

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

Sunday, October 2, 2022 – Traditional Service at 9:45 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Prelude

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Choral Introit

“I Am Welcome”

Songbook # 72

I am welcome, I am welcome, I am loved just as I am.

I am welcome, I am welcome, I am loved just as I am.

O Spirit burn that truth into my heart.

You are welcome, You are welcome, You are loved just as You are.

You are welcome, You are welcome, You are loved just as You are.

O Spirit burn that truth into your hearts.

We are welcome, We are welcome, We are loved just as We are.

We are welcome, We are welcome, We are loved just as We are.

O Spirit burn that truth into our hearts.

Call to Worship

Pastor: And God created the heavens and the earth.

People: And gave them to us to use and enjoy.

Pastor: And God breathed life into each of us, and set us upon the earth.

People: And God sent Jesus Christ to save us from the pull of death.

Pastor: Everything that fills our souls with gladness and light is a gift from the loving Creator.

People: We have been entrusted with unfathomable riches. For all this our God is to be praised. Let us worship God together!

Opening Hymn

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Songbook # 18

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam, And silver moon with softer gleam:

[Chorus] Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O rushing wind and breezes soft, O clouds that ride the winds aloft:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice; O lights of evening, find a voice. [Chorus]

O flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O fire so masterful and bright, Providing us with warmth and light. [Chorus]

Dear mother earth, who day by day Unfolds rich blessings on our way,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The fruits and flow'rs that verdant grow, Let them God's glory also show. [Chorus]

O ev'ry one of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and cast on God your care. [Chorus]

~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

Let us come with confidence and humility to our time of confession.

Prayer of Confession

We give thanks, merciful God, that in Christ you seek to unite all things in heaven and in earth, to reconcile all people to one another and to you. Yes, we confess that the new creation is not yet complete in us, and that we feel everywhere the barriers that separate humankind. Forgive us, and fill us with your Spirit of oneness. Reveal to us those places where pride and selfishness rebuild the walls once torn down in Christ; through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free.

Special Music

"In Shady Green Pastures God leads Us Along"

G.A Yound

~ We Hear God's Word ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:20-24

Maddie Mest

Reading of Psalm 104:24-30

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Songbook # 32

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky. [Refrain]

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. [Refrain]

Blessing of the Animals

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~ *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

***Neighbors in Need** - is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. For more information, go to www.ucc.org/nin.*

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

~ *Holy Communion* ~

Invitation

Minister: Throughout God's world this day Christian churches are celebrating the Eucharist as one family dining together in one room under one roof.

People: Our sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, Central America, Asia and in all lands and countries join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

Minister: Neither powers nor principalities shall stop us nor deter our purpose, our sense of mission, or our challenge to go forth as disciples into every town, village, and crossroad proclaiming the love of Christ for all creation.

People: In Christ's love there is no East, no West, no North, no South, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.

Minister: Let us praise Christ! May this holy meal empower each of us to be agents of hope and peace in time of uncertainty and strife.

People: The bread and wine are not for us alone, but are symbols of a universal message that surpasses the might of missiles and the walls of oppression.

Minister: May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the church this day!

People: Praise be to Christ our Creator, Redeemer, and Savior! Amen.

Communion Prayer

Minister: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Minister: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks, Holy One,we worship and glorify you, God Most Holy.

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!

Pastor: For in the night of betrayal in remembrance of me.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor: Eternal God, we unite To make all things new.

All: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ, the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread, The Pouring of the Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Let us pray.

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 forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

Songbook # 85

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow’r thru out the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great thou art, how great thou art.

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art.”

Refrain

Benediction

Postlude

“Mark This Place”

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Announcements

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

Sandy Peterman, James Heath and Bryan and Emily Trego
Linda, Andrew, Brandon, Aaron, Mike and AJ Foss and Christine Hauze
Carol and Ron Pearson
Lucas Gray
Erika Price

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 10/2	~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary with World communion ~ Worship service in the grove at 9:45 am with World Communion and Blessing of the Animals ~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
Tues., 10/4	~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
Wed., 10/5	~ White Privilege Discussion at 7 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 10/9	~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary. ~ Worship service in the grove at 9:45 am in grove
Tues., 10/11	~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am ~ Consistory 6:30 pm
Wed., 10/12	~ White Privilege Discussion at 7 pm
Sat., 10/15	~ Christmas Card workshop at 10 am

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are dish soap, multi-purpose cleaners, and toilet paper. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster.

Christmas Card Workshop. Please join us for a card making funfest on Saturday, October 15th. Everyone will get to make several Christmas cards. We will start at 10:00 am, break for lunch, and then make more cards in the afternoon. Please bring a lunch (beverage and desserts will be provided). If you are new to card making, don't let that stop you – there will be lots of help available. Guests are welcome – the more the merrier. Workshop fee is \$20.00 per person, which includes all supplies...and a surprise or two!

To reserve your place in the workshop, please call or email Pat Kuestner as soon as possible. Deadline to sign up is October 2nd. Thanks, and I really hope to see you there. Pat 610-327-0889; plkuestner@gmail.com.

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.