



Sharon United Methodist Church

Jeanne Murray, Certified Lay Minister

Sunday, April 28, 2024 – 11:00 AM

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Children’s Sabbath



Bringing in the Light of Christ		Kasey Fairley
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Jeanne Murray
Opening Prayer		
Prelude		Anita Cotton
*Call to Worship		Danielle Skinner
Leader:	We gather in the presence of God to encounter Love that holds us together in faith.	
People:	<i>We do not come seeking the crumbs of our fleshly feast. We come seeking the God of a most excellent feast of love, justice, and grace.</i>	
Leader:	Together, we practice courage to embody sanctification and empowerment.	
People:	<i>The Holy Spirit leads us in power and truth.</i>	
Leader:	Our faith is placed in Love Eternal that lifts broken spirits and brings new life from places of pain, isolation, and ruin.	
People:	<i>We hope as we follow Christ.</i>	
*Hymn of Praise	“To God Be the Glory”	CH 56
Scripture Reading	Psalm 142	Danielle Skinner
Connect Church Literacy Ministry Moment/Celebrations		Rev. Dr. Darren Crotts Program Manager of Faith in Rural Communities at NC Rural Center
Blessing of Literacy Ministry		
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		Sylvia Kirk
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”	Choir
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 Church's One Foundation”	CH 401
Scripture Lesson	Colossians 1:11-20	
Sermon	“God Will Hold Us Together”	
*Closing Hymn	“Shine, Jesus, Shine”	CH 431
*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

Sun. Apr. 28	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Rev. Dr. Darren Crotts and Children’s Sabbath) 12:15 pm – Literacy Tutoring Program Celebration Luncheon
Mon. Apr. 29	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program Happy Birthday to Laverne Brickhouse
Tues. Apr. 30	4:45 pm – Red Wagon Ministry Happy Birthday to Ken Elliott
Wed. May. 1	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program
Thurs. May 2	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
Sun. May 5	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Rev. Betsy Haas) 12:15 pm – Outreach Meeting

WORSHIP TEAMS

APRIL 28

Acolyte: Kasey Fairley
Greeters: Jan Eanes & AB Donski
Worship Leader: Danielle Skinner
Ushers: Ken & Debra Elliott
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & AB Donski
Trustee: Bob Gadkowski

MAY 5

Acolyte: Rosalie Jones
Greeters: Patricia Leary & Bobbie Piper
Worship Leader: Marshall Cherry
Ushers: Joyce Jagucki & Danielle Skinner
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & Sue Collie
Trustee: AB Donski

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Communion** – Communion will not be served on May 5, instead it will be served on May 12.
- **Pastoral Care** – If you need pastoral care, please contact Jeanne Murray at 252-423-0851.
- **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. You can also click the YouTube link at the bottom of our website 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 or 252-202-6401.



FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2024 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (March)	Received Last Sunday
\$6,088.42	\$10,691.45	\$1,441.00