I am what I am by God’s grace,
and God’s grace
hasn’t been for nothing.

– 1 Corinthians 15:10
WE GATHER

Prelude
As the Prelude is played, let's begin to place ourselves in the presence of God and prepare our hearts for Worship through silence and prayer.

Welcome & Announcements
*Greeting

WE PRAISE

*Opening Hymn "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" No. 126
If you wish, on the first Sunday of every month, anyone who has a birthday or anniversary during the month, can place a donation during the hymn to the “little church” to help fund the Flower and Landscaping Fund.

*Call to Worship
Leader: Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God.
People: Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!
Leader: Come and let us worship with great joy!
People: Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!
Leader: God is about to do something new in our lives!
ALL: Let God’s will become strong in our lives. Amen.

*Morning Prayer
We come into your presence, O Lord, with so many burdens and concerns on our hearts. Help us to be open to your words of healing and restoration. Bring us closer to you. Enable us to discern your will for us that we may serve you more faithfully by serving others in need. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

Song of Praise “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Played by: Bell Choir

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children’s Time “Getting and Giving a “Do over”” Pastor Jane
At the conclusion of Children’s Time all children age 4 through 5th grades are invited to go with the teachers for Sunday School. Nursery care for younger children is also available.

Prayers of the People
Sharing our Joys & Concerns
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

*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.

*Offertory Prayer

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21 p. 671
Philippians 3:4b-14 p. 1086
John 12:1-8 p. 991

Message “Making a New Thing - or Practicing Resurrection” Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Reflection “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” No. 297

Sharing in the Lord’s Supper No. 12

WE GO FORTH

*Closing Hymn “More Love to Thee, O Christ” No. 453

*Benediction

Go in peace and may God’s peace go with you. Bring hope and healing to all whom you meet. Amen.
*Postlude
As the Acolytes extinguish the candles and carry the light of Christ to the world and the postlude is played, let's take a moment of silence to prepare our hearts and minds to enter our mission field.

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh
Nancy Vogel
Bill Baldwin, Mason Brosch
Lahoski's

Pastor
Music Director
Lay Speaker
Greeters
Acolytes

Welcome to Sharon Center United Methodist Church!

WELCOME TO SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!
If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are glad you are here! Please make sure to sign the attendance pad as it is passed during the service and let us know your contact information. We welcome all to our Worship Service and our Communion Table is open to everyone. Please join us in our activities and gatherings and if you have a question, just ask, and come back again soon!

At Sharon Center UMC we are committed to building relationships with Jesus Christ. For families of all ages, this is a great community to join as you grow in your relationship with God and with others.

www.sharoncenterumc.org
Prayer List

Dora Barnes  
Norma Bates  
Phil Bernhard  
Anne Gavinesky  
Ellen Ingersoll  
Guy & Wanda Quick  
Jeannette Swires  
Mary Jane Winters  
Pat Bernhard  

This Week

Mon  5:30p  Scout mtg  
Tues  7p  Simon Peter study  
Thurs  10a  Soul Keeping study  

7p  Choir Practice

Upcoming Events

5/31-6/1  Sharon Showcase Community Event  
6/9-6/13  Annual Conference at Lakeside  
6/24-6/28  Vacation Bible School

Easter Week and Easter Sunday Schedule

Maundy Thursday Service – 7pm  
Good Friday Service – 7pm  
Sunrise Service at Greenleaf Park – 7am  
Easter Breakfast at the Church – 8:30am  
Service at the Church – 10:30a

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunch Bunch – April 18, 11:30a. Lunch Bunch will be going to Courtyard Café 7600 Chippewa Rd. in Brecksville. The car pool will leave the church at 11am. Please sign up on the sheet located under the bulletin board by the stairs to the balcony. Please let us know if you will be driving on your own. We order our meals from the menu and each person pays for their own meal. Everyone is invited – bring a friend!

Adult Sunday School: The study is titled: *God Heard Their Cry: Finding Freedom in the Midst of Life’s Trials*, By: Ray Vander Laan with Stephen and Amanda Sorenson. You are free to join us at anytime, as it is not necessary to be in attendance for all sessions. Join us at 9am on Sunday mornings in the Conference room.

Vacation Bible School! – Vacation Bible School will be June 24-28 this year (New dates – Mon-Fri). The meal will be at 5:30p, and program begins at 6p. Location is at St. Paul Lutheran Church combined with Sharon Center UMC. Program is: “Roar! Life is Wild, God is Good!” More info to follow!
Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast – May 27, 7a-11a. As many of you know, the annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast is an important outreach to our community, and has been very well attended by community members. Although the meal is free, any donations given are used to assist a family in the community that is in significant need through medical or life crisis. This year the proceeds will be used to help a family or families that the Highland Community Support Network has identified as in definite need of assistance.

To make this community service effort a success, we need helpers in these areas: kitchen set up and pre-event food prep, cooks, servers, Fellowship Hall help with the beverage station, post event clean up. Please contact Bob Mravetz at rmravet@uakron.edu if you can assist in any of the above areas for part of the time or for the entire time. Your help will assist us in this annual outreach to the community and to meet need where it exists. Thank You!

Prayer Requests: Do you have a prayer request? Someone having surgery, testing, court date, difficult decision or just want some prayer? We have a dedicated group of prayer warriors that want to pray for you. Please send a text to (330) 321-4700, send a message on Facebook Messenger or call /email the office. We want to lift each other up to the throne of mercy for healing, help and hope!

Sharon Showcase: We will be participating in the annual SHARON SHOWCASE festival on the Sharon Circle on Sat. June 1. We will be sharing the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and some SWEET DESSERTS. Look for a sign up coming soon. Mark your calendar!

Sunday School Room Update: The Children’s Sunday School room has been painted (thank you George Wemmer and friends!) and on-going clean up and decorating continues. Please excuse our dust! We will be adding and organizing with a special open house soon. We love our kids and want to show them that we value them and their ministry to the world. Thank you for your patience and please visit when it’s complete!

Did you know? The bulletin and newsletters are all on our website? Each week the bulletin is added to the website so that you can see what’s happening and check on times and dates. Each month the newsletter is also added. These are great resources and keep us all informed on what is happening in our community of faith! www.sharoncenterumc.org.

Scouting BSA: We have two SCOUT TROOPS and a CUBSCOUT PACK that we charter and try to support in any way we can. Troop 7411 is a troop of girls looking for friends in grade 5 through 12 to join them. Scouting is a wonderful program that teaches so many skills and provides opportunities to grow. If you know anyone interested please have them call Rose Marie Hoopingarnner, Scout Master Troop 7411, at (330) 697-5698 or email Troop7411@yahoo.com. Let’s spread the news and support our Troops!