people in Kentucky. All money will be sent to the PSEC to be forwarded to Kentucky.

Friends Helping Friends

Come and shop at Boscov's on Wednesday, October 19. 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.