



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, May 21, 2023 – 11:00 AM

“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”

Bringing in the Light of Christ		Ken Edgar
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Susan Lindblade
Prelude		Anita Cotton
Opening Prayer (In Unison)		Mary Simmons
<i>Father, we thank and praise you for the life you have so richly given us. Thank you for the incredible blessing of being your children and for the intricate and beautiful creations you have made us to be. Lord, we give you all that we are and ask that we might engage with your Spirit today.</i>		
<i>We lift our hearts that you might fill them with new love. We lift our minds that you would pour fresh hope into our thinking. We lift our souls that they may bathe in your grace. We lift our hands and our voices to sing your praises, as we come to worship and adore you, O Lord our God. Today we offer our whole beings in worship to you. Amen.</i>		
*Hymn of Praise	"O Worship the King"	CH 104
Scripture Reading	Psalm 47:1-9	Mary Simmons
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
*Hymn	"We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer"	CH 68
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology		
<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.</i>		
<i>Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>		
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Hymn	"The Solid Rock"	CH 526
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 7:24-29	
Sermon	"Building Our Faith: The Cornerstone of Positivity"	
*Closing Hymn	"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"	CH 581
*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

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
Tues. May 23	10:00 am – Bible Study – “Act Like Jesus” (Facilitated by Susan Lindblade)
Wed. May 24	Happy Birthday to Wendy Ward
Thurs. May 25	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice Happy Birthday to Noreen McCarthy
Sun. May 28	Pentecost Sunday – Please wear RED 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Connect Church Meeting

WORSHIP TEAMS

MAY 21

Acolyte: Ken Edgar
Greeters: AB Donski & Mary Simmons
Worship Leader: Mary Simmons
Ushers: Jan Eanes & Cathy Forbes
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Joyce Jagucki
Trustee: Anita Cotton

MAY 28

Acolyte: Rosalie Jones
Greeters: Bobbie Piper & Deb Chambers
Worship Leader: Lee Hein
Ushers: Bob & Barbara Gadkowski
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Danielle Skinner & Jeanne Murray
Trustee: Anita Cotton

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bible Study, Tuesday, May 23, 10:00 am** – Our Bible Study, “Act Like Jesus” continues this week with Prayer. We meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Sunday, May 28 - Pentecost** – Everyone is encouraged to wear **RED** for Pentecost Sunday.
- **Celebration for David Blackman, Monday, June 5, 5:30 pm** – David Blackman Night will be held on Monday, June 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide meats for the meal and all are asked to bring side dishes and dessert. A sheet will be on the organ today for folks to sign up the items they will bring. Please mark your calendar for this date. We want to have a good crowd to send David off with our love and blessings.
- **Red Wagon Ministry** – The Red Wagon ministry is in need of **Baby Diapers (any size)**. A collection container has been placed in the entryway.
- **Recorded Worship Services** – Each week the recorded Worship Service is posted to our YouTube Channel. If you missed a service or would like to watch past services, you can visit our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/@sharonumcpoplarbranchnc9028. You can also click the YouTube link at the bottom of our website www.sharon-umc.org.
- **Altar Flowers 2023** – If you would like to place altar flowers in the church "in memory of" or "in honor of" a special person, please contact Iris Meekins at imeekins14@gmail.com or (252) 202-6401.



FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2023 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (April)	Received Last Sunday
\$6,463.50	\$9,326.68	\$1,215.00

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