

October 24, 2021
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Music as we Prepare for Worship “Prelude on Ebenezer” Williams

Call to Worship

Pastor: God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us this past week.

People: We have come for this hour of worship to make ourselves more aware of God and to give thanks for God’s presence with us.

Pastor: God is here even now, ready to strengthen us and to urge us to greater faithfulness.

All: Fill us with your goodness, O God. Draw us into the orbit of your activity in the world that we might fulfill the purpose for which you created us. Amen.

Opening Hymn “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might,
your justice like mountains high soaring above
your clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*Your life is life giving to both great and small.
In all life your living, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,
then wither and perish, but naught dims your powers.*

*So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight.
all praise we would render as your angels do;
in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.
Immortal, invisible, God only wise!*

~ *Coming Alive in Community* ~

Call to Confession

Let us pause and confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

O God, our God, we confess that we have not always lived for you. You have invited us into new life, yet we have closed our eyes and ears and hearts against that invitation. You have shown us the way to love, yet we have chosen too often the path of uncaring. You have called us to the ministry of reconciliation, yet often we find ourselves tempted to turn away from others. You have challenged us to generosity, but many times we would rather keep to ourselves. Enter our lives, God, once again. Release us from the bonds of self-centeredness. Create in us a renewed openness to your love, that we may share your love with others. 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

“Open Our Eyes”

New Song for Congregation to learn

OPEN MY EYES

Jesse Manibusan

O - pen my eyes, Lord.
O - pen my ears. Lord.

Help me to see Your
Help me to hear Your

face. O - pen my eyes Lord.
voice. O - pen my ears, Lord.

Help me to see.
Help me to hear.

O - en our hearts,
Lord. Help us to love

like You. O - pen our hearts,
Lord. Help us to love.

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~ *We Hear God's Word* ~

Scripture Lessons

The Reading of Psalms: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Rose Dulaff

The Epistle Reading: Psalm 126

The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:46-52

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

Hymn for Reflection "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

*Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others you are calling, do not pass me by.*

Refrain:

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others you are calling, do not pass me by.*

*Let me at your throne of mercy find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief. (Refrain)*

*Trusting only in your merit, would I seek your face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by your grace. (Refrain)*

*Be the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me;
Not just here on earth beside me, but eternally. (Refrain)*

~ 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.*

~ Going out in Joy ~

Sending Music

“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

*Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
We join to bless you ere our worship cease,
Then, in the silence, wait your word of peace.*

*Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;
with you began, with you shall end the day;
Guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon your name.*

*Grant us your peace, as day turns into night;
stay with us till the coming of the light;
Keep safe all those who call upon your name,
For dark and light to you are both the same.*

*Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life,
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife.
Then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O God, to your eternal peace.*

Benediction

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Announcements

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

Stacia and Joe Bradley

Scott Kutz

Mari, Christian and Connor O’Drain

Britnee, Bill, Olivia and Delia Sanseverino

Tootie Hine

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 10/24 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.

 ~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am

Tues., 10/27 ~ BOCE at 1 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

- Sun., 10/31 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary. Guest speakers: Nishan and Maria Bakalian
~ Worship service in the Social Hall at 9:45 am. Guest speakers: Nishan and Maria Bakalian

Scripture Readings for October 31:

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24 and revelations 21:1-6

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.

A **congregational meeting** will be held on November 7th for the express purpose of voting to call Suzanne Spaulding as Shenkel's settled pastor.

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