



~ *Coming Alive in Community* ~

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Silence for Prayer and Reflection*

Assurance of Forgiveness

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. Friends, believe the good news; in Christ our sins are forgiven and we are set free!

Special Music

“Make Us One”

by Dan Wolgemuth

~ *We Hear God’s Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Epistle Reading: Acts 1:6-14

Andrew Foss

Reading of Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

The Gospel: John 17:1-11

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“Eternal Christ, Who, Kneeling”

NCH # 390

Eternal Christ, who, kneeling when earthly tasks were done,  
turned unto God appealing, "That they may all be one,"  
We thank you for your vision of unity untorn,  
of faith without division with which your church was born.

But we have often slighted the ties designed to hold  
your followers united within one common fold.  
On history's tattered pages we see, O Christ, with shame,  
the strife which through the ages has marred your church's name.

Accept our deep contrition for all our sundering ways  
which still disrupt your mission, which mock our words of praise.  
Christ, may your Spirit guide us that we may find, beyond  
the things which still divide us, love's all-embracing bond.

## ***Baptism***

*Peyton Lynn Hauze*

Daughter of Mark and Julie Hauze

Godparents: Jennifer Braley and Scott McCool

### 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 she 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: Peyton Lynn Hauze, 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, Peyton, child of God, disciple of Christ, member of the church.

Prayer for the Baptized

Pastor: Let us pray for the one baptized today.....the company of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed”

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Wonder of wonders, here revealed; God's covenant with us is sealed.

And long before we know or pray, God's love enfolds us every day.

Here in this sacrament we see God's grace unbound, for all, for me!

May we respond with joyful praise In loving service all our days.

This child of God, though young or old, We welcome now into Christ's fold,

To know with us God's loving care; Here all our joys and sorrows share.

Now we our vow of faith renew, Stretch wide our sights to global view,

And claim with Christians far and near A larger family held dear.

*~ 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  
*Strengthen the Church* is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at Conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches where the UCC voice has not been heard. For more information, go to [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org).

Offertory "Andante" Baumert

Offering Response "We Give You But Your Own" NCH # 785  
We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

Prayer of Dedication

*~ Going out in Joy ~*

Sending Hymn "Shadow and Substance" NCH # 398  
Shadow and substance, wonder and mystery, spellbinding spinner of atoms and earth;  
Soul of the cosmos, person and energy, source of our being, we sing of your worth.

We are your image, formed in community; sisters and brothers of Adam and Eve.  
You gave us color, custom and history; teach us to honor what others receive.

Naming the nameless Spirit of unity, scanning the heavens for signs of your care;  
God of the ages, give us humility; guide us to mystical union in prayer.

Benediction

Postlude "My Heart Rejoices" Paxton

### *Announcements*

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

Marie Bade  
Ann Few  
Roberta Peterman  
Rosemary and Dan Wolgemuth  
Carole and Henry Bailey

Scripture Readings for May 28  
Numbers 11:24-30; Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23

*~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~*

- Sun., 5/21 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.  
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in sanctuary  
~ Book Study at 11 am  
~ Coventry Woods Festival 1-5 pm
- Mon., 5/22 ~ Community Meal at Christ Episcopal at 12 pm

*~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~*

- Sun., 5/28 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.  
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in sanctuary  
~ Rev. Homer Royer is guest preacher
- Fri., 6/2 ~ PSEC Spring Meeting
- Sat., 6/3 ~ PSEC Spring Meeting  
~ Pavilion garage cleanout 9 am

The Hauze, Foss and Shannon families would like to invite the congregation and guests to the social room for a light lunch following the service to celebrate Peyton's baptism.

The basket of flowers is placed in honor of Linda and Andrew Foss and their three grandchildren Luke, Peyton and McKenna.

Pastor Suzanne is on vacation May 22 through June 4<sup>th</sup>. In case of pastoral care emergency Pastor Jim Janotti is available via phone: 610-326-3941 or email [templeumc@comcast.net](mailto:templeumc@comcast.net).

**Pottstown Cluster.** This month's items are cleaning supplies: toilet brushes, toilet plungers, dust pans and brushes, mops, brooms. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster.

Barry Yocom has decided to retire from mowing the grove. We are looking for volunteers to help with the mowing around the pavilion and grove. Barry has given his lawn mower to the church to use. Please see Dan Jenkins if you are willing to help. The more volunteers the lighter the load.