

Welcome to



*Shenendehowa United Methodist Church*  
*Traditional Sunday Worship Service*

**September 25, 2022**

**9:00 am**

Shenendehowa United Methodist Church  
*Connecting People to Christ and Community*

*We're Glad You've Joined Us!*

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PRELUDE

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"  
*Jayne Dozois*

Folk Melody/arr. Bish

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Denise Gottung*

OPENING PRAYER

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Roger Grout*

One: Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful, has been enthroned above all authority and power in this world and in the world that is to come.

**All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, serve the Lord with gladness, come into his presence with singing.**

One: God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet, appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns as the supreme head of the church, his body.

**All: Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving, come into his courts with praise. Give thanks and praise his loving name! Let us now worship the God whose love is reigning over us.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #100**

**"God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us"**

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER  
*Ginny Spickerman*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OUR GIFTS

*Pastor Lee Carlson*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Holy Is Your Name"  
**Chancel Choir**  
*Lauri Nair, director; Jayne Dozois, organ*

Besig/Price

**\*DOXOLOGY #95**

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

*Tiffany Lewis*

**O Lord, you are the King of glory! You fulfilled your promises in the faithfulness of your Son, Jesus. Thank you for making Jesus the Christ eternal king through his resurrection and glorious ascension. The light of his throne shines like a sunrise on people in shadows and sadness. Use our gifts to spread the radiance of the good news so that more people will experience glimpses of your heavenly realm until Christ returns in glory. This we ask in the glorious and gracious name of Jesus. Amen.**

INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE

**\*HYMN #287**

**“O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done”**

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:18

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Core Values: “Living God”

*Pastor Lee Carlson*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #363 (vs. 1, 3, 5)**

**“And Can It Be that I Should Gain”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #664 (v. 2)**

**“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”**

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

Georg Phillip Telemann

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*Thank you for joining us for worship – see you next week!  
Prayers may be sent to [prayerrequest@shenumc.org](mailto:prayerrequest@shenumc.org)*

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Core Values  
"Living God"

Romans 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:18

1. Core Values: The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian Faith
  - a. The \_\_\_\_\_: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
  - b. Jesus Christ and His \_\_\_\_\_
2. Making Sense of Jesus' Death on the Cross
  - a. Christianity is the only major religion in the world that, for many followers, considers the death of its founder as being more important than his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ and the Gospel writers offer multiple images and metaphors to describe what Jesus' death means.
3. Atonement
  - a. Definition: To make amends with somebody in order to be \_\_\_\_\_ with them.
  - b. *At-One-Ment*, first we reconcile with \_\_\_\_\_ and then with one another...but how?
    - i. There is not \_\_\_\_\_ simple explanation.
    - ii. It is not an equation to be solved, but rather a drama to be \_\_\_\_\_.
    - iii. It's a drama that, in the end, changes our \_\_\_\_\_.

*"By salvation I mean not barely according to the vulgar notion deliverance from hell or going to heaven, but a present deliverance from sin, a restoration of the soul to its primitive health, its original purity, a recovery of the divine nature the renewal of our souls after the image of God in righteousness and true holiness in justice mercy and truth."* (John Wesley)

- c. Atonement Theories ( \_\_\_\_\_ ...every time you turn it, the crystals are sort of reformed and you have a different, beautiful scene that you're bringing to your eye.)
  - i. Penal (punishment) Substitutionary Atonement
    - ⇒ This is the \_\_\_\_\_ common view of the atonement.
    - ⇒ God cannot forgive sin without punishment, but being merciful, he sends Jesus, his Son, to suffer and die as a \_\_\_\_\_ for humans.
    - ⇒ The cross is a \_\_\_\_\_ held up to our souls to see what's wrong with us.
    - ⇒ The cross communicates the Truth that we have been forgiven and \_\_\_\_\_ is available for all.
  - ii. Moral Theory of Atonement
    - ⇒ The idea that in this divine drama on the cross, God is trying to change our \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ⇒ God hopes that as we see the King of Glory, Jesus, suffering on the cross, that it affects us and \_\_\_\_\_ us because we see an innocent man suffering and laying down his life for other people.
    - ⇒ God desires for you and me to realize that Jesus is doing this for \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."* John 15:13

*"While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us."* Romans 5:6-8

⇒ “I \_\_\_\_\_ you this much!” is precisely what God was communicating through Christ, who hung on the cross.

