

The Worship Service
Sunday, November 24, 2024

Fear is a lie.
Love is the Truth.

Shenkel United Church of Christ

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Shenkel's UCC's Covenant Statement

So reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it, now you do it!

(Romans 15:7, The Message)

We are aware of pain organized religion has inflicted on many; and we are aware many places of worship have not given the extravagant welcome God offers to us all. Therefore, Shenkel United Church of Christ covenants to extend heartfelt hospitality to ALL. Shenkel UCC affirms all persons are created in the image of God, so we offer full inclusion (communion, life, and ministries) in the faith journey of this congregation, regardless of differences: whether religious background, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, national origin, immigration and refugee status, age, ethnicity, relationship status, addiction/recovery, physical or mental ability, and political affiliation. We proclaim this statement: **no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018

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~Gathering Together~

Prelude Pilgrim's Song (Tchaikovsky)

Welcome

Invocation

Call to Worship

L: Rejoice in the light of the morning! Give thanks for the sun's energy, even through clouds!

C: God has spoken to us and meets us here. We live in covenant with the Eternal One.

L: Gather in the spirit of Jesus, whose name we bear! Thank God for truth that lives in spite of death!

C: We celebrate the faithful witness of Jesus Christ. We seek to share the good news that Christ reigns.

Opening Hymn "Enter In The Realm of God" (NCH#615)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

Do our lives reflect the love of God revealed in Jesus? Is the rule of Christ among us our central concern? Do we daily join in ministry, following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ? This is our call and our duty, for which we must give account.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have been more like thorn bushes than oaks of righteousness. We sometimes repel rather than attract others to the gospel. Pride and deceit fill our days more than grace and peace. We tire of satisfying the poor with bread and upholding the covenant and decrees you have offered us. We turn away from your anointed one, questioning his role in history and his relevance for us. We admit that our inner faith battles are often the screen we use to keep from facing our sin, admitting our guilt and seeking reconciliation. Open our eyes, heal our open wounds, and embrace us in your love that we might be forgiven. Amen

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

God is Alpha and Omega, the source and the ending of all that is and yet will be. You are known. You are loved. You are forgiven. Enter the realm which is not of this world, the community that acknowledges God's rule in all things. Know that you belong to the truth that comes from God.

Special Music

Thank You, Lord, Chancel Choir, Sue Stultz, Flute

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Susan Royer

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Revelation 1:4-8

John 18:33-37

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: "Jesus Shall Reign"

(NCH#300)

~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 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.

November's Special Offering – All Saints – Retired Clergy

Offertory

For the Fruit of All Creation

(arr. R Miller)

Offering Response "We Give You But Your Own"

(NCH#785)

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

(NCH#419)

Benediction

Postlude

How Can I Say Thanks

(Ritter)

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

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Sexton: Stacy Keim

Ministers: All Members of the Church

Music Director: Dan Wolgemuth

Organist: Susan Royer

Secretary: Danielle Petersen

Special Music: (Paul Baoche & Don Moen) © 2004 Integrity's Hosanna! Music & Ninth Avenue Music [CCLI #4220833]

**Announcements:
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~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 11/24/2024 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary
~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary
~ Thanksgiving Soup and Supper at 5:30 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 12/1/24 ~ Reflective Worship service with communion at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary
~ Traditionalish Worship service with communion at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary

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



Scripture Reading for December 1st

Deuteronomy 18:15-18
Psalm 126
Luke 1:5-25

Lori Scharneck

Carol Lykens Giving Challenge: We're receiving gifts for our Carol Lykens Fill-The-Hat Challenge! You're encouraged to make an additional contribution to the Current Fund beyond your usual giving. The goal is to match Carol's \$5000 bequest to help us meet our budget. Contributions can be made to Shenkel UCC with "Carol Challenge" in the memo line, or donate online through our website. Thank you!

Cluster donations for November: Apple juice (Our goal is 300) We will be delivering the apple juice on Monday 11/25.

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 meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 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 Yocum, Julie Zachesky, and Brenda Berriker.

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. Our next church school is on December 15th.

Shenkel Prayer Group: Meets at 10:00 am on the first Thursday 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:

James White
Gary McDermit
Lynne Moyer
Susan & Homer Royer
Glen & Debbie Hoff

Birthdays in the month of November:

Cole Major	11/5/2024
Louise Hine	11/6/2024
Alex Mocarski	11/6/2024
Joe Palubinsky	11/7/2024
Homer Royer	11/8/2024
Kaleena Sweinhart	11/8/2024
Madeline Mest	11/15/2024
John Sabo	11/16/2024
Peter Wanner	11/17/2024
Clair Faust	11/19/2024
Ben Mocarski	11/21/2024
Tracey Dise	11/25/2024
AJ Foss	11/25/2024
Linda Foss	11/28/2024
Mindy Chidawu	11/30/2024

