

November 21, 2021
Twenty fifth Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation:

All: We gather before you, God, thankful that you receive us when we come to you. Skillfully, through your Spirit's fire, find the places where we hurt and shine on them with healing light. Find places where we run from you and gather us home. Then mold us and shape us to be the Body of Christ on earth!
We worship, remembering our baptisms, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!

Gathering Music	"Crown Him with Many Crowns"	Elvey
Centering Music	"Open My Eyes"	Bulletin Insert

Call to Worship

Pastor: We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.
People: We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.
Pastor: We are here because we want to live as God's people.
People: We want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.
Pastor: We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the Living God.
All: Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit, and prepare to leave this place as true disciples of Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn	"Come, O Thankful People, Come"	Bulletin Insert
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~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

Let us come to our time of confession with humility and confidence in the promise of God's forgiveness.

Litany of Confession:

Pastor: I was downtown shopping for designer sheets when an old man whispered,
People: I have no bed.
Pastor: I stood at an appliance store comparing consumer reports on microwave ovens when a single mother of three wept,
People: I have no food.
Pastor: I hired a decorator to remodel the kitchen and to add more cupboards when an African American child sobbed,

People: I have no cup.

Pastor: I dreamed of building a getaway place, a cabin in the woods, a country place. Across the border came the cry,

People: I have no country.

Pastor: I bought a new big-screen color TV for a loved one's pleasure when a war orphan murmured,

People: I have no loved ones.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

All: God, forgive us, when our ears won't hear and our eyes won't see the sounds and sights of suffering around us. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God says to us: You are my chosen ones. I love you. Stand firm in your renewed commitment. Know that I have forgiven you; I call you by name; you are mine. I have entered into covenant with you and will stand by you in all times and places. Dare to live fully the life to which I have called you! Amen!

Special Music "Praise and Thanksgiving" Chancel Choir w/Sue Stultz, *flautist*
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music arrangement by Dan Wolgemuth

~ We Hear God's Word ~

Scripture Lessons

Hebrew Scripture: Psalm 93 (Reading from: THE MESSAGE)

The New Testament Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

The Gospel: John 18:33-40

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

Sermon

"NOT King of this World!"

Rev. Wanda D. Craner

Hymn for Reflection

"Eternal Christ, You Rule"

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~ 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

All Saints Day/PSEC Retired - Offering is used to supplement the needs of the retired pastors, spouses, and widows in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference who need assistance with health and dental insurance. Your generosity will bring peace of mind and improved health to those who have served the church so faithfully in the past.

Offering Response

*We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

Sending Music

~ ***Going out in Joy*** ~
"Take My Gifts"

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Benediction

Parting Music

"Nun Danket"

J.S. Bach

Announcements

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

Barbara Brown

Olivia Dushanko

Laura and Christian Golden

Karl Metka

Sarah Neff, Emmit, Shane and Iris Glatfelter

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 11/21 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.

~ Worship service in the Social Hall at 9:45 am.

Wed., 11/24 ~ Bible Study on Zoom at 7 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 11/28 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.

~ Worship service in the Social Hall at 9:45 am.

Wed., 12/1 ~ Bible Study on Zoom at 7 pm

Scripture Readings for November 28:

Jeremiah 23:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; Luke 21:25-36

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are dish soap, multi-purpose cleaners, toilet paper. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster.

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday , November 24 at 7 pm on Zoom. Please let Pastor Suzanne know if you are interested so she can send you an invitation to join on Zoom.

Decorating Time: We are looking for help today after church to carry the decorations from the basement to the social hall and sanctuary. We will be decorating on Saturday, November 27 at 10 am. No experience is needed, there are things for everyone to do. We are also going to be making a "Memories from Christmas' Past" picture collage on the bulletin board. Please bring pictures of Shenkel memories to share.

Christmas Story Time Tea

Okay, so what is a "Christmas Story Time Tea"? I am so glad you asked. It will be an afternoon of Christmas fun. This will be the Christmas program sponsored by the Lunch Bunch. We will have Rev. Dan Moser read his annual Christmas Story, sing carols and have cookies and coffee/tea. We will be starting at 1:00 p.m. (no lunch for this gathering, just dessert) on Thursday, December 9, 2021. Eat your lunch at home and then come to celebrate. Anyone can come, even if you are not retired!!!

