

Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | MAY 3, 2026 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Celebrating Christ's gift of salvation, our grateful worship of God guides the mission of Sharon Presbyterian Church:

*Rooted in God's grace, Growing in faith,
Sharing the joy of Christ, Loving and serving all*

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Welcome to our guests today! Please sign the Friendship Pad when it is passed down the pew.

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship. Infants through 4-year-olds are welcome in the nursery from 8:15am to 11:45am. Children's worship activity bags are in the back of the sanctuary.

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Prelude | ***Joy and Celebration*** | *Lee. J. Afdahl* | Spirit Ringers

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

Jesus says, "I am the Way for you."

And so we come to follow Christ.

Jesus says, "I am the truth for you."

And so we come to dwell in the light.

Jesus says, "I am the life for you."

And so we come, leaving behind all else to which we cling.

+ Hymn No. 645 | ***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above***

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

**God of grace,
our vision is limited,
and we confess we see only what we want to see.
You stand before us with new life,
yet we only see problems to solve
and tasks to accomplish.
Forgive us for failing to see
the needs of our neighbor
and opportunities to love as you have loved us.
Open our eyes that we may see your glory
and share your light with others
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(A moment for personal reflection and confession)

+ Assurance of God's Grace

God's grace is sure.

God's love in Jesus Christ is eternal.

God's mercy is given.

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+ Hymn of Response | ***Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me***

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (3x)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

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SCAN TO VIEW



Paper copies are
always available
in the narthex
and church
office!

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Children's Worship: After the Children's Sermon, young children ages 3 through 7 are invited to a special worship time in the Barbara Ward Building, where parents and guardians can meet them after worship.

Scripture Reading | Acts 7:54-60

Anthem | ***Awake My Soul*** | *Craig Courtney* | Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading | John 14:1-7

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon | ***People of the Way*** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird

+ Hymn No. 314 | ***Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness***

LIVING INTO GOD'S WORD

+ Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and glory forever. Amen.

Minute for Stewardship | Jessica Hardin

ONLINE GIVING

**Giving Thanks**

You may give by placing gifts in the offering plates, texting sharonpc to 73256, or scanning the QR code

Offertory | ***Song of Peace*** | Arr. Hal Hopson | Spirit Ringers

+ Doxology | ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Hymn No. 694 | ***Great God of Every Blessing***

+ Charge and Benediction

+ Choral Benediction | ***Our Strength and Our Song*** | Patterson | Chancel Choir

+ Postlude | ***Trumpet Tune in B flat*** | Portman | R. Lance Burnette

+ All who are able may stand

Please see an usher for hearing aids, large print Bibles, and hymnals.

Today's Worship Leaders: Rev. Julie Walkup Bird, *Senior Pastor*; Rev. Ron E. Nelson, *Associate Pastor*; Todd Barnhill, *Director of Music*; R. Lance Burnette, *Associate Director of Music and Organist*; Kiana Bargeman, *AV Technician*; Lily Fincher, *Liturgist*.

Mother's Day dedication forms are in the narthex. Checks and order forms may be placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office. Make checks payable to Sharon Presbyterian and earmark for Mother's Day.

Remember in Prayer: Susan Alley, Mark Earnhardt, Merrill Tibbals, Bob Jendron, Nancy Davis, Don Welch, Ava Howard, Lisa Cline Riley, Bill Moorefield, David Wilson, Lance Burnette, Our Homebound Members, Ava Thomas (Tammy Bagyi's mother), Eleanor Golden (Aimee Barnhill's grandmother), Eugene Segreti (Tony Segreti's brother), Raphael G (Maud Meulstee's son), Mark Lewis (Greg Lewis' brother), James Johnson (Dave Johnson's son), Lee Manning (Jo Ann Manning's son), Puriyninchik and Our Peru Mission Partners, and Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado Escobar (Frontera de Cristo, US-Mexico Border). *The prayer list is reset on the first Sunday of each month. To submit or resubmit a prayer request, please contact Rev. Nelson at ron@sharonpcusa.org. By request, prayer concerns may remain private and will not appear in the published list.*

Deepest sympathy in Christ is extended to Bernice McCullough in the death of her husband and to Danelle Martin in the death of her father, Don James McCullough, who died on April 24, 2026.

Deepest sympathy in Christ is extended to Martha Jane Thomas in the death of her son, Chris Thomas, who died on April 29, 2026.

Deepest sympathy in Christ is extended to Katie Kriener in the death of her mother, Frances Taylor Jackson, who died on April 30, 2026.