

# ***Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!***

*An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018*

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

## ***~Gathering Together ~***

Gathering Hymn

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this! that Christ should come in bliss  
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul!

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To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,

to God and to the Lamb I will sing;

to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,

while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;

while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,

and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

and through eternity I'll sing on!

Grace and Supper Together

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Most merciful God,

**People: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*Silence*

Leader: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. May God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Hymn for Reflection

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how  
to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Knelt at the feet of his friends, silently washing their feet,  
Jesu, you acted as servant to them. (Refrain)

Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near and far away. (Refrain)

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)

Loving puts us on our knees, showing our faith by our deeds,  
serving the neighbors we have from you. (Refrain)

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)

Holy God, source of all love, .... In his name we pray. **Amen.**

#### Scripture Lessons

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

The Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b - 35

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

#### Meditation

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Special Music "Christ at Table There with Friends" Chancel Choir  
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Prayers of Intercession (After each prayer people respond: **Christ, have mercy.**)

Leader: Grant us your protection as we sleep, and guide us in all that we do when we  
awaken. For all these things, and for whatever may be best for us, we pray in your holy  
name.

**People: Amen.**

#### Holy Communion

Leader: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and  
faithfulness endures from age to age.... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's  
Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Leader: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these  
gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Reveal yourself to us ..... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and  
forever.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: 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.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup at tables

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Journey to Gethsemane”

Journey to Gethsemane, go and feel the tempter’s power;  
Your Redeemer’s conflict see, watch the anguish of this hour;  
Do not hide or turn away; learn from Jesus how to pray.

Follow then to Pilate’s hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;  
Crowned with thorns and mocked by all, faithfully this pain sustained;  
Greater still than shame or loss, Jesus now must face the cross.

Calvary’s mournful mountain climb, see the Savior lifted high,  
Mark the miracle of time, God’s own Child is sacrificed;  
“It is finished!” Jesus cries: learn from Jesus how to die.

Congregation departs in silence.