

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

WHITE

April 3, 2016

11:00AM

"But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name."
--John 20:31

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Bill Lee, Organist

Announcement

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" UMH #176

*Call To Worship "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" UMH #349
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth
will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

We Praise God

*Affirmation of Faith "Apostles' Creed" UMH #881

*Moments of Fellowship and Passing of the Peace

Confession and Pardon UMH #12

Offering

The Offertory Bill Lee, Organist

*Doxology UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Christy Snow

(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children return to their pews or go to the nursery.
No Children's Church today.)

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and
white, they are precious in His sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Call to Prayer "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" TFWS#2193
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to
your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace. (once)

The Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer Rev. Bryson Williams

Anthem "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone" Choir

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading "John 20:19-31" Pew Bible, p.108-109 (N.T.)

Sermon "Act Like It" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

Together At The Table—

The Receiving of the Elements of Holy Communion.....Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table. The ushers will
direct you forward.

Prayer After Communion (unison)

Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted us as Your children, made us
members of the Body of Christ: we thank You that in this time of Holy
Communion You renew Your promises within us, empower us by Your
Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of Your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Dedication & Service "Morning Has Broken" UMH #310

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "O How I Love Jesus" Congregation & Choir
O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

Postlude

*The Congregation standing. If it is uncomfortable for you to stand, please remain seated and continue your
participation.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers are placed at the altar for the glory of God.

WELCOME: Good morning and welcome to all guests, members, youth and children
worshipping with us today. We are glad that you decided to join us for worship! We hope you
will experience the hope and love of Jesus Christ as we worship together. If you do not have a
church home, we invite you to become a part of the Sharon family.

ON-GOING PRAYER-SHARON UMC FAMILY

Ben Brockman David & Gertrude Smith
Betty Jean Brockman June Gossett
Neely Thompson Howard Jackson
Doris Fowler Brian Harrison
Ruby Coggins Dora Edwards
Margaret DeYoung Dorothy McHugh

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Betty Glover
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
J. B. Waddell
Earl Johnson
Vivian Eubank (Manning Place)
Gerald Snow

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Foye Fowler, White Oak Estates, 400 Webber Rd., Spartanburg, 20307
Pat Lee
Sharon Lee
Mike West
Lewis Sutton
Lorraine Sroko, 223 Abners Trail Rd., Greer, SC 29651
Glenn Gardner
Sharon Ellis
Lisa Davis, 15 Crescent St., Lyman, SC 29365
Joann Waldrep
Gettis Solesbee

Joe Fowler's mother
Dot Pearson's sister-in-law
Dot Pearson's sister
Joyce Lee's son
Laura Williams' father
Kathy Jordan's mother
Donna Staton's brother
Kaitlyn Pless' aunt
Deb Fowler's sister
Eddie Waldrep's mother
Vera Brockman's brother

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Bob Wade, relative of Johnny Wade
Betty McGaha, Friend of the Floyd family
Holly Wood, Eddie Waldrep's coworker's wife
Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap, our missionaries to Asia Minor
Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway, our missionaries to Thailand
Rev. Ray Allison, friend of Vonda Hendrix

MEMORIALS: A memorial was given in memory of Vivian Edge and Brenda Roper by Ella Rose Lee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY FOR OUR CHILDREN: Parents, we are so glad that you are our guest today. We have a nursery for our children. The nursery is for newborn to three years old, and is located on the main floor in the gathering space. If you need help with locating the nursery, please see one of our greeters in the narthex. We are so glad that your family came to worship with us today!

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

God's Pantry – Canned Vegetables
Weekend Backpack Ministry – **INDIVIDUAL** packets of grits and/or oatmeal, canned pasta
Greer Community Ministry – **Plastic** jars or cans of Spaghetti Sauce and noodles

BACKPACK MINISTRY: Our Backpack Ministry is in need of money for the purchase of food. Please consider making a gift to this worthy ministry.

50+: 50+ will meet Tuesday, April 5, at 12:30PM for a covered dish lunch! Hope to see everyone there. Would love to see some new faces also!

