



Sharon United Methodist Church
Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor
Sunday, November 12, 2023 – 11:00 AM
“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Jan Edgar

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Susan Lindblade

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Anita Cotton

*Call to Worship

Ken Edgar

Leader: All who are thirsty and all who are hungry, come! Eat, drink, and be filled, come!
 Feast at the table of God. Come and receive freely the Living Water and the Bread of Life!

People: *Our souls are thirsty, O God, and we come. Our spirits hunger, O Lord, and we come. Feed us, nourish us and strengthen us. Satisfy us with real food and real drink. Prepare for us a table that we may always be fed by Your hand. Amen.*

*Hymn of Praise

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

UMH 454

Scripture Reading

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Ken Edgar

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn

"This Is My Song" & "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH 437 (vs, 1,2) & UMH 431

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

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

UMH 301

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 14:13-20

Sermon

“Making a Difference”

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Such goodness is available to us, O God. You share with us the finest of foods, the richest of wines to feed our souls and nourish our spirits. Yet, we starve. We have chased after that which does not feed us. We have been blind to the blessings you provide. We have doubted our welcome at Your table and have failed to take the time to enjoy Your feast.

(Time of silent confession)

People: *Forgive us, Lord, and lead us back to Your open and bounteous table. For the sake of Jesus Christ who gave His life to make a place for us at the feast, forgive us, cleanse us, and restore us, O God. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*Closing Hymn

“Trust and Obey”

UMH 467

*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

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| Sun. Nov. 12 | 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship |
| Mon. Nov. 13 | 1:00 pm – SPRC Meeting 3:00 pm – Finance Meeting |
| Tues. Nov. 14 | 2:00 pm – Bible Study (Facilitated by Susan Lindblade) Happy Birthday to Bonita Sohn |
| Wed. Nov. 15 | 3:00 pm – Church Council Meeting |
| Thurs. Nov. 16 | 7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice Happy Birthday to Jeanne Murray |
| Sat. Nov. 18 | 3:00 pm – Cantata Practice Happy Birthday to AB Donski |
| Sun. Nov. 19 | 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Sunday Fellowship Luncheon |

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| NOVEMBER 12 |
| Acolyte: Jan Edgar Greeters: Bobbie Piper & Sylvia Kirk Worship Leader: Ken Edgar Ushers: Bob & Barbara Gadkowski Flowers: OPEN Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Jan Edgar Trustee: Ken Edgar |
| NOVEMBER 19 |
| Acolyte: Barbara Gadkowski Greeters: Lee Hein & Patricia Leary Worship Leader: Jan Edgar Ushers: Sylvia Kirk & Rosalie Jones Flowers: OPEN Counters: Joyce Jagucki & Danielle Skinner Trustee: Ken Edgar |

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, November 14, 2:00 pm** – Our lesson will be on Folly in the episode of “Barney’s New Car.”
- **Sunday Fellowship Luncheon, November 19, 12:15 pm** – Join us for soup, bread and dessert. What a great chance to get to fellowship and know each other better.
- **Advent Decorating of the Church - Monday, November 27, 1:00 pm** – Please join us as we prepare the sanctuary for this joyous season. Many hands will make light work!!
- **Stuff the Pumpkin** – The School Partnership Mission Team (SPM) will be doing "Stuff The Pumpkin" again this year. This mission will run from October 15th through the end of November. We are asking that you bring Gloves, Mittens, Hats, Toboggans, Scarves, Socks, and Undies to fill the Pumpkin (located at the front of the church). The items collected are for children at Griggs Elementary School (Kindergarten-5th grade) and will be delivered to the school in December. Thank you for your support of the SPM Team.

| FINANCES OF THE CHURCH | | |
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| 2023 Monthly Budget \$6,463.50 | Received Last Month (October) \$8,548.75 | Received Last Sunday \$1,905.00 |

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