

**Shavertown United Methodist Church  
 Sunday, April 4, 2021  
 Easter Sunday**

*Welcome to our celebration of Easter today!  
 May the Spirit of the Risen Christ  
 minister to you and give you Resurrection hope.*

**PRELUDE**          *Processional on All Things Bright and Beautiful*          Arr. Anna L. Page  
 Good News Ringers

**\*EASTER PROCLAMATION**

Christ is Risen!  
**He is Risen indeed!**  
 The tomb is empty!  
**Alleluia! Amen!!!**

**\*HYMN**                          *Christ the Lord is Risen Today (vs. 1-4)*                          # 302

**\* OPENING PRAYER**

Bev/Christine, Liturgist

**O Creator God, you raised Jesus from the snare of death.  
 O Risen Christ, you walked out of the tomb and forever into our lives.  
 O Powerful Spirit, you remind us of all God’s promises.  
 As we listen to your word for us this Easter Sunday, Awesome God, change our dead  
 lives into resurrected ones. Amen.**

**A GIFT OF MUSIC**          *Great Day, He’s Arisen*                          by Keith Christopher  
 God’s Handful

**EASTER PRAYER 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 trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
 for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**A GIFT OF MUSIC**          *Jesus Lives! Sing an Alleluia!*                          by Deborah Governor  
 Children of Light/Chapel Chimes

**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**\*HYMN**                          *Up From the Grave He Arose*                          # 322

**CELEBRATION OF THE RISEN LORD THROUGH GIVING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**                          # 94  
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
 Praise Jesus Christ, who power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Praise you, Living God, for your amazing and generous gift of the Resurrection. When we were hopeless and thought death had won, Jesus overwhelmed us with the surprising blessing of eternal life. As we leave our thanksgiving offering at the entrance to your empty tomb, go with us to spread the good news of your Easter victory. Alleluia! Amen!**

**THE WORD OF GOD**                John 20:1-18 NRSV

**A GIFT OF MUSIC**            *An Antiphonal Easter Alleluia*                by Joel Raney  
Chancel Choir with Select Hand Bell Choir

**THE MESSAGE**                You Know When You Know                Pastor Robin

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**                Insert

**\*HYMN**                         *He Lives*                                        # 310

**\*BENEDICTION**

We are sent forth in the power of Christ's resurrection. **Alleluia!**  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE 9:00AM**    *Hallelujah Chorus*                            G. F. Handel  
   *From The Messiah*  
Chancel Choir, God's Handful, Congregation

**11:00AM**    *Hallelujah Chorus*                            G. F. Handel  
Nancy Evans: Piano Solo

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*The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world!*

**Christ the Lord is Risen Today (vs. 1-4)**

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say,  
Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won,  
Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head,  
Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

**Up From the Grave He Arose**

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, Waiting the coming day, Jesus my  
Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose; With a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain, And he lives forever, with his saints  
to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior, Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus  
my Lord! [Refrain]

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; He tore the bars away, Jesus  
my Lord! [Refrain]

**He Lives!**

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living,  
whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need him, he's always near.

Refrain:

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;  
The day of his appearing will come at last. [Refrain]

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
None other is so loving, so good and kind. [Refrain]

**COMMUNION LITURGY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks  
to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

We praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

As a holy and living sacrifice

In union with Christ's offering for us.

As we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF APRIL 4 THROUGH APRIL 10**

Please contact Pastor Robin at 570-220-1138 or the Church Office at 570-675-3616 if you are being hospitalized, having surgery or in need of pastoral care or prayer. Prayer requests can be included on the e-mail prayer chain by contacting the church office at shavertownumc@susumc.org or by calling 570-675-3616.

OUR PRAYER LIST: The United Methodist Church; victims of violence; those persecuted for their faith; men & women in Law Enforcement; caregivers; those in difficult relationships; children & teens at risk; those incarcerated; those with hatred in their hearts; marriages in trouble, cancer and Covid 19 victims.

**Concerns:** Our homebound friends, Kevin Kear, Peggy Evans, Jim & Elaine Laubach, Jimmy Tighe, Randy, Allan Kinsman, Bernie, Tom Kucewicz, Bill Chapple, Shawn, Bernice, Judy Loeffler, Jack, Jane Ketchner, Ricky, Bonnie Brader, George & Jean Parrs, Tammy Wahl, Mary Ellen Pajor, Sandy Richardson, John Nicks, John Bunney, Randy Jones, Nancy, Heidi Wagner, Fred Gribble, Deb Lamoreux, David, Martha Kanjorski, Paula, Carol Foreman, Cindy Biesecker, Deb, Iris Smith, Ken Kirk Family, Newark Legg

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:**

**Maj. Shannon Dzury Dawson**, US Air Force  
**LCDR John W. Gilligan**, US Navy

**Sgt. Scott Kocher**

**Lt. Col. Stephen C. Phillips**

**Todd Mark**, US Army, South Korea

**Col. P.J. Perrone Jr.**, Fort Belvoir, VA

**Major Erika Reese**, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA

**Specialist Alex Barilla**, US Army, Kansas

**Spc. Brandon Pall**, Fort Hood, Texas

**Jon Laity**, US Navy, Japan

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael T. Shutlock**, US Air Force

**Elijah Geise**, U.S. Marines

**Sgt. Amy Polachek**, US Marines, Quantico, VA

**Rick Hodle, Jr.**, US Navy

**Sgt. Josh McCue**, US Air Force

**Specialist Charles Yavorski**, FT. Bragg, N.C.

**2<sup>nd</sup> LT Gregory Navestad**, Hill AFB, Utah

**Travis Butler**, US Navy Reserves

**Lt. Mary Ketchner**, Silverdate, Wa

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Allen Carson**, 109<sup>th</sup> US Army Reserves, Phila.

