



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor

Sunday, May 4, 2025 – 11:00 AM

Communion Sunday



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Words of Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 30)

Danielle Skinner

Leader: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

People: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

People: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Leader: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

People: My soul will praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

*Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

On Screen/UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*Hymn of Praise

"Alleluia, Alleluia"

UMH 162

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:1-6

Danielle Skinner

Children's Message

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"Tell Me the Story of Jesus / I Love to Tell the Story"

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

"Because Thou Hast Said"

UMH 635

Scripture Lesson

John 21:1-19

Sermon

"Gone Fishin'"

Celebration of Holy Communion

"A Service of Word and Table III"

UMH 15

*Closing Hymn

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

UMH 618 (vs. 3)

*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. May 4	UMW/UWF Candle Burning collection continues 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Fellowship Luncheon for Red and Carole Mangham
Mon. May 5	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program
Wed. May 7	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program
Thurs. May 8	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
Sun. May 11	Mother's Day UMW/UWF Candle Burning collection continues 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Jeanne Murray)

WORSHIP TEAMS

MAY 4

Acolyte: Joe Coriaggio
Greeters: Marshall & Julie Cherry
Worship Leader: Danielle Skinner
Ushers: Rosalie Jones & Patricia Leary
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Patricia Leary
Trustee: Mager Kirk


MAY 11

Acolyte: Danielle Skinner
Greeters: Jan Eanes & Sylvia Kirk
Worship Leader: Jan Edgar
Ushers: Mark Jackson & Madelyn Conroy
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & Jan Edgar
Trustee: Mager Kirk

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.
- **UMW/UWF Candle Burning, Sunday, May 25th** – On Sunday, May 25th we will have a special Candle Burning as part of our morning Worship Service to help raise funds for local, national and global missions.
 - If you would like to help with this mission giving, please fill in the form (available in the vestibule) and include your contribution and return it to Iris Meekins by May 18, 2025. **Please make checks payable to Sharon UMW.** We are not asking for any specific amount, whatever you would like to donate is greatly appreciated and will be used for local, national, and global missions.
 - We will also have a slideshow of photos of honorees and memorials. If you would like to have a photo included in the slideshow, please submit your photos to Iris Meekins through **May 18, 2025.**
- **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.
- **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.
- **Altar Flowers 2025** – 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.
- **Online Giving** – You can donate by using the link on our website at <https://www.sharon-umc.org/> or by scanning the QR Code below.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2025 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (April)	Received Last Sunday	
\$ 7,502.38	\$5,911.33	\$1,183.00	