



Shavertown United Methodist Church

Worship Series

Listen: Hearing That Still, Small Voice and Finding Your Own

# Finding Your Mystic: Listening Beyond the Voices



March 16 & 17, 2024

## We're glad you're joining us today!

If you're looking for a church home, we'd love to welcome you as part of the Shavertown UMC family! Please fill out a yellow connection card found in the pew and place it into the collection plate.

You're invited to visit our Welcome Table in the Narthex for a gift and information on the many ministries of our church including Christian Education opportunities.

We hope you'll join us again.

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – Listen Series Week 5

## Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Cathy & John Nicks (Sat) The Wong Family (Sun)

Acolyte: Ava K. (Sun) | Liturgists: Bob Berkey (Sat) TBD (Sun)

(\* indicates please stand if you are able)

### PRELUDE

“The Gift of Love”

Arr. Jason W. Krug  
Heavenly Handbells

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TIME FOR CENTERING

*Come and rest. Come and listen.  
Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker*

### SILENT REST

You are invited to sit quietly in the silence without any expectation of what you “ought” to be thinking. Don’t worry about sounds from children or crows – simply let them float into and out of your attention. And if you find it difficult to settle your thoughts, contemplate the following:

Spend time alone, in reflection, on a regular basis if you want to make friends with yourself.

### \*OPENING HYMN

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

#348

### OPENING PRAYER

Bob (Sat) TBD (Sun)

**Hear me, O God, and listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth I call to you; my heart is faint. My strength has failed. My joy is gone. You are my only hope. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, for you alone are my refuge. Guide my footsteps upon paths of peace.**

**In Jesus’ name and for his sake, Amen.** (Psalm 61)

### CHILDREN’S CHAT

“Where Children Belong”

#2233 (Sun)

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.*

*Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

### GIFT OF MUSIC

“Hymn to Joy”

Setting by Raymond H. Herbek

Chapel Chimes: Taylor, Ava, Madisen, Olivia & Hudson

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**CALL TO PRAYER**

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

#2200

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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.**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**GIFT OF MUSIC**

“Whom Shall I Fear”

By C. Tomlin, E. Cash & S. Cash  
God’s Handful

**\*DOXOLOGY**

#94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise him  
above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Bob (Sat) TBD (Sun)

**Loving God, receive these gifts of love, as celebrations of your presence in our lives. Shine  
through our gifts and ministry, that others may see light for their journey. Live through our  
gifts and our ministry, that all may experience and celebrate your loving presence. Amen.**

**GIFT OF MUSIC**

“Calvary’s Love”

By G. Nelson & P. McHugh  
Chancel Choir

**WORD OF GOD**

Romans 12:2-12  
Pg 162

Bob (Sat) TBD (Sun)

**MESSAGE**

“Finding Your Mystic: Listening Beyond the Voices”

Pastor Jon

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

See insert (Sun)

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Jesus Calls Us”

#398

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

By Doris Akers  
Piano: Nancy Evans

**Immediately following worship, all Sunday school students should go directly to their classroom. Parents can accompany students.**

## **SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

163 North Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown, PA 18708

P: 570-675-3616 | E: [shavertownumc@susumc.org](mailto:shavertownumc@susumc.org) | [www.shavertownumc.com](http://www.shavertownumc.com)

Pastor: Rev. Jon Buxton

P: 570-675-6412 | E: [jbuxton@susumc.org](mailto:jbuxton@susumc.org)

Director of Music: Nancy Evans | Treasurer: Rich Fufaro | Nursery Staff: Nicole Trevaskis

Custodian: Brad Lothridge | Christian Education Director: Brenda Kopalek

Office Manager: Jeanne Kapral | Communications Coordinator: Amy Wall

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



# Shavertown United Methodist Church Announcements

Church Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday 8:30am through 3:00pm  
Weekly Worship Services Saturdays 5:30pm & Sundays 9:30am  
Activity Bags for young children are available in the back of the church.  
Nursery is available during the 9:30am worship.

---

---

## MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**LENTEN GIVING:** Our Community Care Cabinet, which provides paper products and household items to families in need, is asking for donations. The final week of collection is March 17-23 and we will be collecting tissues. Please consider giving during this Lenten season.

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE:** Meeting is March 19 at noon in the social hall. Bring a lunch and enjoy a time of food and fellowship. Hostess Mary Ellen Pajor will lead devotions. Our program will feature Barbara Roberts. All women are invited. For more information, contact Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338.

**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA:** We will be having our annual Easter Eggstravaganza on March 23, 1-3pm in the Social Hall. This is a community event so invite anyone you know that would be interested in having a lot of fun celebrating Easter! We will have crafts, games, an Easter egg hunt, a bake sale, and of course, the Easter story.

**VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED:** Donations of small, wrapped candy and plastic Easter eggs can be dropped off in the Narthex in the bin labeled Easter candy/eggs. We are also in need of many volunteers to make this event possible. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex to volunteer for this fun and meaningful community event.

**GERTRUDE HAWK FUNDRAISER:** The SUMC Youth Group is doing a Gertrude Hawk Candy Bar fundraiser. We are selling milk chocolate, crispy, caramel, peanut butter, and dark chocolate raspberry candy bars - YUM! Each bar is \$2.00 and can be purchased from a youth or at the coffee corner after worship.

**EASTER SERVICES:** Holy Thursday- 7pm, Good Friday -7pm, Holy Saturday-5:30pm and Easter Sunday- Sunrise Service at 6:30am (pavilion) and 9:30am.