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Singapore. Singapore became a British colony in 1867. Occupied by Japan in World War II, it acquired the status of a self-governing colony in 1959 and became independent in 1965. The island state developed rapidly from a situation of mass poverty and lack of resources into a highly successful free-market economy based on manufacturing, export, and finance. Singapore has a very diverse population and a centrally regulated society. The freedom of individuals and groups is conditioned by the objective of stability and harmonious relationships between the different ethnic and religious groups. The Catholic, Anglican, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches were established in Singapore during the colonial period and continue today.

YOUTH NEWS: Please continue to join us for dinner on Wednesday at 6:30PM in BBB and Sunday School at 10:00AM. We look forward to having you join us.

UMM MEETING: The UMM will meet Sunday, April 10 at 8:00AM. Please make plans to attend.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: We will not have Wednesday night activities this week. We will resume on April 13. Bible study is lesson 10 from Luke: Journey Through The Bible on April 13th.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Confirmation continues every Sunday promptly at 10:00AM. Bring your Bibles. Please pray for our confirmation class. Confirmation retreat at Lake Junaluska is coming up, April 8-10!

GOD'S PANTRY: We will be packing food boxes on Tuesday, April 5 (please note change of day). The bus will leave the Church at 9:00AM and should return around noon. The Pantry will distribute food every Monday from 4:00-6:00PM. If you would like to help with distribution come to the Brockman Center at 3:30 to assist. Come join in the fun.

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: Don't miss your opportunity to enroll for Fall 2016. We are accepting registration for children ages 2,3 &4 on or before September 1. Contact Laura at sharonchristianacademy@gmail.com or come by the Church for a tour!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Mark your calendars! VBS is set for June 12-16. It is going to be great. Let Christy Snow know if you have any questions.

SPECIAL MUSIC EVENT: On April 16 at 7:00PM there will be a special music event here at Sharon. Please plan on attending.

BLOOD DRIVE: We are having a blood drive on April 17. You can sign up in the Gathering Space or in the Narthex. Please sign up to give the gift of life.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: On Saturday, May 7 we are having Spring Fling BBQ, Car and Bike Show, Corn Hole, Cake Walk, Bingo, Kick Ball day of fun. Please plan on attending this Church-wide Event.

WEBSITE: Check out our website sharonumchurch.com.

Our Mission Statement – Sharon United Methodist Church glorifies God as a friendly, caring, Christ-centered fellowship with strong family and spiritual values working to grow our church, our community, and our world one disciple at a time.

Sunday, April 10, 2016 Lectionary Texts

Acts 9:1-6 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

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| SUNDAY, APRIL 3 | 9:30AM | Prayer Group |
| | 10:00AM | Sunday School |
| | 10:00AM | Confirmation Class |
| | 11:00AM | Worship |
| MONDAY, APRIL 4 | 4:00-6:00PM | God's Pantry |
| | 6:30PM | Family Ministries Meeting, Seekers SS Class |
| TUESDAY, APRIL 5 | 9:00AM | Pack boxes at God's Pantry, Corporate |
| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6 | 12:30PM | 50+, Covered dish |
| | 6:30-7:30PM | Wednesday Night Activities |
| | 7:30PM | Choir Practice |
| FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 8,9,&10 | | Lake Junaluska Confirmation Retreat |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 10 | 8:00AM | UMM, Gym |
| | 3:00PM | UMW, Meeting House |

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Pat Burgess & Carolina Genobles
NURSERY WORKERS April 10: Myra Boland & Karen Waldrep

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Communion
CHILDREN'S CHURCH April 10: Christy Snow & Christine Sareault

HEAD USHER: Eddie Bright
HEAD USHER April 10: Gerald Snow

Sunday, March 27, 2016

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| Sunday School: | 78 |
| Worship: | 193 |
| Offering : | \$7,785.00 |
| Received YTD: | \$82,721.00 |
| Needed YTD: | \$81,495.70 |
| Difference: | +\$1,225.30 |
| Needed Weekly: | \$6,268.90 |
| Cemetery Fund (2/29/2016) | \$5,371.66 |
| Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Received | \$1,386.50 |
| Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Balance | \$78,003.26 |

CHURCH STAFF:

Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor
Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary
Katie Stewart, Music Director
Clara Godfrey, Pianist
Bill Lee, Organist
Christy Snow, Children's Min. Director
Debra Fowler, Custodian
Kaitlyn Pless, Director of Student Ministries
Laura Williams, Preschool Director
Ministers: Sharon Congregation Member