

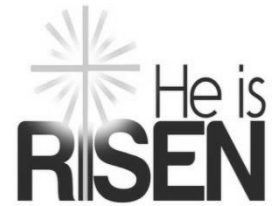


# Sharon United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 31, 2024 – 11:00 AM

Easter Sunday

**“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”**



Bringing in the Light of Christ		Rosalie Jones
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Jeanne Murray
Opening Prayer		Rev. Jon E. Strother Beacon and Sound District Superintendent
Prelude		Anita Cotton
Video Clip	“The Passion of the Christ”	On Screen
*Call to Worship (from Psalm 22)		Mager Kirk
Leader:	Here’s the story I’ll tell my friends when they come to worship, and punctuate it with Hallelujahs:	
<b>People:</b>	<b><i>Shout Hallelujah, you God-worshippers; give glory, you sons of Jacob; adore him, you daughters of Israel.</i></b>	
Leader:	He has never let you down, never looked the other way when you were being kicked around.	
<b>People:</b>	<b><i>He has never wandered off to do his own thing; he has been right there, listening.</i></b>	
Leader:	All the power-mongers are before him— <b>worshipping!</b> All the poor and powerless, too— <b>worshipping!</b> Along with those who never got it together— <b>worshipping!</b>	
	Our children and their children will get in on this as the word is passed along from parent to child.	
<b>People:</b>	<b><i>Babies not yet conceived will hear the good news—that God does what he says.</i></b>	
*Hymn of Praise	“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”	UMH 302
	(During the Hymn, please come forward and place flowers on the Cross. There will be someone who will assist you.)	
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		Sylvia Kirk
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		
Easter Cantata	“In Christ Alone”	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology		
	<b><i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.</i></b>	
	<b><i>Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i></b>	
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Scripture Lesson	Mark 16:1-8	
Sermon	“The JOY News”	
*Closing Hymn	“He Lives”	UMH 310
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
*Benediction		
*Sending Forth	“He Is Lord”	On Screen/CH 34
*Postlude		Anita Cotton

(\* ) Please stand as you are able

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

<b>Sun. Mar. 31</b>	Easter Sunday CANCELED - 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class CANCELED - 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Rev. Jon Strother and “In Christ Alone” Easter Cantata)
<b>Mon. Apr. 1</b>	6:00 pm – Church Council Meeting
<b>Wed. Apr. 3</b>	7:00 pm – SPM Zoom Meeting
<b>Thurs. Apr. 4</b>	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
<b>Fri. Apr. 5</b>	Happy Birthday to Joann Drake Happy Birthday to Susie Spruill
<b>Sun. Apr. 7</b>	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Jeanne Murray and Glenn McCranie)

## WORSHIP TEAMS

### MARCH 31

**Acolyte:** Rosalie Jones  
**Greeters:** Marshall & Julie Cherry  
**Worship Leader:** Mager Kirk  
**Ushers:** Janet Fairley & Bobbie Piper  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Jan Eanes & Sue Collie  
**Trustee:** Anita Cotton

### APRIL 7

**Acolyte:** Barbara Gadkowski  
**Greeters:** Linda Kimble & Sylvia Kirk  
**Worship Leader:** Ken Elliott  
**Ushers:** Sylvia Kirk & Danielle Skinner  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Jeanne Murray & Barbara Gadkowski  
**Trustee:** Bob Gadkowski

## UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMC Homecoming - Sunday, June 2, 10:00 am – POSTPONED** - A new date will be determined later.
- **Mailboxes** – Please be sure to check the mailboxes in the Mail Center in the library. You never know when a card with your name on it may appear!
- **Red Wagon Ministry (located in the Mt. Zion parking lot)** – The Red Wagon ministry is in need of **Baby Diapers** and **Feminine Hygiene Products**. 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](http://www.youtube.com/@sharonumcpoplarbranchnc9028). You can also click the YouTube link at the bottom of our website [www.sharon-umc.org](http://www.sharon-umc.org).
- **Altar Flowers 2024** – 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](mailto:imeekins14@gmail.com) or (252) 202-6401.



## FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

<b>2024 Monthly Budget</b> \$6,088.42	<b>Received Last Month (February)</b> \$8,587.35	<b>Received Last Sunday</b> \$2,385.00
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