

September 12, 2021
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Music as we Prepare for Worship “10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)” Trust Company
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Call to Worship

Pastor: May the peace of God rest upon your busy lives so that you may be quieted into prayer.

People: May the love of God flow through your worship words that they may be alive with opportunities for service.

Pastor: May the grace of God seek out your every need and may the restless gospel set your hearts afire.

People: Amen and Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Seek Ye First”

Shenkel Songbook # 48

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you Allelu Alleluia*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you Allelu Alleluia*

~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

We are called to examine our faithfulness to God’s covenant with us. God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for a new life.

Special Music

“Just As I Am”

Trust Company

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~ *We Hear God's Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9

The Reading of Psalms: Psalm 116:1-9

The Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“In Remembrance”

Shenkel Songbook # 79

In remembrance of Me, eat this bread.

In remembrance of Me, drink this wine.

***In remembrance of Me, pray for the time
when God's own will is done.***

In remembrance of Me, heal the sick.

In remembrance of Me, feed the poor

***In remembrance of Me, open the door
and let all people in, let him in, let them in.***

Take, eat and be comforted;

drink and remember, too,

***that this is My body and precious blood
shed for you, shed for you.***

In remembrance of Me, search for truth.

In remembrance of Me, always love.

***In remembrance of Me don't look above,
but in your heart, in your heart,
look in your heart for God.***

Do this in remembrance of Me.

~ 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

Church World Services - Blanket Sunday. For over 60 years, Church World Services has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including: blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster. For more information, go to www.cwsglobal.org.

Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.***

~ Holy Communion ~

Invitation

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 thanks, God of majesty and mercy,Hold us together in the invisible communion of the spirit. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread, The Pouring of the Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Let us pray.

All: God who makes all things new, we thank you for letting us come as we are and share in this meal. We know that we are what we eat, and, having taken into ourselves the body and blood of Jesus, we gain his power, his healing abilities, his commitment to justice for all people. Help all of us gathered here to work together as the different parts of the body of Christ – hands, eyes, voice, and conscience – to carry on Christ's work and witness and worship. Amen.

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Music

“Lord I Want to Be a Christian”

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Benediction

Parting Music

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Trust Company

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Trust Company was founded by Marjean Wolgemuth who serves as the artistic director, arranger and vocalist. Two other members are Vickie Miller & Mary Hinkle.

Announcements

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

Noah Bradley

Aaron Gray

Tracy Dise

Lori Scharneck

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 9/12 ~ Reflective Worship service with communion at 8:30 am in sanctuary
 ~ Worship service with communion in the Grove at 9:45 am
Tues., 9/14 ~ Consistory at 6:30 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 9/19 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary
 ~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am
Tues., 9/21 ~ MidDay Dinner Club at Black Jax at noon

Scripture Readings for September 19:

Psalm 1; James 3:13—4:3, Mark 9:30-37

Pottstown Cluster. We will be starting to collect items again for the Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are body wash (adult), body wash (kids), shampoo, conditioner, bar soap. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster. We will be collecting each week and items will change on a monthly basis.

Friends Helping Friends

Come and shop at Boscov's on Wednesday, October 20. 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.