

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

Sunday, October 9, 2022 – Traditional Service at 9:45 am

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Prelude “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” arr. McKibben

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Choral Introit “I Am Welcome” Songbook # 72
I am welcome, I am welcome, I am loved just as I am.
I am welcome, I am welcome, I am loved just as I am.
O Spirit burn that truth into my heart.

You are welcome, You are welcome, You are loved just as You are.
You are welcome, You are welcome, You are loved just as You are.
O Spirit burn that truth into your hearts.

We are welcome, We are welcome, We are loved just as We are.
We are welcome, We are welcome, We are loved just as We are.
O Spirit burn that truth into our hearts.

Call to Worship

Pastor: The morning light has broken through the darkness of the night once again.

People: In such a manner God’s light and word breaks into our lives.

Pastor: God breaks through all the confusion, doubt, and loneliness which absorb us at times. God’s light shines on us and reveals all that is within us, and within God’s creation.

People: We are promised this continued in-breaking of the Spirit. The Spirit breaks in on us today with the glad news: Today is God’s day.

All: In this day we delight in praising the God who loves us. All praises for God’s re-creation of this new day.

Opening Hymn “Morning Has Broken” Songbook # 78

Morning has broken, like the first morning, black bird has spoken, like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for the springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall, on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, born of the One Light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning, God's recreation of the new day
God's recreation of the new day.

~ *Coming Alive in Community* ~

Call to Confession

Let us come with confidence and humility to our time of confession.

Prayer of Confession

O God, you search after us when we have gone far from you, yet we confess that we have become consumed with our own affairs. We seldom pause to listen for the wind in the trees or hear the happy voices of children. Sometimes we feel that the burdens of the world fall entirely on our shoulders, and we have been slow to put our trust in you or to cooperate with others. When we take ourselves too seriously, remind us that we are only human! Make us patient with our mistakes, even as we are willing to forgive others. And remind us that we are also precious, not because we are good but because you have accepted us and called us to be your very own. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Special Music

"My Tribute"

Kelly Strunk, Vocalist

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~ *We Hear God's Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Susan Royer

Reading of Psalm 66:1-12

The Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (Repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong". Let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us." (Repeat)

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Because of what the Lord has done for us"

And now let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!

~ *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
Neighbors in Need - is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. For more information, go to www.ucc.org/nin.

Offering Response

"We Plow the Fields"

Songbook # 36

All good gifts around us Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord For all His love. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

~ *Going out in Joy* ~

Sending Hymn

"Mark This Place"

Songbook # 11

Repeat chorus after all rocks have been placed.

Chorus:

Find a stone like Jacob, and mark this place. Surely God's been with us here.
And some day when we return, we'll remember things we learned
By God's grace...mark this place

As we journey through our lives, there are places, there are times,
where the Spirit seems to touch us in ways that change it all,
Holy places, holy ground, Holy Spirit all around.
Place where we seem to hear God call. (Chorus)

There are places where the veil that can seem to separate
things of God from things of this world becomes so very thin
that we sense God passing through; making promises anew.
Speaking words God knows we need to hear. (Chorus)

Now with deepest gratitude we return to be renewed
and to listen for the echoes of Grace across the years.
Celebrate the calls discerned, journeys full of twists and turns.
Bring us back and send us out to serve. (Chorus)

Benediction

Postlude

“How Can I Keep From Singing”

arr. Koerts

Announcements

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

Jess, Adam, Lucy and JT Hartzell
Noah Bradley
Louise Hine
Maureen and Tom Gallant
Aaron Gray

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 10/9 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service in the grove at 9:45 am
Tues., 10/11 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 11 am
~ Consistory 6:30 pm
Wed., 10/12 ~ White Privilege Discussion at 7 pm
Sat., 10/15 ~ Christmas Card workshop at 10 am

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 10/16 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service in the sanctuary at 9:45 am with God's Precious Children
~ Community Sharing and Kindness event presented by BOCE at 1 pm
Tues., 10/18 ~ Midday Dinner club at noon at Island Pizza
Thurs. 10/20 ~ Card class at 10 am
~ Agape at 6:30 pm

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

We will be offering opportunities for **continuing education and discussion about white privilege**. We will be using the UCC curriculum “White Privilege, let’s talk, A Resource for Transformational Dialogue” Again there will be three different discussion times in which to participate starting October 23 (part 3 ends this week):

Sunday after worship, 11:00 am; Tuesday at 11:00 am; Wednesday at 7:00 pm

All discussions are planned to take place in person in the social hall. You can pick up a copy of the third section at the church office. The expectation is that you will have read the first chapter and arrive ready to join in a discussion. I look forward to learning and growing together as we work our way through this curriculum.

Friends Helping Friends. Come and shop at Boscov’s on Wednesday, October 19. You will need to purchase a shopping pass for \$5.00 and get a 25 % discount on most items. Please see Tootie or Louise for your pass. Shenkel gets to keep the \$5.00 as a fundraiser.

2022 Fall Book Study: *Recovering Racist: Dismantling White Supremacy and Reclaiming Our Humanity*

The PSEC Racial Justice Initiative is offering a 2022 Fall Book Study on *Recovering Racist: Dismantling White Supremacy and Reclaiming Our Humanity* by Idelette McVicker.

As a white Afrikaner woman growing up in South Africa during apartheid, Idelette McVicker was steeped in a community and a church that reinforced racism and shielded her from seeing her neighbors' oppression. *Recovering Racists* shares McVicker's journey over thirty years and across three continents to shatter the lies of white supremacy embedded deep within her soul.

She helps us realize that grappling with the legacy of white supremacy and recovering from racism is lifelong work that requires both inner transformation and societal change. As we work for the freedom for everyone, we also find freedom for ourselves. **Join us for five on-line sessions, Tuesdays Nov. 1-29, 3p or 7p each week.**

Approved for PSEC Diversity Training Credits

Registration is free! Register on PSEC website on the Fall Book study link.

COMMUNITY FAMILY KINDNESS and SHARING EVENT

Sponsored by Shenkel UCC Church Board of Christian Education

Sunday, October 16, 2022 1:00 to 3:00 pm Shenkel Grove Rain or shine

Calling all children through 6th grade AND THEIR FAMILIES to join us for a fun afternoon to learn about kindness and sharing.

***STORY TIME *CRAFTS *SING SONGS *SNACK *SCAVENGER HUNT**

Please invite your friends and family!