

February 13, 2022
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“Prelude on Rolling Bay”

Thompson

Greeting

Gathering Hymn

“God Is Truly with Us”

God is truly with us; sing we and adore now;
praise the One we come before now.
Here within this temple, here in sound and silence,
worship God in deepest reverence.
You alone, God, we own, you, our God and Savior;
praise to you forever.

Source of every blessing, bless the ones who name you,
let our words and deeds proclaim you.
Like the saints and angels praising you in glory,
may your servants sing your story.
And in all, great and small, may we do most nearly
what you love most dearly.

Call to Confession

Trusting in God’s grace we dare to draw near and pray.

Prayer of Confession

God of love, Jesus began his sermon on the plain with blessings. In light of his words we ask you to forgive us our spiritual arrogance. Forgive us our false independence. Forgive us our misplaced aggression. Forgive us our gluttony and our half hearted commitments. Hear our prayer and restore us to right relationship with you. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

When we confess our sin, the One who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free.

Special Music

“Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit”

Lori Scharneck, Soloist

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Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought
it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

The Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

Jesus Teaches and Heals

¹⁷He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples
and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and
Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who
were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch
him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Blessings and Woes

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is
the kingdom of God. ²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.
“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²“Blessed are you when people hate
you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of
Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for
that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you
have received your consolation. ²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.
“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶“Woe to you when all
speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“O for a World”

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

Prayers of Intercession/ Lord's Prayer

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

Pottstown Homeless Ministries Fund - *This fund will continue to provide support for the homeless drop-in ministry held monthly during the winter.*

Parting Hymn

"Like a Tree beside the Waters"

Like a tree beside the waters, nurtured by your loving care,
We, O God, your sons and daughters, your enduring witness bear.
In each passing generation may your voice of love be heard.
Bless, we pray, this congregation with your holy, living Word.

Like a tree beside the river, drawing life from holy streams,
Fill us with your love forever; recreate your hopes and dreams,
Through the storms of life sustain us by the wisdom of your grace.
May the changing of the seasons find us in your warm embrace.

We, beside the living waters, drink from your eternal life,
Give to all, your sons and daughters, faith that rises over strife,
O Living God, most glorious, strengthen us for life today.
By the hope of timeless promise guide your church upon the Way.

Benediction

Postlude

"March"

Lemmens

Announcements

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

Lynn, Dave and Katie Derman

David Phillips

Dan Jenkins

Mary Lou Smith

Sherrie and Bob Mocarski

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 2/13 ~ Virtual Service posted to YouTube at 9:45 am
Wed., 2/16 ~ Bible Study on Zoom at 7 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 2/20 ~ Virtual Service posted to YouTube at 9:45 am

Scripture Readings for February 20:

Psalm 37; Luke 6:27-38

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are body wash (adults and kids), shampoo, conditioner and bar soap. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster. We will be collecting each week and items will change on a monthly basis. Items for next month will be adult lotion, deodorant, feminine tampons, laundry detergent.

Lenten Bible Study. Beginning with the first Sunday in Lent, March 6, we will be offering opportunities for education and discussion about white privilege. We will be using the UCC curriculum "White Privilege, let's talk, A Resource for Transformational Dialogue."

In an effort to make the discussion available to as many people as possible there will be three different discussion times in which to participate:

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. Each group will be working on the same topic while the discussions will vary according to the people who attend. You can pick up a copy of the first section, "The Spiritual Autobiography Told through the Lens of Race", at the church office. The expectation is that you will have read the first chapter and arrive ready to join in a discussion.

Annual Congregational Meeting. On Sunday, March 6th, we will hold the Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following the **Traditional worship service**. Copies of the 2021 Annual Report will be available. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.