

~ Welcome ~

WE GATHER

“Like a River Glorious”

Arr. By: Cindy Berry

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

*Greeting

WE PRAISE

*Opening Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

UMH No. 127

*Call to Worship

Leader: O come, let us sing to our God and make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

People: We lift our hearts and voices in joy and thanksgiving for being here together in the presence of our beloved God.

Leader: Come, let us worship this amazing God, for we belong to God.

People: We will listen for God’s word and live in the hope it inspires.

*Morning Prayer

Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope— hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship— the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.

Song of Praise

“The Well”

Solo by: Elaine Mravetz

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children’s Time

“Building a Model Life”

Millie Frambaugh

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.

*Gloria Patri

No. 70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning; is now and ever shall be:

World without end! Amen, Amen!

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

Exodus 17:1-7

p. 68

Romans 5:1-11

p. 1040

John 4:5-30, 39-42

p. 980-1

Message

“Is the Lord Among Us or Not?”

Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Moment of Reflection

Offering

“Nothing but the Blood”

By: Robert Lowery

*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 GO FORTH

*Closing Hymn

“Healing Rain”

On Screen

*Benediction

We have encountered the living God through the love of the living Christ. We have been refreshed by living water. Go now to live in the hope this encounter inspires. Be water bearers to a dry and parched world, knowing that the God of love and hope goes before you and with you always. Amen.

*Postlude

“There is a River”

By: David Sapp

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh
Charlie Tramel
Bill Baldwin, Ann Passmore
Pylypiak

Pastor
Music Director
Lay Speaker
Greeters
Acolytes

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

SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Service: 10:30am

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March 15, 2020

Pastor Jane Piehl

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Prayer List

Dora Barnes
Norma Bates

Richard Lewis

Guy & Wanda Quick
Mary Jane Winters

This Week

Mon	7p	Bells Practice		See Millie F.
Tues	7p	Easter Experience Study	Conference rm	See Nancy V.
Weds	7p	Leadership Board mtg	Conference rm	See Elaine M.
	7p	Church open for silent prayer		
Thurs	10a	He Chose the Nails Study	Conference rm	See Randy R.
	11:30a	Lunch Bunch		
	7p	Choir Practice		See Millie F.

Upcoming Events

3/4-4/1	7p-8p	Church open during Lent for quiet time
4/5		Easter Flower order deadline
4/14	7p	Counter Culture Study Starts
6/14-6/18		Annual Conference
6/22-6/26		VBS at St. Paul's
Easter Week Service Schedule:		
4/5	10:30a	Palm Sunday
4/9	7p	Maundy Thursday Service
4/10	7p	Good Friday Service
4/12	7a	Sunrise Service at Greenleaf Park
	8:30a	Easter Breakfast at Sharon Center UMC
	10:30a	Easter Traditional Service at Sharon Center UMC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Directory Updates – There is a directory on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please review your information. There are blank directory forms sitting on table if you need to update or provide your info. Please return them to the office or leave on the table for pick up.

Lunch Bunch – Lunch Bunch will be going to *Dominic's Italian Restaurant*, 221 S. Jefferson Street, Medina, OH on Mar. 19, 11:30a. 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!

Easter Flower orders – Our Easter Flower orders are out, inserts are in the bulletin and on back counter. They will be due April 5. They will be available to take home on Easter Sunday.

Tuesday evening study – We will start discussing *The Easter Experience* on Feb. 25 at 7pm in the Conference Room for 6 weeks. Based on the movie study *The Easter Experience*, this devotional will leave you thinking Easter changes everything. Themes include redemption, forgiveness, compassion, and love.

Thursday morning study – On March 12 at 10am we will begin the study *He Chose the Nails*. It will take place in the Conference Room. *He Chose the Nails* is a book about understanding why Jesus chose the nails and God's love for us.

Vacation Bible School 2020 – Mark your calendars for VBS June 22-26 from 5:30p-8:30p! Our theme this year is the Rocky Railway! So climb aboard!

Youth Summer Camp 2020 - information packs are available at the back for Summer Camp programs.

Prayer Labyrinth Eagle Scout Project – Evan Lautenschleger, a member of Boy Scout Troop 511 out of Granger, a junior at Highland High School, and member of Sharon Center UMC will be constructing his Eagle Scout project at Sharon Center UMC which will be a Prayer Labyrinth. There will be a diagram of the labyrinth in the gathering room. This will be constructed behind the church, the completion goal is this spring. Any donation that you are able to make to help me accomplish this Eagle Scout project would be greatly appreciated. Checks may be made out to Sharon Center UMC and placed in the envelopes marked Prayer Labyrinth. *Thank You, Evan Lautenschleger.*

Online Giving Now Available - If you'd like to give your offering or tithe online, please go to www.sharoncenterumc.org and click on the "giving" tab. You can give directly from your checking account or by credit card, with a place for a note about what you'd like to support, or leave it blank and it will be placed into the general fund. It's easy, convenient and secure. "God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

March Mission of the month is LOVE INC (Love In The Name Of Christ). Love INC is supported by Sharon Center United Methodist Church and we are a part of the network of churches in Medina County that provides a helping hand to those in need. Check out the website at www.loveincmedina.org.

This month we will be collecting essential kitchen household items for families and individuals who obtain housing due to a homeless situation, domestic violence or other financial insecurity. These families or individuals are starting their new lives without any of the essentials that make a house a home! We are asking for gently used kitchen essentials to distribute to those in need.

Here's a list of what's in a "starter kit": Gently used pots and pans, glasses, serving utensils, mixing bowls, silverware for four, bakeware, dishes for four. Please bring to the church and place on the table in the back and we will assemble into kits for donation at the end of the month. Here's a great opportunity clean out your cupboards and help those in need too!

Save the Date: Madeline McLaughlin presents "Enneagram 101" a one day workshop on using this ancient spiritual practice for self awareness on Saturday, April 18 from 9 to 4. Cost is \$15 and is limited to 30 people. More information to come.