⇒ Love and the cross are meant to move us so deeply that we want to live and follow in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the crucified King.

***“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20***

### iii. Incarnational Atonement

⇒ Through Jesus, God was walking in human flesh and experienced the horrible things that human beings do to one another, including suffering and death, so when we’re walking through these things, we can be \_\_\_\_\_ we have a savior who knows what we are going through.

### iv. Paschal Lamb Theory of Atonement

⇒ This theory points to the truth that Jesus liberates us from slavery to sin and brokenness and addiction...and through blood sacrifice, he saves us from \_\_\_\_\_.

### v. Second Adam Theory of Atonement

⇒ Paul calls Jesus the Second \_\_\_\_\_.

⇒ The first Adam chose his \_\_\_\_\_ and not God’s will while in the garden.

⇒ The second Adam prayed, “Not my will, but \_\_\_\_\_ will be done,” while he was in the garden.

### vi. Christus Victor (Christ, the Victor) Theory of Atonement

⇒ The idea is that Jesus, while on the cross, took on the forces of evil and hate and ignorance and insecurity and all the forces of \_\_\_\_\_.

⇒ BUT on the third day he steps from the grave a \_\_\_\_\_.

⇒ And because of this, we have \_\_\_\_\_.

⇒ The worst thing is never the \_\_\_\_\_ thing...cancer, death, etc. will not have the final word.

***“Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:54-57***

## 4. Conclusion

a. Ultimately, it's not one of these views of the atonement that is the sole truth and the explanation...It's a \_\_\_\_\_ of these theories and many more which could be added.

b. The cross reveals God’s love, mercy, and grace and when you finally get that, you realize you may not fully understand it, but you desperately \_\_\_\_\_ it.

***The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18***

***“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.” 2 Corinthians 5:14-15***

c. God has done His part in the atonement, but have you done yours by receiving Jesus Christ as your Savior?

# What's Happening

## Creative Hands

### Seamen's Church - Christmas at Sea

If you have been working on a project for "Christmas at Sea" please bring it to the church by September 30. You can turn your projects into the church office or label them "Christmas at Sea" and leave them in the brown bin outside door B. You can also deliver your projects to any member of Creative Hands.

The Creative Hands group works with Seamen's Church Institute to help mariners by supplying them with much needed knitted hats, scarfs, etc. Knits for U.S. mariners are mailed to chaplains who along with staff and volunteers pack a box for each boat with a knit gift for EACH mariner, along with other goodies and supplies. Chaplains also deliver ditty bags to harbor tugboat crews based in New York. Thank you to all our Creative Hands members and friends who put so much love and care into each knitted item. Your kindness is truly making a difference for so many.

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## Church School is Back Don't forget to register!

*If you haven't done so already, please register your child/children for Church School by scanning the QR code below or visiting @shenumc.org.*

**A huge thank you** to all who have already signed up to serve, we are so grateful for you! Please consider being a Teacher or Helper at our 9:00 or 10:45 service. To volunteer, you do not need to be a parent or teacher, the easy-to-use curriculum is provided. Click the QR code below or visit @shenumc.org to register.



We are so thankful for all our volunteers who help to make the pumpkin patch possible and successful! It's always a joy to see how our church comes together for this important fundraiser. By investing a few hours of your time to sell pumpkins, you are investing in the spiritual growth of our children and youth. 100% of net proceeds from the pumpkin patch go to children and youth ministries.

