

Shavertown United Methodist Church

7th Weekend of Easter

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

PRELUDE *"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"* by R. Founds Arr. M. Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We look up in wonder as he is lifted from us into heaven!

But this is not a time to gaze upward. There is much work to be done.

Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us.

Let's get to work!

Let's make our hearts ready for the task ahead with prayer and praise!

Amen!

Amen!

*OPENING PRAYER

God of incredible surprises, as we gaze into the clouds, remind us that we are standing on holy ground. Place our feet on the pathways of peace and hope. Draw our attention from the vision of the Lord rising to the heavens to be with you and help us to focus on the ministries that you would have us do. Keep us ready and willing always to serve you all our days. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"

312

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!

To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!

Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!

Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!

Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!

Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!

Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!

See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!

Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!

Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!

Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!

See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia!

See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia!

Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!

Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *and* THE LORD'S (DISCIPLE'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.

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO OFFERING

*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

Bless these gifts, O Lord of all, that we might worship you with great joy and serve your people with great love. In Christ's name. Amen.

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

by Elisha Hoffman

Chancel Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Luke 24:44-53 NRSV

THE MESSAGE

"Blessed to be a Blessing"

Pastor Robin

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

327

Crown him with many crowns,

the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns

all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing

of him who died for thee,

and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

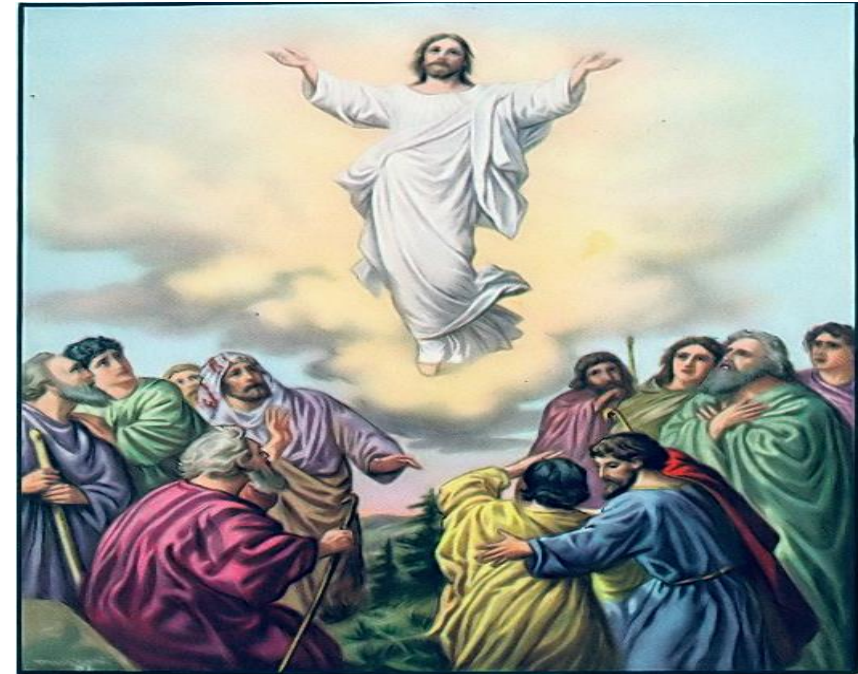
***BENEDICTION**

As Christ has loved you and prayed for you, go now in peace, bringing Christ's loving words to all you meet. Know that Christ is with you in all that you do. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

"Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious"

by Michael Ryan



Ascension

May 15/16, 2021

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

163 North Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown, PA 18708

Telephone: 570-675-3616

E-mail address: shavertownumc@susumc.org

Web address: shavertownumc.com

Like us on Facebook: Shavertown United Methodist Church

Ministers: All who love and serve Jesus Christ

Pastor: Rev. Robin Baer

Cell: 570-220-1138 Email: rbaer@susumc.org

Director of Music – Nancy Evans

Bookkeeper – Ken Chapple

Custodian – Brad Lothridge

Christian Education Coordinator – Brenda Kopalek

Nursery Staff – Sandy Michalisin

Office Manager – Jeanne Kapral

Church Publicist – Amy Wall

Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF MAY 16 THROUGH MAY 22

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, Bernie, Tom Kucewicz, Bill Chapple, Shawn, Bernice, Judy Loeffler, Jack, Jane Ketchner, Bonnie Brader, George & Jean Parrs, Tammy Wahl, Sandy Richardson, John Nicks, Randy Jones, Nancy, Heidi Wagner, David, Martha Kanjorski, Paula, Carol Foreman, Cindy Biesecker, Deb, Iris Smith, Michael, Jeff, Danny ,Dal Sperazza, Baby Noah Pollock, Lane, Donald Dickson, Bridget Mattioli & family, Pastor Ken Brown Family, Lee, Braedon Kerpovich, Rita Kelly

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

2nd 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.