**Rick Hodle III**, US Army

**Pfc. Michael Biesecker**, US Marine Corps Reserves

**Jackson Rogers**, US Marines, Okinawa

**Raphael Zbyszeski**, U.S. Marine Corp., Hawaii

Welcome To Worship

We are so glad to worship with you this morning!

*Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30am through 3:00pm*

**APRIL ALTAR GUILD:** Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

**LITURGIST: Weekend of April 3/4:** Mary Ellen Pajor (Saturday) Bev Bunney 9am Christine Koerwer 11am (Sunday)

**USHERS:** Brad Wall & Trevor (Sunday 9am) Linda & Bob Wagner (Sunday 11am)

**GREETER:** Alice Newell (Saturday)

**ACOLYTE:** Makayla-(Sunday 9am) Connor-(Sunday 11am)

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 4:** Chris Ostrowski

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Bob & Sandy Richardson in honor of their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Sun. Apr. 4 Sunrise Easter Worship at the Pavilion 6:30am  
Easter worship 9am & 11am

Mon. Apr.5 Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm  
Church Council Meeting 7pm on Zoom

Tues. Apr. 6 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom  
Children of Light 4:30-5  
Chancel Choir 5-5:30  
Good News Ringers 6-6:45

Wed. Apr. 7 Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom  
Mission & Outreach 6:30pm  
Music Rehearsal 7:30pm

Thurs. Apr. 8 Grief Share 6:30pm in the Lounge  
Worship Team 7pm

Fri. Apr. 9 Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. Apr. 10 Worship 5:30pm

**THINK OF THIS FRIEND (with cards and prayers)**

James Wert, 316 Bluebell Ct., Wyoming, Pa. 18643

**COMING UP APRIL 11 THROUGH APRIL 17**

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

**LITURGIST: Weekend of April 10/11:** TBD (Saturday) TBD 9am (Sunday)

**USHERS:** Jen & Gary Young (Sunday)

**GREETER:** Alice Newell (Saturday)

**ACOLYTE:** 9:30am-Ella

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11:** John Nicks

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

Sun. Apr. 11	Worship 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am VBS meeting 11:30am God's Handful 11:45-12:45 Confirmation 4-6pm
Mon. Apr.12	Women's Bible Study 1pm on Zoom Praise Band Concert 7pm
Tues. Apr. 13	Children of Light 4:30-5 Chancel Choir 5-5:30 Good News Ringers 6-6:45 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom
Wed. Apr. 14	Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom Music Rehearsal 7:30pm
Thurs. Apr. 15	Grief Share 6:30pm in the Lounge Special Topic Study Group 7pm in Sunday school room
Fri. Apr. 16	Community Care Cabinet 10am
Sat. Apr. 17	Worship 5:30pm

**Faithfulness in Worship Attendance: 114**

**On Line Worship: 83**

**March 28: \$4,269**

**March 28: Financial Goal: \$6,214**

**MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC**

**GERANIUM SALE:** Cindy Biesecker and Morgan are selling geraniums for \$3 to benefit the Community Care Cabinet. Orders are due by April 25. Order forms are in the narthex or by calling the church office at 570-675-3616.

**COMMUNITY CARE CABINET:** Donations accepted throughout the year. A container is in the Narthex for donations. The Community Care Cabinet is open for clients here at SUMC Fridays from 10:00 to 10:30am. For more information contact Sue Holdredge at [sue.holdredge1@gmail.com](mailto:sue.holdredge1@gmail.com).

**GRIEF SHARE:** The grief support group meets Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Men's bible study is Tuesdays at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Anyone who wishes to join, please contact the church office at 570-675-3616.

**LITURGISTS, GREETERS, AND USHERS:** We are in desperate need of volunteers in these areas. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping.

**CHURCH BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Anyone who wishes to place an announcement in the church bulletin must have their information into the church office by 3pm on Wednesday.

**SPECIAL TOPICS STUDY GROUP:** We are starting a 5-week study by Max Lucado called *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*. We will meet on Thursdays at 7:00pm, starting April 15. If interested in joining the group, please contact Brenda Kopalek at [kadec23@hotmail.com](mailto:kadec23@hotmail.com).

**ALIMA FUND:** Alima is back to School in Dakar. Tuition, room and board is \$1075. There is only \$625 remaining in her fund, leaving us \$450 short of covering her costs. If you are able, please place a donation in an envelope label Alima Fund in the offering plate.

**EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunrise Service at Pavilion 6:30am

Easter Worship 9am and 11am