

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

Sunday, May 28, 2023 – Traditional Service at 9:45 am

Pentecost Sunday

~Gathering Together ~

Prelude “Spirit of the Living God” arr. Smith

Welcome

Invocation

Congregational Sung Introit “Gathered Here”

Gathered here in the mystery of this hour, gathered here in one strong body,
gathered here in the struggle and the power, Spirit draw near.

Call to Worship

Pastor: The Spirit of God moves among us, binding us in covenant with faithful people
of every time and place.

**People: The Spirit moves within us, empowering us to proclaim the Gospel
wherever and however we can.**

Pastor: The Spirit moves through us, making us channels of the love of God.

**All: As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living God
made known to us in Jesus Christ!**

Opening Hymn “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” NCH # 292

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Stir in me one desire;
That every earthly part of me may glow with holy fire.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

~ *Coming Alive in Community* ~

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God of glory and wonder, we pause speechless at the realization of the great cloud of witnesses as mentioned in the Bible book of Hebrews. We recognize that this multitude of the faithful surrounds us with their inspiration for faith in our lives and in our day. At those times when our faith seems to struggle in the face of a seeming onslaught of challenges, we give thanks to know that perseverance is not only possible but has happened at tough times in the past as well. Guide us always to a greater understanding of this we share, we pray. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

Special Music “O Let the Son Of God Enfold You” Tootie Hine, Vocalist
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~ *We Hear God's Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Lesson: Numbers 11:24-30

Louise Hine

The Epistle Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

The Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

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

Sermon

Rev. Homer Royer

Hymn for Reflection

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

NCH # 593

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty; Let our rejoicing rise
high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the harsh past has taught us.
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
God, who by your might, led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met you,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, forget you;
Shadowed beneath your hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

~ *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
Strengthen the Church - is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at Conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches where the UCC voice has not been heard. For more information, go to www.ucc.org.

Offertory

“Air”

Handel

Offering Response

“We Give You But Your Own”

NCH # 785

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

Prayer of Dedication

~ *Going out in Joy* ~

Sending Hymn

“O Spirit of the Living God”

NCH # 263

O Spirit of the living God, pure Light and Fire Divine,
burn brightly in your church once more, its life and faith refine,
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, Wind of God! With wisdom blow, Disperse and put to flight
the mists of error, clouds of doubt which hide you from our sight.

Burn, Winged Fire! Inspire our lips, Renew in us your call
to preach with zeal your great good news; God's love extends to all.

Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
the language all can understand when love speaks loud and clear;
Till every nation, age and race shall blend their creeds in one, all
together use their gifts to see your will is done.

So shall we know the power of Christ, The strength of love to save,
so shall we rise with Christ to life which soars beyond the grave;
And earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
and draws us on by grace to reach creation's glorious goal!

Benediction

Postlude

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” tune: Azmon by Wesley

Announcements

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

Susan and Gary Stultz

Joan and Joe Palubinsky

Tracy Dise

Lilly Keim

Tootie Hine

Scripture Readings for June 4

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4; Psalm 8; Matthew 28:16-20

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

- Sun., 5/28 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in sanctuary
~ Rev. Homer Royer is guest preacher
- Fri., 6/2 ~ PSEC Spring Meeting
- Sat., 6/3 ~ PSEC Spring Meeting
~ Pavilion garage cleanout 9 am

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

- Sun., 6/4 ~ Reflective Worship service with communion at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service with communion at 9:45 am in sanctuary
~ Rev. Marian Shearer is guest preacher

Pastor Suzanne is on vacation May 22 through June 4th. In case of pastoral care emergency Pastor Jim Janotti is available via phone: 610-326-3941 or email templeumc@comcast.net.

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.

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.