

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

Sunday, April 16, 2023 – Traditional Service at 9:45 am

Second Sunday of Easter

~Gathering Together ~

Prelude “Colorful Creator” Young

Welcome

Invocation

Call to Worship

Pastor: Listen to God’s breath within, it is fluttering over our belief.

People: We are happy resurrection people.

Pastor: The world is upside down now: the Spirit has pushed its way through.

People: We are joyful resurrection people.

Pastor: The world is upside down now: death’s despair has been replaced with joy!

People: We are hilarious resurrection people.

Pastor: The world is upside down now: we can say with conviction, our God is an awesome God!

People: We are light-hearted and ecstatic resurrection people. Let’s celebrate God!

Opening Hymn “De Colores” NCH # 402

Sing of colors, sing of colors that over the hills in profusion are springing;
Sing of colors of the birds that fly outside my window their canticles singing;
Sing of colors, in the rainbow’s bright colors God’s promise of hope we recall;
Sing of colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us all.
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Sing, rejoicing! Every creature that breathes raise a song to the God of creation.

Sing, rejoicing! Sing to God who so earnestly cares, who has offered salvation.

Sing the good news! Sing the love of the Savior reflecting the colors of all.

Many colors that shine from God’s face, many colors that tell us God’s love to recall.

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~ *Coming Alive in Community* ~

Call to Confession

God has been made known to us in deeds of power, signs, and wonders, and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives.

Prayer of Confession

God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: My friends, God is our refuge and will not abandon us. In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God. That is a promise of peace and joy.

Special Music

“God Is So Good”

Boomwhacker Choir

~ *We Hear God’s Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Epistle Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Joan Palubinsky

The Reading of Psalm 16

The Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

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

Praise Chorus ”Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia, Praise Ye The Lord”

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“When We Are Tempted”

(tune: O Little Town of Bethlehem)

When we are tempted in our pride to dizzy heights of sin,
beneath our feet, O Lord, provide a ripe banana skin.
And when we yearn at someone’s head to let a brick-bat fly,
give us Your grace to use instead a well-aimed custard pie.

When cherished institutions stand before Your throne of grace,
with good intentions in each hand and egg on ev’ry face.

Teach us to query grand designs with laughter born of tears,
for deep in earth’s jam-buttu mines your rainbow still appears.

~ *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 *Phoebe Ministries* is a non-profit, multi-facility organization located in several eastern PA counties, affiliated with the UCC specializing in health care, housing and support services for seniors. For more information, go to www.phoebe.org.

Offertory "Greensleeves" Traditional

Offering Response "God Loves a Cheerful Giver" Insert

Prayer of Dedication

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Hymn "De Colores" (parody version) Insert

Benediction

Postlude "Color Medley"

Announcements

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

Lucas Gray
Julie and Bill Zachesky
Stacey, Bill and Aurora Keim
Lynn, Dave and Katie Derman
Sandy Rowe

Scripture Readings for April 23:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Luke 24:13-35

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

- Sun., 4/16 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in sanctuary
~ Book Study at 11 am
~ Church School at 11 am
- Tues., 4/18 ~ Midday Dinner Club at Santina's at noon
- Wed., 4/19 ~ Yoga at 4:30 pm
- Thurs., 4/20 ~ Card making class at 10 am
~ Agape at 6:30 pm
- Sat., 4/22 ~ Memorial Service for Rev. Priscilla Denham at 11 am

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

- Sun., 4/23 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in sanctuary
~ Book Study at 11 am
~ Ursinus Association Spring meeting
- Mon., 4/24 ~ Community Meal at Christ Episcopal Church at noon
- Wed., 4/26 ~ Church Administrators Community of Practice at noon
~ Yoga at 4:30 pm in Social Hall

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are school supplies: folders, glue, glue sticks, highlighters, index cards, markers, pencils, pencil cases, pens, rulers, spiral notebooks. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster.

In Need of a canopy- We need to find a portable canopy (approx. 10' x 10') to use for covering the Shenkel UCC display tables at the Coventry Woods Fair on Sunday May 21. Does anyone have one we could borrow for the day? Please contact Gary McDermit if you can help.

Coventry Woods Festival table staff needed. The Coventry Woods Festival is on Sunday May 21 and we are in need of people to staff the Shenkel display table between 1-5 PM. Can you help for an hour or more? Please contact Gary McDermit with your availability.

Mid-day Dinner club will be meeting at Santina's at 1 E. Vine St, Stowe on Tuesday, April 18 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, April 16 or you may call Sharon Sabo at 610-326-1945 or let her know at the Sunday service if you are able to attend.

Mission Trip opportunity: St. James UCC, Havertown is going on a service trip to FL from June 24 to July 1. Seven people have committed to the trip and they have room for another 4 or 5. if anyone is interested, please see Gary McDermit or Pastor Suzanne.

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER



God loves a cheer-ful giv-er, ha ha ha ha ha!



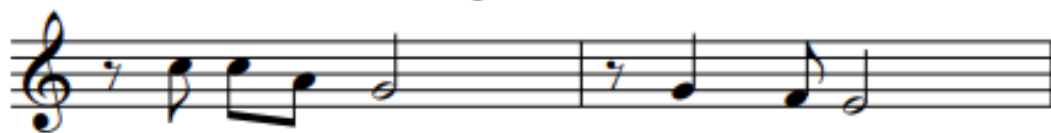
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will al - so reap spa - ring - ly;



Who ev - er sows gen - er - ous - ly, will al - so reap



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DE COLORES (Sing Of Colors)

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chor - us be - cause we can't real - ly re - mem - ber the
vers - es. _____ Oh, _____ Do - lo - res, _____ sing the
chor - us 'cause what rhymes in Span - ish does not rhyme in
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chor - us, be - cause all the words nev - er seem _____ to
fit. _____ Sing the chor - us and clap your hands
loud - ly and no one will no - tice that you don't know
it! _____ Sing the chor - us and clap your hands
loud - ly and no one will no - tice that you don't know it! O - le

The image shows a musical score for the song "DE COLORES (Sing Of Colors)". It consists of ten staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined or followed by blank lines for emphasis or breath. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings like accents (>) and a fermata over the final note. The lyrics are: "Oh, _____ Do - lo - res, _____ sing the chor - us be - cause we can't real - ly re - mem - ber the vers - es. _____ Oh, _____ Do - lo - res, _____ sing the chor - us 'cause what rhymes in Span - ish does not rhyme in Eng - lish. _____ Oh, _____ Do - lo - res, _____ sing the chor - us, be - cause all the words nev - er seem _____ to fit. _____ Sing the chor - us and clap your hands loud - ly and no one will no - tice that you don't know it! _____ Sing the chor - us and clap your hands loud - ly and no one will no - tice that you don't know it! O - le".