

Shavertown United Methodist Church

6th Weekend of Easter

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

PRELUDE

"I Just Came to Praise the Lord"

by John Coates, Jr.

Chancel Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centering Meditation:

"Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child...And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is truth."

1 John 5:1, 6b *NRSV*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Ellen/Ron, Liturgists

Sing to God a new song,

for God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,

for God is still doing marvelous things!

Break into joyful song!

Sing praises with lyre and melody and trumpets!

Let the seas roar and the floods clap their hands!

For God is coming to judge the world with righteousness.

God is coming to judge the world with equity.

Sing to God a new song!

*OPENING PRAYER

God of songs and marvels, old and new, your powerful love for this world continues to astound us. In these last days of Easter, we gather to recall the love that brought Jesus into this world and into our lives: as Savior, Friend and Brother. We thank you for welcoming us into your household and for trusting us with your marvelous work to draw all people into the spacious home of your love. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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 GIFT OF MUSIC

"You Planted the Love"

by Carol Tornquist/Nan Allen

Children of Light

RECOGNITION OF OUR GODLY WOMEN

THANKSGIVING PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS

Thank you, dear Lord, for our mothers who were brave enough to give birth
Who loved through many growing-up years, who taught about God and love and being good
Who often got no thanks, whose ears could hear the slightest cry
Whose eyes didn't miss much either whose hands held and bathed and picked up
Whose heart was often broken, who always forgave and forgot
Who encouraged when things went bad, who always had time to listen
Who worked so hard to make things go, who make the world so much better
Who deserve our love on Mother's Day, and every day, even for eternity. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

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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**

Pour your Spirit upon these gifts, O God. Send them into the world as a sign and song of your joyous work of love. Use them to call and welcome into your house of love all who are your friends and our brothers and sisters. Amen.

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" by S.Temple/Arr. Mark Hayes
(Prayer of St. Francis) God's Handful

THE WORD OF GOD

Acts 10:44-48 NRSV

THE MESSAGE

Helping or Hindering

Pastor Robin

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

"Happy the Home When God Is There" # 445
Happy the home when God is there,
And love fills every breast;
When one their wish, and one their prayer,
And one their heav'nly rest.

Happy the home where Jesus' name
Is sweet to every ear;
Where children early speak His fame,
And parents hold Him dear.

Happy the home where prayer is heard,
And praise is wont to rise;
Where parents love the sacred Word
And all its wisdom prize.

Lord, let us in our homes agree
This blessed peace to gain;
Unite our hearts in love to Thee,
And love to all will reign.

***BENEDICTION**

Jesus speaks again today:

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Go in joy and faithfulness, knowing that you, the chosen friends of Jesus, abide in Jesus' love and bear the gift of this love to the world. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Arr. Lowell Mason



Worship Series: Belong, Behave, Believe
Mother's Day, May 8/9, 2021

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PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF MAY 8 THROUGH MAY 15

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, John Bunney, 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, Unspoken, Mabel Jenkins Family, Mary Kucewicz Family, Donald Dickson, Bridget Mattioli & family

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Maj. Shannon Dzury Dawson, US Air Force	Sgt. Amy Polachek, US Marines, Quantico, VA
LCDR John W. Gilligan, US Navy	Rick Hodle, Jr., US Navy
Sgt. Scott Kocher	Sgt. Josh McCue, US Air Force
Lt. Col. Stephen C. Phillips	Specialist Charles Yavorski, FT. Bragg, N.C.
Todd Mark, US Army, South Korea	2 nd LT Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, Utah
Col. P.J. Perrone Jr., Fort Belvoir, VA	Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves
Major Erika Reese, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA	Lt. Mary Ketchner, Silverdate, Wa
Specialist Alex Barilla, US Army, Kansas	1 st Lt. Allen Carson, 109 th US Army Reserves, Phila.
Spc. Brandon Pall, Fort Hood, Texas	Rick Hodle III, US Army
Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan	Pfc. Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves
2 nd Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force	Jackson Rogers, US Marines, Okinawa
Elijah Geise, U.S. Marines	Raphael Zbysheski, 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)

Albert Billings, 19 Old Grandview Ave., Dallas, Pa.18612

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 8/9: Mary Ellen Pajor (Saturday) Ron Prutzman (Sunday)

USHERS: Kerry (Saturday) Frank Paczewski (Sunday)

GREETER: Kerry (Saturday) Marsha Paczewski (Sunday)

ACOLYTE: 9:30am- Stephanie

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9: Fred Wesley

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my mother & sisters given by Nancy Burkel

Sun. May 9	Mother's Day Worship 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am God's Handful 11:30-12:15pm Youth Group 4-6pm
Mon. May 10	Women's Bible Study 1pm on Zoom Praise Band Concert 7pm
Tues. May 11	Children of Light 4:30-5pm Chapel Chimes 5-5:30pm Good News Ringers 6-6:45pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom Trustee Meeting 7pm
Wed. May 12	Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom Music Rehearsal 7:30pm
Thurs. May 13	
Fri. May 14	Community Care Cabinet 10am
Sat. May 15	Worship 5:30pm Vine information deadline

COMING UP MAY 16 THROUGH MAY 22

MAY ALTAR GUILD: Deborah & Ray Poremba

LITURGIST: Weekend of May 15/16: Edie Graziano (Saturday) TBD (Sunday)

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

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

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16: Thomas 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 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 Worship 5:30pm

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

GRADUATES: If you know the names of any church members graduating from high school or college this Spring or Summer, please contact the church office with their name.

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.

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.

Faithfulness in Worship Attendance: 107

On Line Worship: 57

May 2: \$10,481

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,214