

# SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*We gather to worship God, nurture Christian faith,  
and go out into the world in mission.*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026

8:45 and 11:00 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

How Great Thou Art

arr. Dan Miller

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Andy Morris, *Director of Student Ministries*

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 545    The Church's One Foundation

*Aurelia*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

The LORD is righteous in all his ways  
and faithful in all he does.

**The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.**

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;  
he hears their cry and saves them.

**My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.  
Let every creature praise his holy name  
for ever and ever.**

*Psalm 145: 17-19, 21*

\* GLORIA PATRI NO. 71

*Greatorrex*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Living God, help us to seek you in your Word that we may truly know you;  
that, in knowing you, we may believe;  
and believing, we may follow your way in all faithfulness,  
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.**

\* SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 17:16-31

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 129

*(In celebration of our Lord's resurrection, please stand and face the cross for the reading of the scripture.)*

SERMON

“Knowing the Unknown God”

Rev. Maggie Cantey

THE OFFERING

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To give by text: Text SUMC to 73256

OFFERTORY

The First Song Of Isaiah

Jack Noble White

*The Chancel Choir*

*Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.*

*For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.*

*Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.*

*And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name.*

*Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted.*

*Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,*

*and this is known in all the world.*

*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,*

*for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.*

\* DOXOLOGY HYMN 94

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Out of the depths, we cry to you, O Lord! Lord, hear our voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications.**

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?**

**But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be revered.**

**O Lord, we wait for you, and in your word we hope.**

**For with you there is steadfast love;**

**with you there is great power to redeem.**

**O Lord, set us free from all our sins.**

**Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, we pray. Amen. (based on Psalm 130)**

## \* SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Musical Setting A, Hymnal p. 17)

*Minister*        The Lord be with you.

***People*            And also with you.**

*Minister*        Lift up your hearts.

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

*Minister*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People*            It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks and praise to God the Father, concluding:*

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name  
and join their unending hymn:

*(all singing)*    **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.**

*The pastor gives thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, concluding:*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer you 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.

*(all singing)*    **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*The pastor prays for the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit, concluding:*

All honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

*(all singing)*    **Amen, amen, amen.**

**\* 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.**

**\*BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

*Our Communion offering each month goes to the Harvest Hope Food Bank.  
Thank you for your generosity!*

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

ANTHEM	In Remembrance of Me	Buryl Red
ANTHEM	Eat This Bread	Berthier
ANTHEM	Ubi Caritas (Live in Charity)	Berthier
HYMN 328	Surely the Presence of the Lord	Wolfe

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious Lord, we are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But it is your nature always and everywhere to have mercy,  
and on that we depend.**

**As you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, may he  
forever live in us and we in him. Amen.**

\* HYMN 374

Standing on the Promises

*Promises*

\* BENEDICTION

Go in peace to walk the way of the cross and resurrection!

**We are sent in the name of the Lord!**

May Jesus Christ, who was put to death for our sins, bless you and keep you!

**Amen!**

May Jesus Christ, who was raised to life for our salvation, let light shine upon you!

**Amen!**

May Jesus Christ be your life, your peace, and your joy now and forever!

**Amen! Thanks be to God!**

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Blessed Assurance

arr. Dan Miller

\*Congregation standing

*The altar flowers are given in memory of George and Patsy McIntosh  
by Barbara Cobb and family.*

*The altar flowers are given in honor of Heath "Hank" Mustin Carll, Jr., and in  
memory of Harper Frances Carll, and in honor of Elsie Jordan Carll by their  
parents, Leah and Heath Mustin Carll, Senior.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANKS, BUDDS!** Thank you to the more than 40 Shandon members who showed up and made their voices heard at the MORE Justice Nehemiah Action Assembly this week. Because of the work of advocates like you, positive change is happening in our community. Couldn't make it to the event but still want to get involved? Contact MORE Justice team leaders Biff Sowell or Claire Manning to be added to the Shandon MORE Justice email list to learn about current issue campaigns and simple steps you can take to lend support. Micah 6:8 - *What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God?*

**TREK TO MEMBERSHIP:** This afternoon, Sunday, **May 3**, kicks off a new session of our pathway-to-membership course, TREK. The three classes are designed to help prospective members learn more about the people, places, and ministries of Shandon UMC while connecting with others. Register at [shandonumc.org/TREK](http://shandonumc.org/TREK), then join us for the first session in Wesley Hall at 3:30 p.m.

**LIONS AND GIANTS:** TODAY, Sunday, **May 3**, 3 & 4K children (*age 3 by September 1, 2025*) are invited to join Ms. Cari in the gym for a fun-filled preschool version of "Lions and Giants" from 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. We will play games and have a special Bible time designed for little ones. 5K-5th grade students will gather from 3:00 - 4:15 p.m. for an exciting time of fellowship, games, and Bible time. Noodle Tag, Gaga Ball, and Four Square are just some of the games we may play. Both events are drop-off, and no registration is required. We hope to see you there!

