



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, May 14, 2023 – 11:00 AM

“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Lee Hein

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Susan Lindblade

Prelude

Anita Cotton

*Call to Worship

Jeanne Murray

Leader: Loving and nurturing God, we thank you for mothers and all those who nurture us in mothering ways, for all they mean or have meant to us.

People: We thank you for the love they have shown and the care they have given. For the many times they gave us hugs and held us close.

Leader: Loving and nurturing God, we thank you for the qualities of mothers: for their patience, their kindness, concern and understanding, in so many ways reflecting who you are.

People: We thank you for the part they play in our lives, and for this special day of saying ‘thank you’ to them.

Leader: Loving God, we pray for those for whom Mother’s Day brings heartache rather than celebration. We pray for those who have never known their mother or whose mothers have passed on. We grieve with those who are orphaned or have a difficult relationship with their mother.

People: We thank you that when we long for a mother’s love you do not abandon us.

Leader: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary

People: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

Leader: We wait with those who long to be mothers; we grieve with those who ache because they will never be mothers. For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again, and for stepmothers navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family.

People: We pray they feel the abundance of your peace.

Leader: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

People: We give God thanks and praise.

Leader: May all of us have the comfort of knowing that your love is constant, your understanding is perfect, and your compassion is never-ending.

ALL: We give God thanks and praise.

*Hymn of Praise

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CH 90

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Jeanne Murray

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem

“Freely, Freely”
(In memory of Miss Ellie Ball)

Jeanne Murray, Susan Lindblade
& Danielle Skinner

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

CH 87

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 12: 46-49

Sermon

"Jesus' Family"

*Closing Hymn

"Take the Name of Jesus with You"

CH 235

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Benediction

*Sending Forth

"The Bond of Love"

On Screen/ CH 423

*Postlude

Anita Cotton

(*) Please stand as you are able

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

WORSHIP TEAMS

Sun. May 14	Mother's Day 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship
Tues. May 16	10:00 am – Bible Study – "Act Like Jesus" (Facilitated by Susan Lindblade)
Wed. May 17	12:00 pm – UMW Meeting (Coinjock Marina) Happy Birthday to Sandy Sorensen
Thurs. May 18	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
Fri. May 19	4:00 pm – SUMC Food Pantry
Sun. May 21	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Outreach Team Meeting

MAY 14
Acolyte: Lee Hein
Greeters: Joyce Jagucki & Noreen McCarthy
Worship Leader: Jeanne Murray
Ushers: Bobbie Piper & Lee Hein
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Jeanne Murray & Barbara Gadkowski
Trustee: Anita Cotton

MAY 21
Acolyte: Ken Edgar
Greeters: AB Donski & Mary Simmons
Worship Leader: Danielle Skinner
Ushers: Kasey Fairley & Cathy Forbes
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Joyce Jagucki
Trustee: Anita Cotton

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Caregivers Support Group** – Our Caregivers Support Group will no longer meet on the 3rd Monday of each month. It may be that sometime in the future, if another need arises for such a group, we will resume.
- **Bible Study, Tuesday, May 16, 10:00 am** – This week's "Act Like Jesus" Bible Study centers around the topic of "Why Do I Need to Pray?" What is most challenging, helpful or rewarding about prayer and how we will look at Jesus' prayer life and what we would like to emulate.
- **Celebration for David Blackman, Monday, June 5, 5:30 pm** – Please join us on Monday, June 5 for a time of fellowship and meal sharing honoring our District Superintendent David Blackman and his wife, Jackie. We will gather at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Red Wagon Ministry** – The Red Wagon ministry is in need of **Baby Diapers (any size)**. A collection container has been placed in the entryway.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2023 Monthly Budget \$6,463.50	Received Last Month (April) \$9,326.68	Received Last Sunday \$3,680.00
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