

Call to Confession

Trusting in God's great mercy, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Source of Life, we do not always accept the new growth within us. We confess that often we

-- do not see the beauty that is in this world for us to enjoy.

-- do not recognize the love that is offered to us each day.

-- are too busy with our own tasks to see if they fit into God's plan.

-- do not want the newfound joy, for then we may no longer pity ourselves.

-- are afraid to risk, to turn the corner, to empty the cup, to dance.

Forgive us, O God, and help us to accept your gift of resurrection. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven and we are set free!

Special Music

“Shepherd Of Love”

Chancel Choir

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~ We Hear God's Word ~

Scripture Lessons

The Epistle Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Susan Royer

The Reading of Psalm 23

The Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“My Shepherd Is the Living God”

NCH # 247

My shepherd is the living God, I therefore nothing need;

In pastures fair, near pleasant streams you settle me to feed.

You bring my wandering spirit back when I forsake your ways,

And lead me for your mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, your presence is my stay;

A word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.

Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;

My cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;

O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.

There would I find a settled rest, while others come and go -

No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

~ *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

“Pastorale”

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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

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

NCH # 252

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care;
in your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; yours we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; yours we are.

We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

Let us always seek your favor, let us always do your will;
Jesus Christ our only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

Benediction

Postlude

“Wondrous Works”

Oxford Book of Carols

Announcements

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

Judy Gergle
Erika and Kyle Manetti
Drew Sweinhart
Julianne Wanner
Joel Sweinhart

Scripture Readings for May 7

Acts 7:54-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; John 14:1-14

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

- Sun., 4/30 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service at 9:45 am in sanctuary
~ Book Study at 11 am
- Tues., 5/2 ~ Pastor Suzanne attending Clergy Convocation in Lancaster;
Office closes at 12 pm
- Wed., 5/3 ~ Pastor Suzanne attending Clergy Convocation in Lancaster
- Thurs., 5/4 ~ Pastor Suzanne attending Clergy Convocation in Lancaster

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

- Sun., 5/7 ~ Reflective Worship service with Communion at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service with Communion at 9:45 am in sanctuary
~ Book Study at 11 am
- Tues., 5/9 ~ Consistory meeting at 6:30 pm

The flowers are presented by Carole & Henry Bailey, John & Linda Jonides and the William and Stephanie Reid family in memory of John and Thelma Renninger.

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.

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.

Operation 143. We will be packing backpacks of food again for operation 143 on May 22, 2023 at 6 pm. We need at least 8 people to help. Youth Group and any church members are welcome to help. Please let Gloria Mest know if you are able to help by May 14.

Mid-day Dinner club will be meeting at WQ Diner on Tuesday, May 16 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, May 14 or you may call Sharon Sabo at 610-326-1945 or let her know at the Sunday service if you are able to attend.