Shavertown United Methodist Church 5th Weekend in Lent

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

PRELUDE Meditation by Lloyd Larson Organ Piece Nancy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centering Meditation:

"I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Jeremiah 31:33b NRSV

CALL TO WORSHIP Rich, Liturgist

During the Lenten season, we are called to consider the state of our hearts.

True, but we are afraid of what we might find there.

Be strong and courageous! God will be by your side.

Then, create in us a clean heart, O God.

OPENING PRAYER

God of righteousness and God of grace, teach us always to live in agreement with your Holy Word which you have written in the laws of nature, in your holy word by your prophets, and on our hearts and minds through the power of your Holy Spirit. While we journey through this earthly life, give us the strength to do your will and to keep your commandments. Amen.

OPENING HYMN O How He Loves You and Me # 2108

O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me!

He gave his life. What more could he give?

O how he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!

Jesus to Calv'ry did go; his love for sinners to show.

What he did there brought home from despair.

O how he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S (DISCIPLE'S) PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

A GIFT OF MUSIC

Beautiful the Wounds of Christ

Chancel Choir

by Marty Parks

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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

Your goodness, Lord, is overwhelming. We marvel at your incredible patience and your unfathomable mercy and grace. We are humbled by your care in spite of our fickleness and lack of resolve. Today, we ask, that you would accept the various gifts which we lay at your feet. May everything we offer bring you joy and increased growth in the Kingdom here. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD Jeremiah 31:31-34 NRSV

THE MESSAGE God's Covenant: It's Not About Religion Pastor Robin

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Father, the only real thing you want from me is my love. You want me to be your beloved partner, but I struggle with intimacy and faithfulness. I really do want to learn how to love you completely, with all my being, so I ask for your forgiveness and the chance to try again. Ignite my passion for you, I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news...our God is a God of second chances. God hears our heart's desire and will help us fall in love again. Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN OF GOING FORTH

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Near to the Heart of God
There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God, a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God. [Refrain]

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God, a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

Go, in the knowledge and love of God, and may the Word that is written in your heart bear forth fruit.

Amen.

POSTLUDE Change My Heart, O God by Eddie Espinosa

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the Potter, I am the clay, Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.



It's the Other "R" Word

Third Weekend of March, 2021

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PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF MARCH 21 THROUGH MARCH 27

Please contact Pastor Robin at 570-220-1138 or the Church Office at 570-675-3616 if you are being hospitalized, having surgery or in need of pastoral care or prayer. Prayer requests can be included on the e-mail prayer chain by contacting the church office at shavertownumc@susumc.org or by calling 570-675-3616.

<u>OUR PRAYER LIST:</u>, The United Methodist Church; victims of violence; those persecuted for their faith; men & women in Law Enforcement; caregivers; those in difficult relationships; children & teens at risk; those incarcerated; those with hatred in their hearts; marriages in trouble, cancer and Covid 19 victims.

Concerns: Ken Kirk, our homebound friends, Kevin Kear, Peggy Evans, Jim & Elaine Laubach, Jimmy Tighe, Randy, Allan Kinsman, Bernie, Tom Kucewicz, Bill Chapple, Shawn, Bernice, Judy Loeffler, Jack, Jane Ketchner, Ricky, Bonnie Brader, George & Jean Parrs, Tammy Wahl, Mary Ellen Pajor, Sandy Richardson, John Nicks, John Bunney, Randy Jones, Nancy, Heidi Wagner, Fred Gribble, Deb Lamoreux, David, Martha Kanjorski, Paula, Carol Foreman, Cindy Biesecker, Kate Jenkins

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Maj. Shannon Dzury Dawson, US Air Force
LCDR John W. Gilligan, US Navy
Sgt. Scott Kocher
Lt. Col. Stephen C. Phillips
Todd Mark, US Army, South Korea
Col. P.J. Perrone Jr., Fort Belvoir, VA
Major Erika Reese, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA
Specialist Alex Barilla, US Army, Kansas
Spc. Brandon Pall, Fort Hood, Texas
Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan
2nd Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force
Elijah Geise, U.S. Marines

