

October 17, 2021  
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

*~Gathering Together ~*

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Music as we Prepare for Worship      “Courante”      Blow

Call to Worship

Pastor: A new day has dawned. God’s gift of life is renewed in you and me.

**People: Praise God for today! Praise God for the creative spirit in our midst.**

Pastor: Be still and know that God is here. Let the Spirit in.

**People: We are ready to pray and think and rejoice. We are ready to hear God’s word.**

Pastor: Then listen and respond to God, who meets us in new ways and in different sounds, today in worship, and every day in the world.

**People: Come to us, O God, and guide our worship. Speak. Speak to us the Word we need, and let that Word change us and empower us to be your people. Amen.**

Opening Hymn      “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it mount of God's unfailing love.*

*Here I I pause in my sojourning, Giving thanks for having come,  
Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,  
Came to rescue me from danger, Blessed body, precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn a new!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.  
Prone to wander, I can feel it, Wander from the love I've known:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.*

*~ Coming Alive in Community ~*

Call to Confession

Let us pause and confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

**Creator God, we confess that we do not give our lives over 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 be 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                      “God Can See Us”                      Madeline & Kelly Struck, vocalists  
Ralph Carmichael © 1970 Bud John Songs Inc. [CCLI #198210] arranged by Dan Wolgemuth

**~ We Hear God’s Word ~**

Scripture Lessons

The Reading of Psalms: Psalm 91:9-16

Susan Royer

The Epistle Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?”

*Won’t you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?*

*Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;  
We are here to help each other go the mile and bear the load.*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shadow of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I’ll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we’ve seen this journey through.*

*When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we’ve known together of Christ’s love and agony.*

*Won’t you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.*

**~ 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

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Shenkel Songbook # 90

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place; and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord  
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know that it's the presence of the Lord*

*Sweet holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us  
filling us with your love. And for this blessings we lift our hearts in praise.  
Without a doubt we know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

*There are blessings you cannot receive till you know that Spirit's fullness and believe  
You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to stay with Jesus all the way."*

*Sweet holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us  
filling us with your love. And for this blessings we lift our hearts in praise.  
Without a doubt we know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

Benediction

Parting Music

"We Who Would Valiant Be"

St. Dunstan's

## *Announcements*

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

Sharon, Dan, Malcolm and Amelia Snyder

Sheree and Rick Scheler

Kelly Sorg

Debbie and Glen Hoff

Sherrie and Bob Mocarski

### *~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~*

- Sun., 10/17 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.  
~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am  
~ Music and Worship meeting after worship
- Tues., 10/19 ~ MidDay Dinner Club noon at Copperfield \Inn at Lake Side
- Wed., 10/20 ~ Friends Helping Friends at all Boscov's
- Thurs., 10/21 ~ Agape at Freda Wanner's house at 6:30 pm

### *~Upcoming events 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

### **Scripture Readings for October 24:**

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126 and Mark 10:46-52

**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.

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