

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

Sunday, June 11, 2023 – Traditional Service at 9:45 am

Second Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Prelude “Sing Praise to our Creator” Arr. Norris

Welcome

Invocation

Sung Introit “I Am Welcome” (Chorus only) SSB # 72

You are welcome, you are welcome, you are loved just as you are,
You are welcome, you are welcome, you are loved just as you are.
O Spirit burn that truth into my heart.

You are welcome, you are welcome, you are loved just as you are,
You are welcome, you are welcome, you are loved just as you are.
O Spirit burn that truth into your heart.

We are welcome, we are welcome, we are loved just as we are,
We are welcome, we are welcome, we are loved just as we are.
O Spirit burn that truth into our hearts, O Spirit burn that truth into our hearts,
O Spirit burn that truth into our hearts.

Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice in the Beloved, O you holy ones! Praise is a grace of the loving.

People: Praise the Beloved with strings and reeds, give praise with dance and leaps; sing a new song, and shout with joyful heart!

Leader: For the word of the Creator is truth, and all creation reflects the faithfulness of the Beloved.

People: Justice and mercy we render to the Holy One, to the universe filled with Love Divine.

Opening Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth” SSB # 77

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;

Refrain:

God of all, to you we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light: (Refrain)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)

For the good that love inspires, For a world where none exclude,
For a faith that never tires And for every heart renewed: (Refrain)

~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

Trusting in a loving, forgiving God, we confess our sins:

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have promised to receive us when we come to you. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have disobeyed your law. We have not loved you or our neighbors as we should. Forgive us, O God, and grant that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven and we are set free!

Special Music

“Be Still My Soul” Congregation w/Chimes
Katherina van Schlegel/Jean Sibelius [CCLI #96910-P.D.]

~ We Hear God's Word ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Sandy Rowe

The Reading of Psalm 33:1-12

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

~Remembering Wanda Craner~

Sentences

Greeting

Words of Remembrance

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Let us say again what we believe.

People: We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayers

Hymn for Reflection "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" SSB # 15

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness;
I dare not trust this earthly frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When shadows veils my Savior's face, I rest upon unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

Christ's oath and covenant and blood, support me in the rising flood;
When all around my soul gives way, Christ then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When Christ shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Love be found:
Dressed in God's righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

~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

Coventry Food Pantry- The Pantry is located on the lower level of the North Coventry Township Building and is a provider for the Emergency Food Assistance Program for Northern Chester County. Established over 30 years ago, it assists area residents from all municipalities in the Owen J. Roberts School District including South Coventry Township. For more information, go to www.northcovertytownship.com/coventry-food-pantry

Offertory

"I Can Only Imagine"

Millard

Offering Response

“Grateful”

Insert

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy One,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

You are more than we imagine, Ancient, Holy, Living God.
Even when we doubt your presence you are faithful to your Word.
Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy One,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

May our lives proclaim your justice, may our voices sing your praise.
May our hands work in your service to the glory of your name.
Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy One,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

Prayer of Dedication

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Hymn

“Wherever You Go”

SSB # 14

Wherever you go, God is with you; wherever you go, God is there.
Wherever you go, whatever you do, you are in God’s care.

Wherever we go, God is with us; wherever we go, God is there.
Wherever we go, whatever we do, we are in God’s care.

Benediction

Postlude

“Sing a New Song”

Hanson, Murukami

Announcements

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

Dan Jenkins

Jeff Luckenbach

Glen Bradley

Josh Palubinsky

Faye Pedrick

Scripture Readings for June 18

Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Matthew 9:35—10:8

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

- Sun., 6/11 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in the grove
~ Book study 11 am
- Tues., 6/13 ~ Consistory at 6:30 pm
- Thurs., 6/15 ~ Card making class at 10 am
~ Agape at 6:30 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

- Sun., 6/18 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in the grove
~ Book study 11 am
- Tues., 6/20 ~ Midday Dinner club at St. Peter's Inn at noon

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are cleaning supplies: toilet brushes, toilet plungers, dust pans and brushes, mops, brooms. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster.

Mid-day Dinner club will be meeting at St. Peter's Inn on Tuesday, June 20 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, June 18 or you may call Sharon Sabo at 610-326-1945 or let her know at the Sunday service if you are able to attend.

Barry Yocom has decided to retire from mowing the grove. We are looking for volunteers to help with the mowing around the pavilion and grove. Barry has given his lawn mower to the church to use. Please see Dan Jenkins if you are willing to help. The more volunteers the lighter the load.