2nd LT Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, Utah

Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves

Lt. Mary Ketchner, Silverdate, Wa

1st Lt. Allen Carson, 109th 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

If you are new to our church, please visit our welcome table in the Narthex for a small gift and information about our ministries for both adults and children.

We have many exciting things going on throughout the year here at SUMC!

THINK OF THIS FRIEND (with cards and prayers)

Phillip Brown, 156 E Center St., Shavertown, Pa. 18708

We are so glad to worship with you this morning!

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

MAY ALTAR GUILD: Deborah & Ray Poremba

LITURGIST: Weekend of May 15/16: Carol Folk (Saturday) Jen Young (Sunday)

USHERS: Deb & Ray Poremba (Saturday) Robert & Linda Wagner (Sunday)

GREETER: Deb & Ray Poremba (Saturday) Robert & Linda Wagner (Sunday)

ACOLYTE: 9:30am- Adriana

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16: Tom Ketchner

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Robert Williams Sr. given by Gloria Williams

- Sun. May 16 Worship 9:30am
Sunday school 10:30am
God's Handful 11:30-12:15pm
Youth Group 3-6pm Pavilion
- Mon. May 17 Women's Bible Study 1pm on Zoom
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
SPPRC meeting 7pm
- Tues. May 18 Luzerne County Primary Election-Social Hall 6am-8pm
Coffee & Conversation Pavilion 10am
Children of Light 4:30-5pm
Chapel Chimes 5-5:30pm
Good News Ringers 6-6:45pm
Pizza Party 6:45-8 Lounge for Good News Ringers
Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom
Finance Meeting 7pm
- Wed. May 19 Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom
Last Music Rehearsal 7:30pm
- Thurs. May 20 Boy Scout Troop 281 6:30pm Pavilion
- Fri. May 21 Community Care Cabinet 10am
I'm Big Now Graduation Pavilion 9:30am until 1pm
- Sat. May 22 Fellowship Meal – noon
Pentecost Worship 5:30pm

COMING UP MAY 23 THROUGH MAY 29

MAY ALTAR GUILD: Deborah & Ray Poremba

LITURGIST: Weekend of May 22/23: Edie Graziano (Saturday) Caleb (Sunday)

USHERS: Cathy Nicks (Saturday) Harold Stout (Sunday)

GREETER: Cathy Nicks (Saturday) (Sunday)

ACOLYTE: Makayla

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23: Chris Snell

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of John & Beatrice Chapple by the Graziano, Chapple & Scales families

Sun. May 23 Worship 9:30am with Confirmation
Last Day of Sunday School 10:30am

Mon. May 24 Bible Study 1:30pm-3pm
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
PEO meeting in the lounge

Tues. May 25 Coffee & Conversation Pavilion 10am

Wed. May 26 Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom

Thurs. May 27 Special Topics Book Discussion 7pm

Fri. May 28 Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. May 29 Worship 5:30pm

Faithfulness in Worship Attendance: 125

On Line Worship: 36

May 9: \$5,245

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,214

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

YOUTH GROUP AND CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION: May 16, 3-6pm, Pavilion

All youth, youth group leaders, confirmation mentors, and confirmation families are invited to join us for a time of games, music, and more! Dinner and Cake at 5:00pm.

PRAISE BAND: Our group needs 2 people to be responsible for the Powerpoint presentation of the lyrics so the congregation can sing along and to do some setup and run live streaming. You would be required to be at the church by 6pm or one hour before the concert. Anyone interested, please call John Bunney @ 570-696-2658 or 570-690-7876.

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.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: There is a sign up for adults and youth (6th-12th grade) in the Narthex to be VBS volunteers. We hope you will consider joining in on this exciting opportunity to share God's word with the children of our community on July 28-31. We are encouraging everyone to wear their church t-shirt, if they have one, it is not required.

SUMC T-SHIRTS: Amy Wall would like to place another t-shirt order by June 20th. Please see her if you are interested in getting one with the church symbol and name on it. These are great to have for community events such as VBS and Fellowship Meals. Cost: \$15 youth-adult, add \$3 for 3X-5X.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 30262: Shoes of any size or style are being collected to aid women in 3rd world countries to provide shoes in their communities. If that pair of shoes no longer finds a home in your closet, please consider donating them. There is a collection box located in the Narthex.

COMMUNITY CARE CABINET: Donations are accepted throughout the year. A container is located in the Narthex. We are open for clients here at SUMC Fridays from 10:00 to 10:30am. For more information, contact Sue Holdredge at sue.holdredge1@gmail.com.