



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, October 1, 2023 – 11:00 AM

“Take Your Candle, Go ‘Light Your World”



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Rosalie Jones

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Susan Lindblade

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Anita Cotton

*Call to Worship

Julie Cherry

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

People: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

Leader: Let us praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord!!

*Hymn of Praise

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

CH 43

Scripture Reading

Lamentations 3:21-25

Julie Cherry

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem

“Wade in the Water”

Choir

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

“At the Cross”

CH 323

Scripture Lesson

Romans 12:3-18

Communion Meditation

“One Family. One Faith”

Video

“Lord, You Have Come to the Seashore”

On Screen

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Invitation

World Communion Sunday Liturgy - written by The Rev. Eric Lindblade

Pastor: Almighty God, as we gather on this World Communion Sunday, we gather not just by ourselves, but with Christians all over the world. May our hearts be joined with theirs...Some who worship in sanctuaries just like ours, some who worship in open air sanctuaries in Africa, some who worship secretly in repressive nations, and some who worship amidst the horror and destruction of war.

Our journeys are different, yet bound together by the love and grace of Jesus Christ, who in a time of gathering darkness, and knowing his death was near, gathered his disciples for one last meal.

One would deny him, one would betray him, some would fall asleep as he prayed in a garden, and all would flee from him...yet Jesus’ love for them was greater than their denial, betrayal, sleepiness, and flight.


All: *At supper, he took bread, broke it, gave it to His disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is the blood of the new covenant, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins."*

Pastor: As we share in the cup and the bread, may we take again to ourselves, the spirit, the grace, and the love of Jesus Christ so that we may share it with one another, with our neighbors, with our friends, with our families, and even with our enemies. May the Spirit of the crucified and risen Lord make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until God's kingdom comes in power and glory upon the earth. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

- *Closing Hymn "It Is Well with My Soul" CH 705
- *Taking the Light of Christ into the World
- *Benediction
- *Sending Forth "Shalom to You" On Screen/UMH 666
- *Postlude Anita Cotton

(* Please stand as you are able)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS		WORSHIP TEAMS
Sun. Oct. 1	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:00 pm – Outreach Meeting 12:30 pm – Sunday Lunch Bunch (Coinjock Marina)	OCTOBER 1 Acolyte: Rosalie Jones Greeters: Bobbie Piper & Deb Chambers Worship Leader: Julie Cherry Ushers: Marshall & Julie Cherry Flowers: OPEN Counters: Jeanne Murray & Barbara Gadkowski Trustee: AB Donski
Mon. Oct. 2	1:30 pm – Connect Church Meeting with Mrs. Tidd 3:00 pm – Called Church Council Zoom Mtg. Happy Birthday to Mary Bunch Happy Birthday to Bob Gadkowski	
Tues. Oct. 3	2:00 pm – Bible Study (Facilitated by Susan Lindblade)	OCTOBER 8 Acolyte: Bob Gadkowski Greeters: Lee Hein & Patricia Leary Worship Leader: Marshall Cherry Ushers: Joyce Jagucki & Jan Eanes Flowers: OPEN Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Joyce Jagucki Trustee: AB Donski
Wed. Oct. 4	7:00 pm – SPM Zoom Meeting Happy Anniversary to Tink & Deb Chambers	
Thurs. Oct. 5	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice Happy Anniversary to Jack & Janet Symmonds	
Sun. Oct. 8	Pastor Appreciation Day 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship Happy Birthday to Paul Fairley	

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pastor's Discretionary Fund** – As you receive communion, we invite you to pause at the altar for a time of prayer and if you feel led to share in this discretionary fund, please leave change or money at the altar rail.
- **Bible Study, Tuesday, October 3, 2:00 pm** – Our lesson will be on Commitment in the episode of "The Darlings Are Coming."
- **Charge Conference, Thursday, October 26, 6:00 pm** – MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW for Charge Conference.
- **Women's Spiritual Life Retreat, Saturday, October 28, 9:00 am** – Come and enjoy a day of enrichment.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH		
<i>2023 Monthly Budget</i> \$6,463.50	<i>Received Last Month (September)</i> \$7,305.00	<i>Received Last Sunday</i> \$1,166.00