**GRIEFSHARE-LOSS OF A SPOUSE:** TODAY, Sunday, **May 3**, in Knox 214, from 3:00 -5:00 p.m. \$10 materials cost. Register at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) or contact LillaAnn Briggs at [forgiventoo7@gmail.com](mailto:forgiventoo7@gmail.com).

**GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP:** There will be an informational meeting TODAY, Sunday, **May 3**, at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room for those interested in learning more about the 7-10 day mission trip to Guatemala between October 10 and 20. This trip will include a medical and a construction component. No particular skills are needed to be a part of the construction team. Doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, and other healthcare professionals are needed for the medical team. Please join us if you feel God is leading you to be a part of this work. Interested, but unable to attend the meeting? Please email Jennifer Parker at [jpcllemsongirl@gmail.com](mailto:jpcllemsongirl@gmail.com).

**MYF:** Methodist Youth Fellowship is the place for 7th through 12th graders to fellowship, play games, and grow in their relationship with Christ. **May 3:** Let's celebrate Cinco de Mayo early at MYF! Join us for tacos, piñatas, and time in the Bible together as we explore the topic of "grace" in the month of May. Join us from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for dinner, fellowship, open gym, games, and Bible study.

**SOAP FELTING:** Join us in Wesley Hall on Wednesday, **May 6**, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. (childcare will be provided) as Rev. Maggie Cantey teaches us another felting class. During our time together, materials will be provided for you to create a bar of felted soap. These soap bars are perfect for gentle exfoliation and make great gifts or decorations. This class is perfect for any level of experience, as you can choose a simple swirl pattern or needlefelt more intricate designs onto your soap bar. The cost is \$12. Register at [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events). We hope to see you there!

**CONNECTIONS-LAURA'S TEA ROOM:** Come enjoy Afternoon Tea on Thursday, **May 7**, in this charming tearoom with a three-course tea experience. We will meet at church at 10:30 a.m. and will return by 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. Contact Susan Curran to register or sign up across from the reception desk in the Great Hall. Space is limited and friends are welcome.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** The Shandon Blood Drive is Sunday, **May 17**, in Player Hall, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Please go to [shandonumc.org/redcross](http://shandonumc.org/redcross) to sign up. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be taken first. An e-gift card of \$20 to a merchant of choice will be emailed to you following your donation. 16-18 year olds can donate with parental permission.

**COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD:** Our next Coffee in the Courtyard is on **May 17**, from 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the courtyard outside the gym. Everyone is invited to join us for a cup of coffee or some lemonade and a biscuit or scone. This is a time designed to help us meet and get to know fellow Shandon UMC friends. We hope you'll take a few moments after the early worship service and before Sunday School.

**VOLUNTEER TO SERVE AT TRANSITIONS:** Shandon UMC's serving team needs volunteers on the fourth Monday of each month (May 25) from 5:15-6:00 p.m. to help serve prepared meals and greet residents. Volunteers are provided with aprons, gloves, and hairnets (a baseball cap may be worn instead of a hairnet). For more information or to sign up go to [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events) or contact Sue Haddock at [ksuehaddock@gmail.com](mailto:ksuehaddock@gmail.com).

## SUMMER EVENTS - SAVE THE DATES

### **Thursdays, May 21 and June 11**

Live on the Lawn at 6:30 p.m.

### **Sundays, May 31 - July 26**

Combined age group Sunday School  
for elementary students

### **Wednesdays, June 10 - July 29**

Summer Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall

### **Wednesdays, June 10 - July 29**

Shandon Cup at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym

### **Sunday, June 14**

A reception in honor of Rev. James Grubb at  
12:00 p.m. in Player Hall

### **Sundays, June 14 - August 2**

Combined worship alternating between 11:00 a.m.  
traditional and 11:05 a.m. LifeLine services. No  
change to 8:45 traditional worship schedule.

### **Sunday, June 21**

America the Beautiful (U.S. 250th Birthday  
edition) at 12:00 p.m. in the Gym

### **Sundays, July 12, 19, and 26**

Summer Soul Series returns at 9:45 a.m.  
in Player Hall

### **Tuesday, July 14 and Thursday, July 23**

Connections (Older Adults) trips to McBee -  
Peaches and more

### **Wednesday, July 22**

Christmas in July Mother-Daughter event  
at 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall

### **Sunday, July 26**

Chrismon Workshop at 4:00 p.m. in Bruner 223

### **Sunday, August 2**

Blessing of the Backpacks at both services.

### **Sunday, August 9**

Promotion/Christian Education Sunday

### **Sunday, August 30**

Bible Presentation to 3rd Graders at 11:00 a.m.  
Traditional and 11:05 a.m. LifeLine services.

*Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation*

Senior Pastor: The Reverend C. E. Kanipe, Jr.

Associate Pastor: The Reverend James Grubb

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Maggie Cantey

Minister of Music & Arts: The Reverend D. Edwin Huss, Jr.

Organist and Music Associate: Kipp Gill

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