

# ~ Welcome ~

May 7, 2023

10:30am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude "The Church's One Foundation"  
*Arr. By: Cindy Berry*

Welcome & Announcements  
\*Greeting

\*Opening Hymn "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" UMH No. 559  
*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: In you, Lord, I have taken refuge. Let me never be put to shame.*  
**People: Deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me.**  
*Leader: Come quickly to my rescue. Be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.*  
**People: Since you are my rock and my fortress, lead and guide me, for the sake of your name.**  
*Leader: Let your face shine upon your servant.*  
**People: Save me in your unfailing love!**

\*Morning Prayer  
**O God of all creation, become for us once again the solid foundation upon which we build our daily lives. We gather before you, this first day of the week, to align our lives to the strong teaching and life of Jesus Christ, our Cornerstone. Receive our praise and thanksgiving as expressions of faith and love. We come to you, O Lord, as people who desire to learn and serve like Christ. We are ready to receive your blessing and direction today. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" UMH No. 361

Children's Time "Jesus the Cornerstone" 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.*

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  
*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!*

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 Charlie Tramel  
Acts 7:55-60 p. 1011  
1 Peter 2:2-10 p. 1123  
John 14:1-14 p. 994

Message "The Living Stone and a Chosen People" Pastor Jane Piehl

Moment of Reflection  
Sharing in the Lord's Supper UMH No. 12

Offering "How Firm a Foundation"  
*Early American Medley*  
\*Doxology UMH No. 95  
*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

\*Closing Hymn "When We All Get to Heaven" UMH No. 701

\*Benediction  
\*Postlude "Cornerstone" with "The Solid Rock"  
*Arr. By: Victor Labenski*  
\*Indicates congregation to stand

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Pastor Jane Piehl  
Millie Frambaugh

Pastor  
Music Director

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**Upcoming Events**

Tues	10a-2p 7p	Co-Op Group 1 Corinthians Study
5/17	10a	Church Spring Cleaning Day
5/28		Dignity Kit item return deadline Pentecost
5/29	7a-11a	Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- We continue the study **1 Corinthians, Searching the Depths of God** by: Jaime Clark-Soles on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. in the Conference Room for six weeks. If you want to understand the apostle Paul and his writings this is a must read and study.

-The next Spring Cleaning Day at the Church will be on May 17 at 10am. We will be working on the basement.

-We will be making "Personal Dignity Kits" in May and have a goal of making 25. The items for donation are listed on donation sheet at back of sanctuary, deadline for return is May 28.

-Pentecost is May 28 we invite everyone to bring a red geranium for the flowerbeds, wear red and we will be welcoming our confirmation youth in joining that Sunday.

-Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast will be May 29 from 7a-11a. Helpers are needed. Contact Bob Mravetz or George Wemmer if you can help. Pancake Breakfast includes: pancakes, sausage, OJ, coffee. Meal is by donation and all proceeds support local families in need.

-Save the Date! Aug. 4-6 will be Vacation Bible School with "Pet's Unleashed"

**Welcome to Sharon Center United Methodist Church!**

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are glad you are here! 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.

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**SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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