

Welcome to

Shenendehowa United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship Service

September 12, 2021

9:00 am



Shenendehowa United Methodist Church
Connecting People to Christ and Community

We're Glad You've Joined Us



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ORGAN PRELUDE

Fanfare of "Ein Feste Burg"

J. Pethel

Camellia Dudinak

(Based on the melody by Martin Luther)

To the glory of God in loving memory of those who lost their lives on 9/11/2001

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denise Gottung

OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN #577**

"Lord, God of Grace and God of Glory"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Marcia Smith

One: We come here today not because we are clever, but because God welcomes the slow learners.

All: We come here not because we are wise, but because God loves us in spite of our folly.

One: We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found among those who humbly serve like Jesus did, and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.

All: O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts and enable our lives to declare your praise.

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Anna Savino

CALL TO SACRIFICE

Pastor Lee Carlson

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Flying Free"

Besig

Chancel Choir, directed by *Lauri Nair*

Dara Griffith, piano

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (*in unison*)**

Brother Paul McCue

Loving God, Jesus taught us "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." We offer our gifts to you knowing they are part of our treasure, and we do so with the hope that our hearts, our actions, and the words of our tongues will likewise follow. We acknowledge that the tongues that praise you are often the ones that hurt you, when we use them to diminish or discount one of your precious children. Guide our hearts, minds, and tongues to the words that bring you joy. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen. (James 3:1-12)

***HYMN #581**

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1 Thessalonians 3:9; 2 Corinthians 9:11; Psalm 100:4-5;
Acts 16:22-26; Luke 6:45

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“How We Thank God for You!”

Pastor Lee

***CLOSING HYMN # 568**

“Christ for the World We Sing”

*BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“A Closing Prayer”

Besig

*POSTLUDE

“Fughetta”

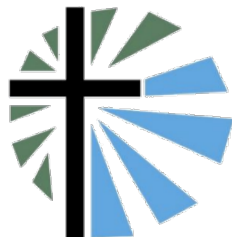
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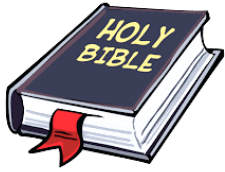
*Please stand if you are able.

Thank you for joining us for worship – see you next week!
Prayers may be sent to prayerrequest@shenumc.org



The flowers on the altar this morning were provided by *Mary Predel*
in loving memory of the *Weatherwax* family.





Scripture Readings – September 12, 2021

1 Thessalonians 3:9

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?

2 Corinthians 9:11

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.

Psalms 100:4-5

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Acts 16:22-26

The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

Luke 6:45

The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

How We Thank God for You!

1 Thessalonians 3:9; 2 Corinthians 9:11; Psalm 100:4-5; Acts 16:22-26; Luke 6:45

How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy as we enter God's presence.

1 Thessalonians 3:9

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

2 Corinthians 9:11-13

1. God Is Changing Lives...

a. ...Because of your _____.

As a result [because] of your ministry, they will give glory to God.

2 Corinthians 9:13

b. ...Because of your _____.

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11

2. Gratitude

a. Gratitude is the only way _____ and the only way _____.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100:4-5

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose.

Acts 16:22-26

b. Gratitude is never _____ or _____.

The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

Luke 6:45

3. Conclusion

a. Grateful people can...

- i. ..._____ a blessing.
- ii. ..._____ a blessing.
- iii. ..._____ a blessing.

b. Commissioning of our walkers/helpers.



Announcements

Gather with us!

9 am Traditional and online
10:45 AM Contemporary service
Coffee hour after first service

Small Groups

The small groups that follow the upcoming sermon series, "The Chosen," will begin meeting the week on **September 26**.

We have groups that meet in person and also groups that meet virtually.
Daytime and evening times are available.

To find a group for you, please email Denise Walling dwalling@shenumc.org

Live Well~Love Well Golf Outing Sunday, Sept 26

Shot gun start: 3:00 pm
Registration starts at 2:30pm
Van Patten Golf Course

The golf outing is coming up and there is still time to register! Please see the insert in the bulletin. Contact the church office for more details.

Passions with Purpose Sept. 18 at 5pm

Everyone is welcome to fellowship through the passions of art, cooking, drama, music, and sports!
For more information, please contact Anna at asavino@shenumc.org or check out the information table in the Fellowship Hall.

Walkathon~ Today at 12:30pm Didn't get a chance to sign up but still want to gather with us? It's not too late to join in the fun!

\$15.00 for adults, \$10 for kids (which includes t-shirt) Non-walkers may purchase t-shirt for \$8.00.

Cash or Checks can be given today. Please make checks payable to SUMC.

Following the walk, there will be food, drinks, ice cream truck, bounce house, carnival games, reverse tie-dye and much more!

All Church Hike September 19 All are welcome!

Please join us for a hike after the 10:45 am service.

Meet for a picnic lunch at 12pm then hike at 12:30 pm.

Any questions, please contact Anna Savino at asavino@shenumc.org

Pumpkin Unloading Saturday, Sept. 25 9am

Gather together to unload the pumpkins and get ready to kick off the pumpkin patch sales!

We need lots of hands to unload pumpkins. We also need volunteers for pumpkin sales for the month of October. All proceeds go to support youth activities.