

October 3, 2021
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Music as we Prepare for Worship “All Hail the Power” arr. Turner

Call to Worship

Pastor: Praise God!

People: Praise God from the heavens. Praise God to the heights!

Pastor: Praise God, all you angels!

People: Praise God, sun and moon and all you shining stars! Let everyone and everything praise God’s name. For God commanded and they were created.

Pastor: Praise God from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

People: fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind,

Pastor: mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

People: beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds. Let everything praise God’s name! Praise God!

Opening Hymn “All Creatures of our God and King” Shenkel Songbook # 18

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam, And silver moon with softer gleam!

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O rushing wind and breezes soft, O clouds that ride the winds aloft:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O rising morn, in praise rejoice, O lights of evening, find a voice! (Refrain)

O flowing waters, pure and clear, Make music for the Lord to hear.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O fire so masterful and bright, Providing us with warmth and light. (Refrain)

Dear mother earth, who day by day, Unfolds rich blessings on our way,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The fruits and flow’rs that verdant grow, Let them God’s glory also show. (Refrain)

O ev’ry one of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All you who pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and cast on God your care. (Refrain)

~ *Coming Alive in Community* ~

Call to Confession

We are called to examine our faithfulness to God's covenant with us. God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, we confess that we do not give our lives to the transforming power of your Spirit to call out the gifts of each one of us and to build up the life of the whole church. Today as we wonder at your creation in the world around us, may we also open ourselves to the new creation you seek to bring about within and among us, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

When we confess our sin God is faithful and just to forgive our sin. Friends, believe the good news; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free.

Special Music

~ *We Hear God's Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Reading of Psalms: Psalm 8

Laura Golden

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:20-25

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Shenkel Songbook # 32

Refrain:

*All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, Our dear God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, And made their tiny wings. (Refrain)*

*The purple headed mountain, The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning That brightens up the sky. (Refrain)*

*The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. (Refrain)*

Blessing of the Animals

~ *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.

Doxology

*We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

~ Holy Communion ~

Invitation

Pastor: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

People: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

Communion Prayer

Minister: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Minister: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

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

Pastor: Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us.....your faithful people everywhere:

All: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Merciful God, as sisters and brothers..... we say boldly what we believe.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

All: Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread, The Pouring of the Cup

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all things are now ready.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for spiritual food

of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Music "For the Beauty of the Earth" Shenkel Songbook # 77

*For the beauty of the earth, For the splendor of the skies
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies: (refrain)*

Refrain: God of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

*For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r Sun and Moon and stars of light: (refrain)*

*For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above; For all gentle thoughts and mild: (refrain)*

*For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,
for a faith that never fires And for every heart renewed: (refrain)*

Benediction

Parting Music "The Church's One Foundation" Aurelia

Announcements

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

Erika Manetti
DeDe and Pete Wanner
Drew Sweinhart
Morgan Scharneck
Lucas Gray

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 10/3 ~ Reflective Worship Service at 8:30 am in sanctuary with World Communion
 ~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am with World Communion, Blessing of the Animals and Neighbors in Need
Tues., 10/5 ~ Office closes at noon

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 10/10 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary. Guest preacher Kim Cornwell
~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am Guest preacher Kim Cornwell
Tues., 10/12 ~ Consistory 6:30 pm

Scripture Readings for October 10:

Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16 and Mark 10:17-31

Vacation. Pastor Suzanne will be on vacation October 4th through October 10th. Kim Cornwell will be the guest preacher on Sunday, October 10th. Please contact any Consistory member with any concerns.

Pottstown Cluster. We will be starting to collect items again for the Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are dish soap, multi-purpose cleaners, toilet paper. 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.

Friends Helping Friends. Come and shop at Boscov's on Wednesday, October 20. 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.

Meals on Wheels needs a Tuesday driver for the Coventryville area. If you can help out, even temporarily, please let us know. They have 8 clients but only 5 stops. They pick up meals from Manatawny Manor. We would be grateful even if you can just do one Tuesday a month. Please mention this to your friends and neighbors. Please call 610-430-8500. Thank you so much!! Jeani Purcell, Director Meals on Wheels of Chester County

The Lunch Bunch committee has decided to postpone Lunch Bunch activities for the time being. As much as we would all love to gather again we just feel that the Delta variant is too prevalent in our area to meet safely. Thank you for your understanding. We will be in touch with people when we decide it is safe to resume again.