

***Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!***

*Sunday, August 7, 2022 – Traditional Service at 9:45 am*

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

*~Gathering Together~*

Prelude “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” Mason; arr. Buda

# 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: As we gather in worship this morning, the most powerful and revealing symbols of our faith stand before us: water and table and cross.

**People:** The water reveals the cleansing and restorative power of God's love.

Pastor: The communion table reminds us that we are invited to dine together with Christ, to be served in preparation for service.

**People:** The table reveals a love that strengthens and nourishes those who feed from it.

Pastor: The cross reminds us with mute eloquence of God's passionate concern for humanity.

**People: The cross reveals a love tangible as wood, extensive as eternity.**

**All: We praise the God who speaks to us through water and table and cross.**

Opening Hymn

“We are the Church”

Songbook # 80

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we’re the church together!  
The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,  
the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.  
We’re many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,  
all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we’re the church together!  
Some times the church is marching, sometimes it’s bravely burning,  
Sometimes it’s riding, sometimes hiding, always it’s learning,  
And when the people gather, there’s singing and there’s praying,  
there’s laughing and there’s crying, sometimes, all of it saying:

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we’re the church together!  
I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we’re the church together!  
Yes, we’re the church together!

*~ Coming Alive in Community ~*

Call to Confession

God has told us that the heavenly realm is near. God calls to each of us to listen and act. Let us place ourselves before God and open our minds and our hearts to God’s loving forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

**God, who has promised eternal life to all, we come before you as humble people. You give us many opportunities to serve, but we turn away. Sometimes we think of ourselves before we think of others. We take paths that lead away from you not toward you. We need you, God! Be with us on our journey. Help us to grow closer to you and to reach out to those in need. Through God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we pray. 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!

*~ We Hear God’s Word ~*

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

Andrew Foss

Reading of Psalm 33:12-22

The Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“Come to the Table of Grace”

Songbook # 106

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is Christ’s table not just yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.

This is Christ’s table not just yours or mine.

Come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.

This is Christ’s table not just yours or mine.

Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.

This is Christ’s table not just yours or mine.

Come to the table of joy.

## ***Baptism***

*Luke Henry Goeringer*

Son of Eric and Laura (Hauze) Goeringer

Godparents: Leslie McRay and Adam Goeringer.

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 he 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: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. 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: Luke Henry Goeringer, 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, Luke, child of God, disciple of Christ, member of the church.

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Prayer for the Baptized

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

**People: Amen.**

*~ 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](http://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

*~ Holy Communion~*

Invitation

Pastor: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**People: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

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: Eternal God, holy and mighty, ..... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: You are holy, O God....proclaim the one crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith.

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

The Breaking of the Bread, The Pouring of the Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Let us pray.

**All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*~ Going out in Joy ~*

Sending Hymn

“We Would Be Building”

Songbook # 61

We would be building, temples still undone,  
o’er crumbling walls their crosses scarcely lift,  
waiting till love can raise the broken stone,  
and hearts creative bridge the human rift.  
We would be building, Architect Divine,  
reveal the shape of life in your design.

Teach us to build; upon the solid rock  
we set the dream that hardens into deed,  
ribbed with fine steel, both time and change to mock,  
the unfailing purpose of our noblest creed.  
Teach us to build; O Maker, lend us sight  
to see the towers gleaming in the light.

O keep us building, Savior; may our hands  
ne’er falter when the dream is in our hearts,  
when to our ears there come divine commands  
and all the pride of sinful will departs.  
We build with you; o grant enduring worth  
until your promised realm shall come on earth.

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

“Soon and Very Soon”

Crouch

## *Announcements*

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

Michaela Craner

Scott Kutz

Sandy Peterman and James Heath and Bryan and Emily Trego

Josh Palubinsky

Drew Sweinhart

### *~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~*

Sun., 8/7

~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.

~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am with baptism

Tues., 8/9

~ Consistory at 6:30 pm

### *~Upcoming events 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

Scripture Readings for August 14:

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:49-56

**Congregational Meeting** to Approve Fellowship Hall Roof Repair. A congregational meeting will be held after each service on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, for the express purpose on voting to repair the Fellowship Hall Roof. Information and proxy votes will be available prior to the meeting. You should have received a letter with the proxy either by email or mail.

**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 .

Thank you to the Goeringer and Foss families for providing the refreshments after the service today in celebration of the baptism of son/grandson Luke Henry Goeringer.

**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.

#### **Ice Cream Sundae Social August 14th**

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

#### **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.