

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

Sunday, August 14, 2022 – Traditional Service at 9:45 am

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Prelude

“Peace”

Borroughs

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: Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day has been born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

People: We know the beauty of God’s creation and the wonder of human family.

We remember those whose love has shaped our lives and those whose struggle for justice has been unsleeping even in nighttimes of loneliness.

Pastor: We gather to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, to pledge ourselves to God’s work in the world.

People: May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope.

Opening Hymn

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Songbook # 94

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might,
your justice like mountains high soaring above your clouds,
which are fountains of goodness and love.

Your life is life giving to both great and small;
in all life you're living, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,
then wither and perish but naught dims your powers.

So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
all praise we now render as your angels do;
in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.
Immortal, Invisible, God only wise!

~ *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

Gracious God, we open our hearts and confess our sins – against you, against our neighbor, against even ourselves. For the wrongs of our minds, our hearts, our hands, our spirits – forgive us. For our silence and lack of compassion – forgive us. For our anger and our fear – forgive us. For the waste of your gifts – forgive us. For our part, known and unknown, in the suffering of all of your children – forgive us. For our failures in justice and peace – forgive us. For all the times we do not walk the way of love – forgive us in the name of Jesus Christ, who goes before us, so that we can know love. 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

“With One Voice”

Kelly Strunk, Soprano Soloist

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~ *We Hear God's Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Louise Hine

Reading of Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

The Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“Change My Heart, O God”

Songbook # 71

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

You are the Potter, I am the clay

Mold me and make me this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

Change our hearts, O God, make them ever true.

Change our hearts, O God, may we be like You.

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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

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* ~

Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Songbook # 91

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
God's realm shall stretch from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Through Christ shall endless prayer be made, Borne of the Spirit's ceaseless aid;
Like sweet perfume new hymns shall rise With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue Dwell on God's love with sweetest song.
And infant voices shall proclaim Their earliest prayers in Jesus' name.

Let every creature rise and bring Tributes of praise for all to sing;
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.

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

“Just a Closer Walk”

arr. Larson

Announcements

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

Joyce Pashley
Judy Miller
Jeff Luckenbach
Eric Klein
Stauffer Kutz

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

- Sun., 8/14 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
 ~ Worship service in the grove at 9:45 am with Ice Cream Social to follow
- Tues., 8/16 ~ Midday Dinner Club at Three Cousins at noon
- Thurs., 8/18 ~ Card Making class at 10 am
 ~ Agape at Freda Wanner's at 6:30 pm

~Upcoming events 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

Scripture Readings for August 21:
Isaiah 58:9-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Luke 13:10-17

Ice Cream Sundae Social Today

Cost is \$5.00 for a bowl of ice cream and all the toppings. All proceeds will go to the mission fund.

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 .

Mid-day Dinner club will be meeting at Three Cousins Diner on Tuesday, August 16 at noon. It is open to young-at-heart adults of any age who enjoy eating out and would like to get to know other Shenkel members a little better. If you are attending, please add your name and phone number on the sign up sheet no later than Sunday, August 14 so your reservation can be made on time or you may call Sharon Sabo at 610-326-1945 or let her know at the Sunday service if you are able to attend.

Card Making Class will be meeting on Thursday, August 18 at 10 am in the Social Hall. Each class participants make three beautiful cards. Cost is \$8. If you plan to attend the class or have any questions, please call Pat Kuestner at 610-327-0889 to insure there will be enough materials.

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.