



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor

Sunday, April 5, 2026 – 11:00 AM

Easter Sunday and Communion



Bringing in the Light of Christ		Joe Coriaggio
Prelude		Anita Cotton
Opening Prayer		Rev. Toni Wood
Words of Welcome and Announcements		
*Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 118)		Preston Murray
Leader:	O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!	
People:	Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.	
Leader:	This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.	
People:	I thank the LORD. He has answered me and has become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.	
Leader:	This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.	
*Affirmation of Faith	"The Nicene Creed"	On Screen/UMH 880
	<i>We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.</i>	
*Hymn of Praise	"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"	UMH 302
	(During the Hymn, please bring your flowers to the Cross.)	
Scripture Reading	Acts 10:34-43	Preston Murray
Children's Message		
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	"Christ Has Risen," "Weep No More!" and "Behold the Risen Savior!"	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology	<i>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.</i>	
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Hymn of Preparation	"He Lives"	UMH 310
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 28:1-10	
Sermon	"Resurrection Sunday"	
Celebration of Holy Communion	"A Service of Word and Table III"	UMH 15
*Closing Hymn	"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"	UMH 304

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Benediction

*Sending Forth

*Postlude

“He Is Lord”

On Screen/CH 34

Anita Cotton

(* Please stand as you are able

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

WORSHIP TEAMS

Sun. Apr. 5	Easter Sunday 6:30 am – Easter Sunrise Service (Currituck Ferry Dock) CANCELED - 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class CANCELED - 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship Happy Birthday to Joann Drake Happy Birthday to Susie Spruill
Wed. Apr. 8	Happy Birthday to Laurel Young
Thurs. Apr. 9	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 4:00 pm – Choir Practice
Sat. Apr. 11	Happy Birthday to Toby Sohn
Sun. Apr. 12	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Fellowship Luncheon Happy Birthday to Kevin Simmons

APRIL 5
Acolyte: Joe Coriaggio Greeters: Deb Chambers & Sylvia Kirk Worship Leader: Preston Murray Ushers: Bob Gadkowski & Joe Coriaggio Flowers: OPEN Counters: Jeanne Murray & Barbara Gadkowski Trustee: Joe Coriaggio
APRIL 12
Acolyte: Kamryn Young Greeters: Linda Kimble & Bobbie Piper Worship Leader: Marshall Cherry Ushers: Janet & Kasey Fairley Flowers: OPEN Counters: Julie Cherry & Sue Collie Trustee: Joe Coriaggio

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Fellowship Luncheon - Sunday, April 12, 12:15 pm** – It’s time to share a meal together! Plan to bring a dish to share for our fellowship luncheon after church on Sunday, April 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Kirk at (252) 202-6648. **Note: Pastor Toni is allergic to onions and garlic. If your dish has any form of these, please label it.**
- **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.
- **SUMC 2026 Scholarships** – Sharon UMC is honored and privileged to be the administrator of the \$1,000 **Lloyd Bateman** and \$1,000 **Nurse Lucy Scholarships**. The **Currituck Community Chorus Music Scholarship** in the amount of \$1,000 will be administered by Sharon United Methodist Church with a Scholarship Committee that will determine the awarding of the scholarship. Participants in the scholarships must complete the 2026 Application and submit a completed application no later than **May 1, 2026**. For more information, please contact Iris Meekins at imeekins14@gmail.com or (252) 202-6401.
- **Art Fund Silent Auction** – At Sharon UMC local artists/crafters donate items to be used for our silent auction. Each month new artwork will be available for bidding. Proceeds go into an art fund to be used as needed for the ministries of the church. See Lee Hein or Jeanne Murray if you have questions.
- **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.
- **Online Giving** – You can donate by scanning the QR Code below.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2026 Monthly Budget \$6,030.25	Received Last Month (March) \$6,208.52	Received Last Sunday \$1,736.00	