Please scan the QR code below to see if you or your friends and family can volunteer for a shift or two at the pumpkin patch! Thank you!! :)



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## Over the Speed Limit – October Luncheon “Celebrating Family History”

The Over the Speed Limit group will meet on Thursday, October 13 at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. OTSL is a group for all Shen UMC members and their guests over the age of 55. The guest speaker will be Paul Perrault, Town of Malta Historian. Paul will be talking to the group about celebrating family history. In conjunction with this topic, we will celebrate our own family history through food! Please sign-up to bring a dish that is from your family heritage. If you would prefer not to provide food, you can pay \$5.00/per person and still attend. This will cover the cost of additional food to be purchased. Please sign-up in Fellowship Hall or call Barbara/Joe Mazurak at 518-289-5948. As always, help is needed for set-up and clean-up.

OTSL supports the Bountiful Backpack program which provides food to children and their families on weekends. Items needed include: snack packs, boxed macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, boxed pasta mix, juice boxes, graham crackers, canned fruit, pudding, milk cards, etc. Thank you for your support.



## Helping Hands Food Pantry

The food pantry is already starting to plan Thanksgiving Distribution. During the first 3 weeks of November, clients 'shop' in a separate part of the Food Pantry and choose the foods they need for their Thanksgiving Dinner. The items below represent what is needed most to be sure clients have a nice meal to enjoy with their families on Thanksgiving.

Spaghetti Sauce (almost completely out!)  
Peanut Butter  
Canned Chicken  
Baked Beans  
Thanksgiving Holiday Food (Boxed Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Gravy, Baking Products, Baking Mixes, Canned Sweet Potatoes and Yams, Canned Mushrooms, and Pumpkin Pie filling with the spices in it)  
Toothpaste  
Body Wash  
Feminine Products  
Paper Towels

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## Book Club News

The Shen UMC Book Club has chosen *Ordinary Grace*, by William Kent Krueger as the next book. The discussion will be on Monday, **October 10 at 7:00 pm**. New folks are welcome; come once or become a regular! Please contact Becky Nold at [beckynold85@gmail.com](mailto:beckynold85@gmail.com) if you plan to attend in case of last minute changes.

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## It's not TOO late to join a Small Group!

We are pleased to report that sermon series small groups are back! We have two small group options that will follow our new sermon series, "Core Values". Both groups will meet at the church at the following times:

Sundays at 6:00 pm led by Lee and Michele Carlson  
Tuesdays at 9:30 am led by Marcia Smith

More information is available on the church website [shenumc.org/small-groups](http://shenumc.org/small-groups), or you can email Denise Walling at [dwalling@shenumc.org](mailto:dwalling@shenumc.org) with any questions.



### Sunday, September 25

9:00 am Traditional Worship  
9:15 am Church School  
10:15 am Coffee Hour  
10:45 am Contemporary Worship  
6:00 pm Core Values Small Group - HR  
6:30 pm Kasheweta Ringers

### Monday, September 26

1:00 pm Creative Hands  
2:00 – 5:00 pm Farmers Market  
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

### Tuesday, September 27

9:30 am Core Values Small Group – HR  
3:30 pm Community Dinner Prep Begins  
6:15 pm Youth Bells  
7:00 pm Youth Choir

### Wednesday, September 28

6:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal

### Thursday, September 29

7:00 am Men's Breakfast at Cracker Barrel  
6:15 pm Junior Choir  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

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## Community Drive-Thru Dinner

### Tuesday, September 27

Volunteers are needed in the church kitchen beginning at 3:30 to prepare the meal. At approximately 5:00 pm we begin to assemble the meals. Once everything is ready to go we start to hand out meals to those who drive up. Anyone is welcome to help for as long as they are available. Please contact Donna Rischbieter at [dlrisch@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dlrisch@nycap.rr.com) if you are available to help with this mission.