**FLEA MARKET ORGANIZER NEEDED:** Shavertown UMC Church Council would like to have 3 Flea Market fundraisers this summer. A volunteer is needed to lead and organize these events. If interested, please speak with Ginger McCabe.

**SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP:** The SUMC Youth Group is planning a trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. on July 3, 2024, to see “Daniel” along with dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. We are inviting everyone to join us for this exciting event! Bus 1 has been filled, so we are offering a second bus but will need to fill it to have bus 2 go. You are welcome to invite friends and family along! Ages 13 and up...\$180/person Ages 12 and under ...\$120/person. Deposit of \$100 to hold your seat is due by April 1 and total due by May 12. Please make checks out to SUMC and turn in to Brenda Kopalek or Amy Kelly.

**EASTER EGGS:** Homemade Easter eggs are available for purchase at Alderson UMC for \$1 each. Sales are Wednesdays, March 13, 20, & 27 from 10am till 3:30pm. Call 570-639-5401 to leave your name, phone number and number of each flavor ( butter cream, peanut butter, coconut cream)

### **WHY ARE THERE BUTTERFLIES IN THE NARTHEX?**



Butterflies are symbols of Easter for many reasons. The butterfly starts as a very busy and very hungry CATERPILLER, which can remind us of our busy earthly life and Jesus’ time on earth. Caterpillars then “entomb” themselves in what appears to be lifeless COCOON which reminds us of death and the placing of Jesus in the tomb after the crucifixion. And then a beautiful jewel-colored BUTTERFLY breaks out of the cocoon and soars into the air, representing Jesus’ resurrection and a new and glorious life!

Butterfly Challenge: Find all 40 butterflies in the Narthex that the Sunday School children made! Each butterfly represents a day of Lent. Have fun!

And... don’t forget to look for small Jesus figures throughout the church. Feel free to take one for yourself or a friend to remind us that Jesus is always near and that we all need a little Jesus in our lives!

### **NEXT WEEK’S WORSHIP HELP FOR MARCH 23-24**

**Greeters & Ushers:** Frank & Linda Gruver (Sat) Alice & Danny Peters (Sun)

**Liturgist:** Sarah Church (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun) **Acolyte:** Madison W.

**March Altar Guild:** Cathy Nicks & Mary Ellen Pajor

**Trustee Week of Mar 17:** Larry Schuler **Trustee Week of Mar 24:** Brad Wall

**Finances:** Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Mar. 9-10: \$5,252

**Faithfulness in Attendance:** Mar.9-10: In Person Worship 140 Online Worship 35

## UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS MARCH 17-MARCH 30

March 17: Confirmation Practice: 11:30am

March 19: Priscilla Circle Noon

Finance Meeting 4:45pm

Worship Meeting 7:30pm

March 20: SPPRC Meeting 6pm

March 23: Easter Eggstravaganza 1-3pm Social Hall

March 26: Trustee Meeting 7pm

March 29: Office Closed

### SHAVERTOWN UMC WEEKLY RECURRING REGULAR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

Sundays	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Sunday School for Children and Adults
	11:30am	God's Handful
Mondays	1-3pm	Women's Bible Study
	7pm	Praise Band (Concert 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month)
Tuesdays	8am	Men's Ecumenical Breakfast @ Apple Tree Terrace
	10am	Coffee & Conversation @ McDonalds, Shavertown
	4:30pm	Children of Light (Grades 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> )
	5:00pm	Chapel Chimes (Grades 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> )
	6pm	Good News Ringers
	7pm	Men's Bible Study - Zoom
Wednesdays	9am	Prayer on Zoom
	7pm	AA Meeting, Social Hall
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir (Adults)
Thursdays	6:30pm	Grief Share, Lounge
	7pm	AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall
	7pm	Connected in Christ, HS Sunday School Room
Fridays	10am	Community Care Cabinet
Saturdays	5:30pm	Worship

# WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

Please contact Pastor Jon Buxton or the Church Office at 570-675-3616 if you are being hospitalized, having surgery, in need of pastoral care or prayer. Prayer requests can be included on the email prayer chain by contacting the church office at [shavertownumc@susumc.org](mailto:shavertownumc@susumc.org).

---

**OUR JOYS:** Wonderful musical sounds of our Praise Band Concert

**ALWAYS BE IN PRAYER FOR:** The United Methodist Church, Our Country, People of Ukraine, Victims in Israel & Gaza, Victims of the shootings & 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, families dealing with Alzheimer's

**PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** Our homebound friends, Family of Karen Rittenhouse, The Mesick Family, Mary Demko, Ron, Family of Nancy Liskosky, Tom, Donna, Rich Oley, Renee Swank, Vic and Christine and Family, Nancy & Ed Hahn, Jeff Kopalek, Jim Petrie.

*Names remain on the list for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise. Thank You & may God bless!*

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:**

Maj. Shannon Dzuray Dawson, USAF  
Sgt. Amy Polachek, USM, 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, NC  
Todd Mark, US Army, South Korea  
1st LT. Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, UT  
LT. Joey Zobel, U.S.N., Washington, DC.

Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves  
Maj. Erika Reese, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA  
Captain Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force  
1st LT. Allen Carson, 109th US Army  
Reserves, Phila.  
Sgt. Brandon Pall, Army, Maryland  
Rick Hodle III, US Army  
Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan  
CPL Michael Biesecker, USMC Reserves  
Daniel Cochran, US Navy, S.C.

**Think of this Friend** (with cards and prayers)  
Helen Davis, 30 Willow Way, Dallas, Pa. 18612