Pottstown Cluster Holiday meal & Christmas gifts

Shenkel's collection assignment for the Cluster's Christmas meal this year is 200 cans of corn. Start looking for those sales now. Deadline to donate is Sunday, December 12. For Christmas, we are also collecting gifts for children ages newborn to 17 years old. The gifts can be unwrapped or a gift card. Deadline to contribute is also Sunday, December 12. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!
December 12, 2021
Shenkel UCC Living Gift Market



OPEN MY EYES

Jesse Manibusan

O - pen my eyes, Lord. _____
O - pen my ears. Lord. _____

Help me to see Your
Help me to hear Your

face. O - pen my eyes Lord. _____
voice. O - pen my ears, Lord. _____

Help me to see. _____
Help me to hear. _____

O - en our hearts,

Lord. _____ Help us to love

like You. O - pen our hearts,

Lord. _____ Help us to love. _____

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Come, O Thankful People, Come

Exod. 23:16

St. 1, Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

St. 2, Anna Lætitia Aiken Barbauld, 1772; alt.

St. 3, composite of Alford and Barbauld; alt.

Descant

3 These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings flow;

1 Come, O thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;

2 All the bless-ings of the field, all the stores the gar-dens yield,

3 These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings flow;

Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;

God our Mak-er does pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied;

All that spring with boun-teous hand scat-ters o'er the smil-ing land,

Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;

and for these our songs we raise, grate-ful vows and sol-emn praise.

all is safe-ly gath-ered in as the win-ter storms be-gin;

all the fruits in full sup-ply, rip-ened 'neath the sum-mer sky,

and for these our songs we raise, grate-ful vows and sol-emn praise.

come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.

come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
all that lib - eral au - tumn pours from its rich o'er-flow-ing stores,
come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.

This hymn represents the joining of two Thanksgiving hymns by nineteenth-century poet Henry Alford and eighteenth-century poet Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld. The creator of this combined form, which appeared early in the twentieth century, is not known.

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7.D.
George J. Elvey, 1858
Descant: H. A. Chambers, 1931

Eternal Christ, You Rule

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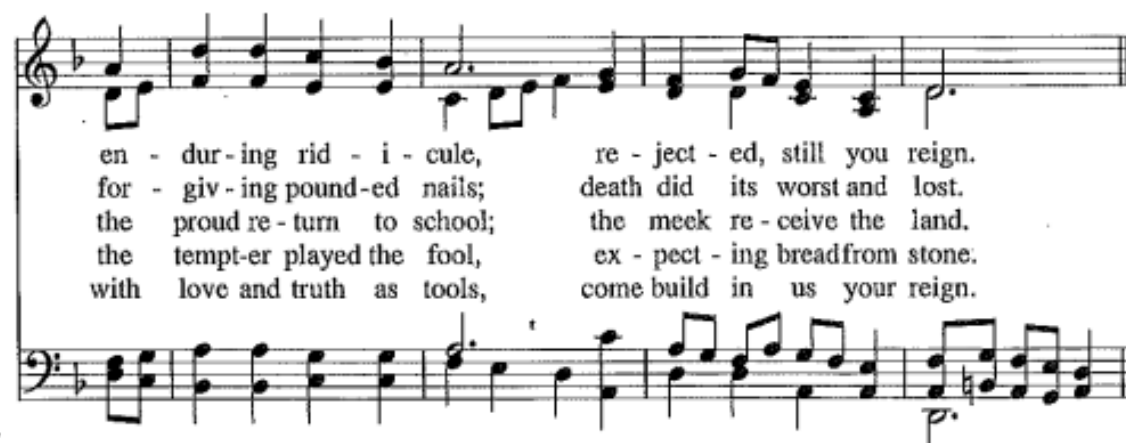
Dan Damon, 1990

Eph. 1:15-23; 5:1-2

Unison



1 E - ter-nal Christ, you rule keep-ing com - pa - ny with pain;
 2 E - ter-nal Christ, you rule speak-ing par - don from the cross;
 3 E - ter-nal Christ, you rule tak - ing chil - dren by the hand;
 4 E - ter-nal Christ, you rule fast - ing for - ty days a - lone;
 5 E - ter-nal Christ, you rule keep-ing com - pa - ny with pain;



en - dur-ing rid - i - cule, re - ject - ed, still you reign.
 for - giv - ing pound-ed nails; death did its worst and lost.
 the proud re - turn to school; the meek re - ceive the land.
 the tempt-er played the fool, ex - pect - ing bread from stone.
 with love and truth as tools, come build in us your reign.

Hymnwriter Daniel Charles Damon credits a sermon given by United Church of Christ minister Ansley Coe Throckmorton at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California, as his inspiration for this text. To the question, "How does Christ rule?" Throckmorton replied, "By keeping company with pain."

