

The Worship Service
Sunday, June 7, 2026

“FOLLOW ME”

Shenkel United Church of Christ

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Shenkel’s UCC’s Vision Statement

Shenkel United Church of Christ extends a heartfelt welcome to all unbound by physical structure or geography and grounded in creative worship, active spirituality, community action, love and service.

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~

Prelude "Great And Mighty Is He" (Todd Pettygrove)

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.

C: Bless the Lord, O my soul and do not forget all God's benefits.

L: God forgives all your iniquity and heals all your diseases.

**C: God redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with
steadfast love and mercy.**

L: God satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your
youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Opening Hymn "The God Of Abraham Praise" (NCH#24)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

Let us join our voices with David the Psalmist in our prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out
my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop,
and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a
new and right spirit within me. Amen.**

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord
imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Know that we are forgiven and set free.

Special Music

Great And Mighty Is He

~We Hear God's Word~

Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm 33:1-12

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

Sermon

Randy Berriker

Hymn for Reflection: "Jesus, Lover Of My Soul"

(NCH#546)

~Sharing Blessings with Others~

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Our Mother/Father, who are 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.

June's Special Offering – Coventry Food Pantry

Offertory "More Precious Than Silver"

(Lynn DeShazo)

Offering Response "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, honoring you by loving all.**

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

(NCH#77)

Benediction

Postlude "Come, My People"

(James F.D. Martin)

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Organist: Susan Royer

Secretary: Danielle Petersen

Special Music: (Todd Pettygrove) © 1989 Integrity's Hosanna! Music [CCLI #66665]

Announcements:

~Sunday, June 7, 2026~

Sun, 6/7/26 ~ Reflective Worship Service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary.
~ Traditionalish Worship Service at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary.
~ Chancel Choir rehearsal at 11:00 am.

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 6/14 ~ Reflective Worship Service at 9:45 am with Communion in the Grove.
~ Chancel Choir rehearsal at 11:00 am.

Please feel free to scan this code to donate through our online giving page.



Scripture Reading for June 14th

Brian McShane

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7)
Psalm 116:1,2, 12-19
Matthew 9:35-10:8

Cluster donations for June: Canned chicken and ham

Make Music Upper Perk – a community music festival held annually on June 21 at 11:00 am invites the congregations of the Valley to join for a special day of fellowship and musical performances. This year several churches will be host to festivities – the grove at Palm Schwenkfelder, the gazebo and sanctuary at St. Mark Lutheran, the lawn at Pennsburg UCC, the bandshell at New Goshenhoppen UCC – in addition to other venues around the Valley. All performances are free to the public & will feature local musicians, bands, and choirs. The day will be a celebration of music in our local community and will include genres for all ages. All events are free and open to the public, and you are invited! The full schedule will be released in the Town & Country in June as well as at ValleyArtScene.wordpress.com. Printed programs are also available in the church office and throughout the community.

First Outdoor Service: Begins June 14th with one service at 9:45 a.m., celebrating communion and dedication of pavilion renovations with refreshments being served. Only one service during summer.

Pottstown Area Pride Event: Shenkel will be hosting the Pottstown Area Pride Fest again. This is our 3rd year as hosts. **Anyone is welcome to volunteer to help make this event fun and safe for all. Please sign up as a volunteer on the website (pottstownpride.org). By signing up we can know who to count on for help the day of the festival – July 18th.** Hope to see you there as we move fully live into our mission to unconditionally love and accept all and generously serve our community. Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 18th from 1:00 – 5:00 pm in the Grove!

Walk and Pray: In an increasingly complex and troubling world, many of us are wondering what to do. One simple act is to walk and pray for peace and wholeness in our world. You are invited to walk the Labyrinth here at Shenkel from 9 - 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Come as you are able, leave when you are ready. Pam McShane will be at the Labyrinth most weeks to guide those who are new to labyrinth walking. There's power in walking and praying together!

Qigong classes at Shenkel!: Classes are on Thursday mornings from 11AM-noon. Suggested cost is \$12/class or come and pay what you're able. Cash or check payable to Shenkel UCC. Hope you'll join us! No experience necessary--All are welcome!

Grocery run? Consider using Giant and Redner's cards for your grocery store purchases: Shenkel earns \$5 for every \$100 on Giant and Redner's gift cards – which are available every week at church.

Stewardship: Stewardship Committee will meet next on July 1st at 5:30 pm. The charge of the committee is to find ways to increase much needed revenue, attract new members, and identify new ways to provide ministry. Please contact members of the committee with your thoughts. Committee members: Chris Gray, Dan Jenkins, Kim Yocom, Julie Zachesky, and Brenda Berriker, Tom & Mo Gallant.

Church School: Children from 3 years through grade 6 are invited to participate in church school on the third Sunday of the month at 11:00 AM. Church school will resume in September.

Shenkel Prayer Group: Meets at 10:00 am on the first Monday of the month. All are welcome to participate. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and celebrate the Spirit of God moving among us as we pray together.

Prayer Lottery: Shenkel will be praying for:

Marie Bade
Joyce Pashley
Judy Gergle
Steven and Kim Bade

Birthdays in the month of June:

Barry Yocom	6/1/26
Gio Manietti	6/2/26
Margie Allen	6/7/26
Sharon Sabo	6/9/26
Dawn Yocom	6/13/26
Tootie Hine	6/14/26
Kim Bade	6/15/26
Elizabeth Carr	6/16/26
David Derman	6/16/26
Marie Bade	6/18/26
Amelia Snyder	6/22/26
Ken Bevan Jr.	6/25/26
William Keim Jr.	6/25/26
Dan Jenkins	6/29/26
Michael Foss	6/30/26

Mission Statement

Shenkel UCC

- prayerfully and creatively worships God;
- unconditionally loves and accepts all;
- generously gives and serves our community and our world.

