

The Worship Service
Sunday, June 14, 2026

*"O Lord, I am your servant; I will offer to you a
thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord."
Psalm 116*

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Shenkel's UCC's Vision Statement

Shenkel United Church of Christ extends a heartfelt welcome to all unbound by physical structure or geography and grounded in creative worship, active spirituality, community action, love and service.

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

~Gathering Together~

Prelude "When Morning guilds the Skies" (arr. Tornquist)

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: We have gathered here this morning to worship God.

C: We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.

L: We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

All: We have come to offer up the seasons and the turning in our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.

Opening Hymn "For The Beauty Of The Earth" (SmSgBk #77)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

Teaching and guiding God, hear our prayer, for we want to be better students of your will and ways.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, expand our capacity of love that it might become more durable and inclusive. Stretch our imaginations to envision bold possibilities for placing trust in you. Draw out our hopes that they might not be hidden away undared. Educate our spirits to seek serenity and to strive toward service. Grant us the devotion to be disciples, the discipline to be devoted. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

God who is rich in mercy hears our prayer and restores us to right relationship. Know that you are forgiven and set free!

Special Music

Great And Mighty Is He

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Brian McShane

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7)

Psalm 116:1,2, 12-19

Matthew 9:35-10:8

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

Sermon

Rev. Homer Royer

Hymn for Reflection:

“I Love You Lord”

(SmSgBk #59)

~Sharing Blessings with Others~

Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer

Our Mother/Father, who are 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.
June’s Special Offering – Coventry Food Pantry

Offertory

“God of the Sparrow”

(Schalk)

Offering Response

“Take My Life, And Let It Be” (SmSgBk#37-4th verse only)

**Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I with-hold.
Take my intellect, and use Every power as Thou shalt choose.**

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

L: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

All: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ’s table.

L: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God’s people.

Communion Prayer

L: God be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High

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

We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being.

We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none.

We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless.

We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory.

We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory.

We bless you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

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!

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover.

Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ's death, O God, we proclaim.

Christ's resurrection we declare.

Christ's coming we await.

Glory be to you, O God.

L: Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory.

We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, on our gifts, and on us. Strengthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able 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 and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

Prayer after Communion

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

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn

"Here I Am Lord"

(SmSgBk#26)

A word from Kim Yocom about the renovations at the pavilion.

Prayer of Dedication

Benediction

Postlude "This is My Story, This is My Song" (Knapp)

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding Music Director: Dan Wolgemuth
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Sexton: Stacy Keim Secretary: Danielle Petersen
Ministers: All Members of the Church

Special Music: (Todd Pettygrove) © 1989 Integrity's Hosanna! Music [CCLI #66665]; Mixed Trio

Announcements:

~Sunday, June 14, 2026~

Sun, 6/14 ~ Reflective Worship Service at 9:45 am with Communion in the Grove.

~ Chancel Choir rehearsal at 11:00 am.

~ We also celebrate with the Bade family Marie's 101st Birthday!

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 6/21 ~ Reflective Worship Service at 9:45 am in the Grove.

~ Chancel Choir rehearsal at 11:00 am.

Please feel free to scan this code to donate through our online giving page.



Scripture Reading for June 21st

Carol Pearson

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17

Matthew 10:24-39

Cluster donations for June: Canned chicken and ham

UPDATE - Pastor Suzanne: Will not be able to come to work for the next two weeks. Should you need anything she will be available by phone at (610) 906-5150.

Make Music Upper Perk: a community music festival held annually on June 21 at 11:00 am invites the congregations of the Valley to join for a special day of fellowship and musical performances. This year several churches will be host to festivities – the grove at Palm Schwenkfelder, the gazebo and sanctuary at St. Mark Lutheran, the lawn at Pennsburg UCC, the bandshell at New Goshenhoppen UCC – in addition to other venues around the Valley. All performances are free to the public & will feature local musicians, bands, and choirs. The day will be a celebration of music in our local community and will include genres for all ages. All events are free and open to the public, and you are invited! The full schedule will be released in the Town & Country in June as well as at ValleyArtScene.wordpress.com. Printed programs are also available in the church office and throughout the community.

First Outdoor Service: Today there is one service at 9:45 a.m., celebrating communion and dedication of pavilion renovations with refreshments being served. Only one service during summer.

Pottstown Area Pride Event: Shenkel will be hosting the Pottstown Area Pride Fest again. This is our 3rd year as hosts. **Anyone is welcome to volunteer to help make this event fun and safe for all. Please sign up as a volunteer on the website (pottstownpride.org). By signing up we can know who to count on for help the day of the festival – July 18th.** Hope to see you there as we move fully live into our mission to unconditionally love and accept all and generously serve our community. Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 18th from 1:00 – 5:00 pm in the Grove!

Walk and Pray: In an increasingly complex and troubling world, many of us are wondering what to do. One simple act is to walk and pray for peace and wholeness in our world. You are invited to walk the Labyrinth here at Shenkel from 9 - 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Come as you are able, leave when you are ready. Pam McShane will be at the Labyrinth most weeks to guide those who are new to labyrinth walking. There's power in walking and praying together!

Qigong classes at Shenkel!: Classes are on Thursday mornings from 11AM-noon. Suggested cost is \$12/class or come and pay what you're able. Cash or check payable to Shenkel UCC. Hope you'll join us! No experience necessary--All are welcome!

Grocery run? Consider using Giant and Redner's cards for your grocery store purchases: Shenkel earns \$5 for every \$100 on Giant and Redner's gift cards – which are available every week at church.

Stewardship: Stewardship Committee will meet next on July 1st at 5:30 pm. The charge of the committee is to find ways to increase much needed revenue, attract new members, and identify new ways to provide ministry. Please contact members of the committee with your thoughts. Committee members: Chris Gray, Dan Jenkins, Kim Yocom, Julie Zachesky, and Brenda Berriker, Tom & Mo Gallant.

Church School: Children from 3 years through grade 6 are invited to participate in church school on the third Sunday of the month at 11:00 AM. Church school will resume in September.

Shenkel Prayer Group: Meets at 10:00 am on the first Monday of the month. All are welcome to participate. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and celebrate the Spirit of God moving among us as we pray together.

Prayer Lottery: Shenkel will be praying for:

Bob and Sherri MocarSKI
David Derman
BJ Peterman
Tom and Lori Klein

Birthdays in the month of June:

Barry Yocom	6/1/26
Gio Manietti	6/2/26
Margie Allen	6/7/26
Sharon Sabo	6/9/26
Dawn Yocom	6/13/26
Tootie Hine	6/14/26
Kim Bade	6/15/26
Elizabeth Carr	6/16/26

David Derman	6/16/26
Marie Bade	6/18/26
Amelia Snyder	6/22/26
Ken Bevan Jr.	6/25/26
William Keim Jr.	6/25/26
Dan Jenkins	6/29/26
Michael Foss	6/30/26

Mission Statement

Shenkel UCC

- prayerfully and creatively worships God;
- unconditionally loves and accepts all;
- generously gives and serves our community and our world.