Tune: THROCKMORTON 6.7.6.6.
 Dan Damon, 1990

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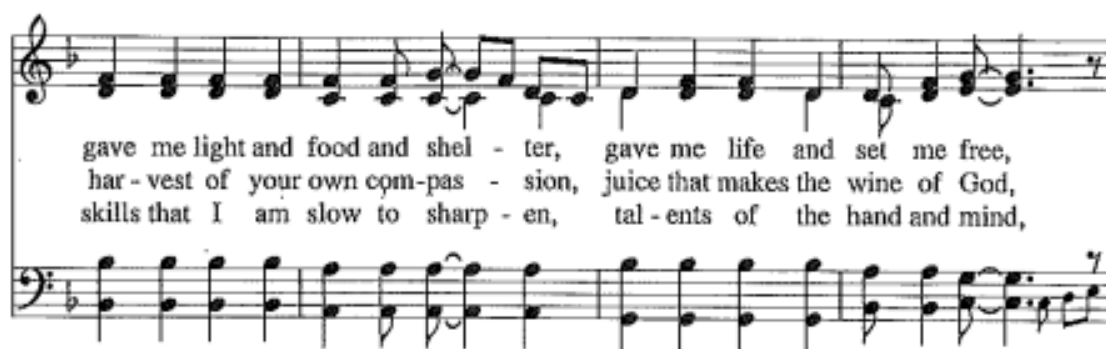
Take My Gifts

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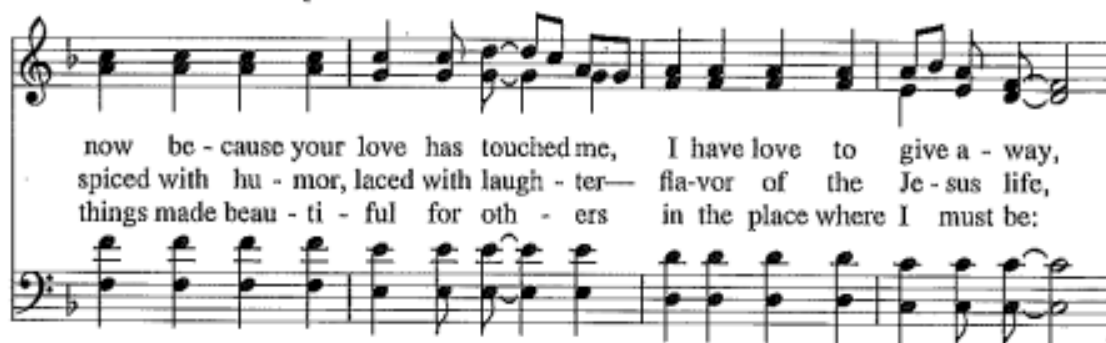
Shirley Erena Murray, 1991



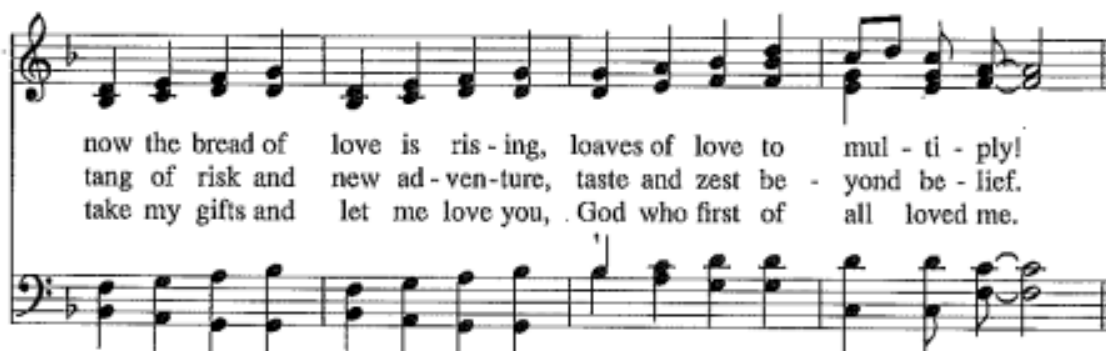
1 Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
 2 Take the fruit that I have gath - ered from the tree your Spir - it sowed,
 3 Take what - ev - er I can of - fer— gifts that I have yet to find,



gave me light and food and shel - ter, gave me life and set me free,
 har - vest of your own com - pas - sion, juice that makes the wine of God,
 skills that I am slow to sharp - en, tal - ents of the hand and mind,



now be - cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a - way,
 spiced with hu - mor, laced with laugh - ter— fla - vor of the Je - sus life,
 things made beau - ti - ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:



now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to mul - ti - ply!
 tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be - yond be - lief.
 take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

Shirley Erena Murray recounted that Colin Gibson composed this tune for her stewardship text "almost instantaneously." Gibson has served as professor at the University of Otago, as well as organist and choir director in nearby Dunedin, New Zealand.

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE 8.7.8.7.D.

Colin Gibson, 1991

Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA