



Shavertown United Methodist Church

Worship Service March 24, 2024

# Palm Passion Service

Welcome. We're glad you're here.



# Palm/Passion Sunday

March 23-24, 2024

## Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Frank & Linda Gruver (Sat) Alice & Danny Peters (Sun)

Acolyte: Madison W. (Sun) | Liturgists: Sarah Church (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun)

Saturday Worship Musician: Brenda Neighbert

(\* indicates please stand if you are able)

### PRELUDE

“Hosanna!”

By Ruth Elaine Schram  
Children of Light(Sun)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SCRIPTURAL INTROIT

Mark 11:1-10

Sarah (Sat) Ginger (Sun)

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah (Sat) Ginger (Sun)

Give thanks to the Holy One, for God is good.

**God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

With hosannas and praise, we greet the One who call us.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Most High!**

This is the day that God has made.

**Let us be glad and rejoice in it!**

### \*OPENING HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

#278 (Sun)

After introduction by choir, congregation joins in singing verses 1-3

### \*UNISON PRAYER

Sarah (Sat) Ginger (Sun)

**Steadfast Lover of all creation, you sent your Holy Child, Jesus, to teach us how to love one another. Willingly giving up any claim to power or place, Jesus poured out his life for the sake of the world, showing us how to love one another by the power of his love. As we stand with those who sang hosanna at his coming into Jerusalem; as we gaze with those who looked from a distance at his death on the cross, open our ears to the sound of your voice whispering, “Trust in me, always.” Amen.**

### CHILDREN’S CHAT

“Where Children Belong”

#2233 (Sun)

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.*

*Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## CALL TO OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

“Blessed Assurance”

Arr. Dennis Robert  
Good News Ringers (Sun)

## THE PASSION STORY IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of our redeemer, you sent your Son to be born of a woman and to die for us on a cross;  
by your Holy Spirit, illumine our lives with your word so, as the scripture is read and  
proclaimed this day, we may be reconciled and won wholly to your will; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

### Dramatic Reading

Mark 14:1-25

### Hymn #430

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” Vs. 1-3

## HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### LORD’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.

## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

### Dramatic Reading

Mark 14:26-42

### Hymn #290

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” Vs. 1

### Dramatic Reading

Mark 14:43-65

### Hymn #286

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” Vs. 1-2

### Dramatic Reading

Mark 14:66-72

### Hymn #483

“Kyrie Eleison”

### Dramatic Reading

Mark 15:1-15

### Solo

“Via Dolorosa”

Flute Solo: Katerina K.(Sun)

**Dramatic Reading**  
**Hymn #288**

Mark 15:16-21  
“Were You There” Vs.1-2

**Dramatic Reading**  
**Hymn #288**

Mark 15:22-39  
“Were You There” Vs. 4

**Dramatic Reading**  
**Solo**

Mark 15:40-47  
“What Wondrous Love is This”      Soloist: Emma Oley(Sun)

**Scripture**

Philippians 2:5-11

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross” Vs 1, 3 & 4

#301

**\*BENEDICTION**

Go forth in trust that God is with you. Bring the hope of new life to a world of despair in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. **Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

American Hymn  
Organ: Nancy Evans

**Immediately following worship, all Sunday school students  
will meet in the Social Hall. Parents are invited to join us for  
our brief opening with announcements.**

## **SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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



# Shavertown United Methodist Church Announcements

Church Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday 8:30am through 3:00pm  
Weekly Worship Services Saturdays 5:30pm & Sundays 9:30am  
Activity Bags for young children are available in the back of the church.  
Nursery is available during the 9:30am worship.

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## MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP:** The SUMC Youth Group is planning a trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. on July 3, 2024, to see "Daniel" along with dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. We are inviting everyone to join us for this exciting event! Bus #1 is full but there are seats available on bus #2. You are welcome to invite friends and family along! Ages 13 and up...\$180/person Ages 12 and under ...\$120/person. Deposit of \$100 to hold your seat is due by April 1 and total due by May 12. Please make checks out to SUMC and turn in to Brenda Kopalek or Amy Kelly.

**GERTRUDE HAWK FUNDRAISER:** The SUMC Youth Group is doing a Gertrude Hawk Candy Bar fundraiser. We are selling milk chocolate, crispy, caramel, peanut butter, and dark chocolate raspberry candy bars - YUM! Each bar is \$2.00 and can be purchased from a youth or at the coffee corner after worship.

**WELSH COOKIE SALE:** Welsh cookies will be for sale after worship on April 20 & 21. Cost is \$5 for 10 cookies. There are no pre-orders.

**SOUP SALE:** We are in need of soup donations for our sale on Election Day, Tuesday, April 23. We will be selling 12 ounce containers for \$5. A sign-up sheet will be located in the narthex. We are also in need of volunteers to work a 2 hour shifts that day.

**BIRTHDAY TEA:** Our annual birthday tea will take place on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> in the Social Hall at 1pm.. Tables are decorated for each month of the year. If you are interested in decorating a table, please contact Sandy Michalisin or Sue Holdredge. This event is for all women of the church and community. What a great opportunity for conversation and fellowship.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** We will be offering a new membership class on April 7,14,and 21 at 10:30am following worship for those who are interested joining Shavertown UMC or would just like to learn a little bit more about Methodism. Please contact the church office at 570-675-3616 or [shavertownumc@susumc.org](mailto:shavertownumc@susumc.org) or speak to Pastor Jon if you are interested.

**MUSIC NOTES:** On Sunday, April 28th at 6:00PM, come and enjoy an evening of beautiful music called “Music Makes the World Go round” by our SUMC choirs from children to adult, Handbells, Chimes, Brass, Piano and Organ. The concert is free and open to the public. We will be accepting a free will donation and having an Ice Cream Social. On Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>, we will host Byron Dissinger’s Senior Piano Recital. On Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be hosting a concert celebrating Juneteenth. More information to follow. And rounding up our Fine Arts Series is Tim Zimmerman and the King’s Brass on Tues. August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

**EASTER EGGS:** Homemade Easter eggs are available for purchase at Alderson UMC for \$1 each. Sale is Wed., March 27 from 10am till 3:30pm. Call 570-639-5401 to leave your name, phone number and number of each flavor ( butter cream, peanut butter, coconut cream).

### **WHY ARE THERE BUTTERFLIES IN THE NARTHEX?**

Butterflies are symbols of Easter for many reasons. The butterfly starts as a very busy and very hungry CATERPILLER, which can remind us of our busy earthly life and Jesus’ time on earth. Caterpillars then “entomb” themselves in what appears to be a lifeless COCOON which reminds us of death and the placing of Jesus in the tomb after the crucifixion. And then a beautiful jewel-colored BUTTERFLY breaks out of the cocoon and soars into the air, representing Jesus’ resurrection and a new and glorious life!



**Butterfly Challenge:** Find all 40 butterflies in the Narthex that the Sunday School children made! Each butterfly represents a day of Lent. Have fun!

And... don’t forget to look for small Jesus figures throughout the church. Feel free to take one for yourself or a friend to remind us that Jesus is always near and that we all need a little Jesus in our lives!

### **NEXT WEEK’S WORSHIP HELP FOR MARCH 30-31**

**Greeters & Ushers:** Lou & Gayle Yanora (Sat) Bev Bunney & Margi Esopi (Sun)

**Liturgist:** Bev Atherholt (Sat) TBD (Sun) **Acolyte:** Olivia K., Ella B., Ethan T.

**April Altar Guild:** Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

**Trustee Week of Mar 24:** Brad Wall **Trustee Week of Mar 31:** Charlie Kishbaugh

**Finances:** Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Mar.16-17: \$5,636

**Faithfulness in Attendance:** Mar.16-17: In Person Worship 212 Online Worship

## UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS MARCH 24-APRIL 6

March 25: PEO Meeting 7pm  
March 26: Trustee Meeting 7pm  
March 28: Holy Thursday Worship 7:00pm  
March 29: Office Closed  
          Good Friday Worship 7:00pm  
March 30: Holy Saturday Worship 5:30pm  
March 31: Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 am Pavilion  
          Easter Worship 9:30am  
April 1: Prayer Shawl Meeting 7pm  
April 2: Council Meeting 7pm  
April 3: Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30pm