Sgt. Amy Polachek, US Marines, Quantico, VA Rick Hodle, Jr., US Navy Sgt. Josh McCue, US Air Force Specialist Charles Yavorski, FT. Bragg, N.C. 2nd LT Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, Utah Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves Lt. Mary Ketchner, Silverdate, Wa 1st Lt. Allen Carson, 109th US Army Reserves, Phila. Rick Hodle III, US Army Pfc. Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves Jackson Rogers, US Marines, Okinawa Raphael Zbysheski, U.S.Marine Corp., Hawaii

THINK OF THIS FRIEND (with cards and prayers)

Royal Sutton, 33 Three Mast Lane, Hilton Head, SC 29928

Welcome To Worship

We are so glad to worship with you this morning!

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30am through 3:00pm

MARCH ALTAR GUILD: Cathy Nicks & Susan Roese

LITURGIST: Weekend of March 20/21 Mary Ellen Pajor (Saturday) Rich Oley (Sunday)

GREETER: Alice Newell (Saturday)

ACOLYTE: Isabella

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20: Dave Kelly

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of Wilma Williams's 91st birthday given by her daughter Florence Anne

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Sun. Mar. 21 Worship 9:30am

God's Handful 11:45-12:45pm Live

Youth Group 4-6pm

Mon. Mar.22 Women's Bible Study 1pm on Zoom

Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm

Tues. Mar.23 Staff Meeting 11am

Children of Light 4:30-5pm Hybrid Chapel Chimes 5-5:30pm Live Good News Ringers 6-6:45pm Live Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom

Wed. Mar. 24 Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom

Music Rehearsal 7:30pm

Thurs, Mar. 25 Grief Share Meeting in Lounge 6:30-8pm

Lenten Bible Study 7pm Sr High Sunday School Room

Fri. Mar. 26 Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. Mar. 27 Easter Eggstravaganza 1:00 - 2:30pm at the Aicher Pavilion parking lot

Worship 5:30pm

COMING UP MARCH 27 THROUGH APRIL 3

APRIL ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

LITURGIST: Weekend of March 27/28 TBD(Saturday) Michelle Beutel (Sunday)

GREETER: Alice Newell (Saturday)

ACOLYTE: Paige

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28: Kim Donlin

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Sun. Mar. 28 Palm Sunday Worship 9:30am

Fine Arts Meeting 11am on Zoom God's Handful 11:45-12:45pm Live

Mon. Mar.29 Women's Bible Study 1pm on Zoom

Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm

Tues. Mar.30 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom

Wed. Mar. 31 Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom

Thurs. Apr. 1 Holy Thursday worship 7pm

Fri. Apr. 2 Good Friday worship 7pm

Sat. Apr. 3 Worship 5:30pm

Faithfulness in Worship Attendance: 96
On Line Worship: 48
March 14: \$7,396
Financial Goal: \$6,214

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

<u>GERANIUM SALE:</u> Cindy Biesecker and Morgan are selling geraniums for \$3 to benefit the Community Care Cabinet. Orders are due by April 25. Order forms are located in the narthex or by calling the church office at 570-675-3616.

<u>COMMUNITY CARE CABINET:</u> Donations continue to be accepted throughout the year. A container is in the Narthex for donations. The Community Care Cabinet is open for clients here at SUMC every Friday from 10:00 to 10:30am. For more information contact Sue Holdredge at sue.holdredge1@gmail.com.

<u>ALTAR FLOWERS:</u> Anyone who wishes to purchase altar flowers in honor of a loved one, please contact the church office at 570-675-3616.

GRIEF SHARE: The grief support group meets Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

MENS'S BIBLE STUDY: Men's bible study is Tuesdays at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Anyone who wishes to join, please contact the church office at 570-675-3616.

<u>LITURGISTS</u>, <u>GREETERS</u>, <u>AND USHERS</u>: We are in desperate need of volunteers in these areas. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping.

EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30pm*
Sunrise Service at Pavilion 6:30am
Easter Worship 9am and 11am*
*Worship includes Holy Communion

All services require reservations so please call the church office ASAP!