

SIR, GIVE US THIS BREAD ALWAYS

The Worship Service – Sunday August 4, 2024

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.**

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An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018

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~Gathering Together~

Prelude Wonderful Words (Bliss)

Welcome

Invocation

Congregational Introit Lord Prepare Me (SSB13)

Call to Worship

L: Now is the time to awaken to the presence of God the Eternal Spirit.

C: Now is the time to come alive with our songs of praise.

L: Today we open ourselves to the power of the Spirit in our lives.

C: Today we extend our hands in caring toward humanity.

ALL: We do all this because we have responded to the ministry and message of Jesus Christ, whose people we are.

Opening Hymn "Morning Has Broken" (SSB #78)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

We say we'll listen, but do we? We say we'll hear the Word of God, but there are so, so many other voices competing for our attention. So let us stop. Take a deep breath, take another breath filling our lungs with air, opening ourselves to the Holy Spirit. Let us shed the burdens of our sins against God and each other. Together, let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Comforter of the lost, you call us home to live with you, but we are too busy to listen. God of grace and wonder, you judge us to be worthy of your love, forgiveness and grace, while we rush to judge others. God of plenty, you feed our spirits and our bodies what we need, to not only live but to thrive, while we feast on junk promises and fillers that serve no good purpose. Forgive us, O Holy One. Calm our anxious minds and hearts. Fill us with your spirit, your hope, and your love as we seek to hear once again the lessons of Christ Jesus, our Savior, teacher and friend. Open our lives to his message of mercy and grace.

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

The Good News speaks to us of God's tender mercy and love for us. God comes! Not to punish, but to gift us with peace, not to judge, but to save us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Special Music

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Brian McShane

Exodus 16:2-4 & 9-15

Psalms 78:23-29

John 6:24-35

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"

(SSB #106)

~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.

August's Special Offering: North Coventry Meals on Wheels

Offertory Offertory on Trust in Jesus

(Bradbury, arr Donna Krieger)

Offering Response "Rise Up, Rise Up"

(SSB 2)

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion

L: God in Christ breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divide us from one another. We are the body of Christ. Around this table, we enact our faith. The body broken is restored to wholeness; lifeblood poured out brings healing to our world.

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.

L: 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 children 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!

L: For in the night of betrayal, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also after supper, Jesus took the cup and after giving you thanks, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you: This cup is the new covenant, which is poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Holy One, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your entire church through these holy mysteries. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of our risen Savior may be one in Jesus Christ. May we remain faithful in love and hope, until the perfect feast with our exalted Savior in the eternal joy of your heavenly realm.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing The Elements

During Communion Always Remember (Sewell)

Prayer After Communion (All)

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 " Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" (SSB #43)

Benediction

Postlude Everlasting God (Brown, Riley)

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding
Email: shenkelpastor@gmail.com
Sexton: Stacy Keim

Music Director: Dan Wolgemuth
Organist: Susan Royer
Ministers: All Members of the Church

**Announcements:
Sunday, August 4, 2024**

~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 8/4/24 ~ Traditionalish Worship service with communion at 9:45 am in the Grove

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 8/11/24 ~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Grove

Tues, 8/20/24 ~ Midday Dinner at Island Pizza at 12:00 pm

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



Scripture Reading for August 11th

Louise Hine

I Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

John 6:35 & 41-51

Save the date: August 10th outdoor summer concert with Bobby Jo Valentine here at Shenkel UCC in the grove at 7:00 pm. First Annual Pottstown Area Pride Festival from 4:00 -7:00 pm. **Volunteers are needed for:** Parking, Security, Food, Games, Set up, Clean up and General. To sign up to volunteer go to: pottstownpride.org/volunteer.

Famous Shenkel Corn & Pig Roast Sunday, August 25, 2024 at 5 PM hosted by Ken Bevan and extended family. Corn, Pig and Beverages to be provided.

Things to Bring:

- Your family and friends!
- Place settings for your family
- Side & Dessert to share

Blessing of the Animals (Service) and All Church Picnic: on 9/29/24 following the service.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends: on 10/22/24 there are \$5.00 Coupon Shopping Passes. Shopping passes can be done in any Boscov's or this year online!! We have two dates where we will be sitting at Boscov's offering coupons to Boscov's customers. The dates are: Saturday, September 21 starting at noon; and Saturday, October 12 starting at noon. We will be able to be there for 3 hours or more. If anyone can help us it would be greatly appreciated, Tootie and Louise Hine.

Any further suggestions for things to do, please contact Louis Hine at 610-385-3716 (Home) or Tootie Hine at 610-781-6645 (Cell) or at angels2we@gmail.com.

Cluster donations for August: School supplies, pens, pencils, crayons, erasers and notebooks.

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.

40 Paper Towel Rolls: We continue to collect paper towels for Christ Episcopal. We have already collected and delivered 11 month's worth. Thank you for your generosity. Donations of any size are welcome.

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. April 21st is our next church school. Our next church school will be in September.

The Agape Group is re-organizing and will now become the Shenkel Prayer Group. This will be a time for prayer requests, meditation, fellowship and a way to explore prayer. We will be meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 10AM in the Social Hall. All are welcome, including new faces! Come join us for a cup of coffee or tea and celebrate the Spirit of God moving among us. Any questions feel free to talk with Tootie and/or Louise.

Prayer Lottery: Shenkel will be praying for:

Alex Mocarski
Julianne Wanner
Noah Bradley
Cara Bevan
Sue and Gary Stultz

Birthdays in the month of August:

Steven Bade	8/3/2024
Ted Gray	8/4/2024
Dan Wolgemuth	8/6/2024
MarylN Rohrbach	8/8/2024
Jim Bevan	8/10/2024
Barbara Sweinhart	8/10/2024
Elaine Bevan	8/12/2024
Grace Major	8/12/2024
Morgan Scharneck	8/16/2024
Jennifer Dyott	8/17/2024
Carol Pearson	8/18/2024
Ashlyn Augustine	8/21/2024
Kaya Skulski	8/27/2024
Jeffrey Dyott	8/28/2024
Lori Scharneck	8/28/2024
Joyce Pashley	8/29/2024
Noah Bradley	8/30/2024
Christian Golden	8/31/2024
Wayne Klein	8/31/2024