### SHAVERTOWN UMC WEEKLY RECURRING REGULAR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

|            |         |                                                               |
|------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sundays    | 9:30am  | Worship                                                       |
|            | 10:30am | Sunday School for Children and Adults                         |
|            | 11:30am | God's Handful                                                 |
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| Mondays    | 1-3pm   | Women's Bible Study                                           |
|            | 7pm     | Praise Band (Concert 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month)     |
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| Tuesdays   | 8am     | Men's Ecumenical Breakfast @ Apple Tree Terrace               |
|            | 10am    | Coffee & Conversation @ McDonalds, Shavertown                 |
|            | 4:30pm  | Children of Light (Grades 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> ) |
|            | 5:00pm  | Chapel Chimes (Grades 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> )     |
|            | 6pm     | Good News Ringers                                             |
|            | 7pm     | Men's Bible Study - Zoom                                      |
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| Wednesdays | 9am     | Prayer on Zoom                                                |
|            | 7pm     | AA Meeting, Social Hall                                       |
|            | 7:30pm  | Chancel Choir (Adults)                                        |
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| Thursdays  | 6:30pm  | Grief Share, Lounge                                           |
|            | 7pm     | AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall                       |
|            | 7pm     | Connected in Christ, HS Sunday School Room                    |
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| Fridays    | 10am    | Community Care Cabinet                                        |
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| Saturdays  | 5:30pm  | Worship                                                       |

# WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

Please contact Pastor Jon Buxton or the Church Office at 570-675-3616 if you are being hospitalized, having surgery, in need of pastoral care or prayer. Prayer requests can be included on the email prayer chain by contacting the church office at [shavertownumc@susumc.org](mailto:shavertownumc@susumc.org).

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**OUR JOYS:** 400 meals given away at the Community Meal last Saturday, fun had by all at the Easter Eggstravaganza, the wonderful volunteers and generous donations of candy, eggs, and baked goods for the Easter Eggstravaganza, and the start of Holy Week!

**ALWAYS BE IN PRAYER FOR:** The United Methodist Church, Our Country, People of Ukraine, Victims in Israel & Gaza, Victims of the shootings & 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, families dealing with Alzheimer's

**PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** Our homebound friends, Dana, Paul, Sandy Split Morris, Family of Dorothy Carrol, Aunt Kathy & Family, Family of Karen Rittenhouse, The Mesick Family, Mary Demko, Family of Nancy Liskosky, Tom, Donna, Rich Oley, Renee Swank, Vic and Christine and Family, Jeff Kopalek, Jim Petrie, Glenda Shepherd.

*Names remain on the list for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise. Thank You & may God bless!*

## **PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:**

Maj. Shannon Dzury Dawson, USAF  
Sgt. Amy Polachek, USM, Quantico, VA  
LCDR John W. Gilligan, US Navy  
Rick Hodle Jr., US Navy  
Sgt. Scott Kocher  
Sgt. Josh McCue, US Air Force  
LT. Col. Stephen C. Phillips  
Specialist Charles Yavorski, Ft. Bragg, NC  
Todd Mark, US Army, South Korea  
1st LT. Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, UT  
LT. Joey Zobel, U.S.N., Washington, DC.

Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves  
Maj. Erika Reese, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA  
Captain Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force  
1st LT. Allen Carson, 109th US Army  
Reserves, Phila.  
Sgt. Brandon Pall, Army, Maryland  
Rick Hodle III, US Army  
Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan  
CPL Michael Biesecker, USMC Reserves  
Daniel Cochran, US Navy, S.C.

**Think of this Friend** (with cards and prayers)

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