

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER /CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

April 27, 2025

11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fantasia on Old 100th

Gordon Young

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Biff Sowell, *MORE Justice*

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 304 Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Regent Square

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has claimed us as his own!

**He has brought us out of darkness
and made us light to the world!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* 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.**

ANTHEM

The Lord's Prayer
Owen Connolly, tenor

Albert Malotte

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Risen Lord Jesus,
through your incarnation you shared our life,
through your death you redeemed our life,
through your resurrection you raise us into life eternal.
Come into our hearts and minds this day,
that we might know you and love you and serve you,
now and forever. Amen.**

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20: 19-31

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 110

(In celebration of our Lord's resurrection, please stand for the reading of the gospel.)

SERMON

“Be Like Thomas”

Rev. C.E. “Smoke” Kanipe

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND RITE OF CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMANDS' PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you,
will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representative in the world?

I will.

CONGREGATION'S PROMISE OF SUPPORT

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow to love God and their neighbors.

We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples, who walk in the way that leads to life.

***CREED FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING**

For the Confirmation Class of 2025

We believe in God the Father, in His only son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit.

We believe that as disciples of Jesus Christ, our choices and actions should reflect this discipleship each day.

We believe that as disciples of Jesus Christ, we should pray every day just as Jesus taught us to pray the Lord's Prayer and showed us to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. Through prayer, we grow closer to God, and we should intentionally set aside time to pray and listen to Him each day.

We believe that as disciples of Jesus Christ, we should worship and praise God on the Sabbath. Just as Jesus purposefully spent time in the temple, we should prioritize time to be in church and to praise and worship God with others.

We believe that as disciples of Jesus Christ, we should forgive others who hurt us just as Jesus forgave those who crucified Him. We should also ask God to forgive us for the times we disobey Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

We believe that as disciples of Jesus Christ, we should care for all of God's creation, by working together to preserve the beauty of the earth and the resources God has entrusted to us.

We believe that as disciples of Jesus Christ, we should serve and care for others, just as Jesus demonstrated to us when He washed the feet of the disciples. We must open our eyes to see people in need... sick, poor, lonely, or afraid. We must also open our eyes to seeing injustice, inequality, and oppression, and we must be willing to act to right these wrongs. We must open our hearts to ways that we can help others and share the Gospel and God's love with them. We should remind ourselves each morning to share God's love through our words and our actions, loving our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH

As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? **I will.**

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness? **I will.**

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

THE OFFERING

To give online: shandonumc.org/give

To give by text: Text **SUMC** to **73256**

OFFERTORY

O Sons and Daughters

arr. Parker/Shaw

*O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of Heaven, the glorious King;
o'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!*

*When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!*

*"My pierced side, O Thomas, see, my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!*

*No longer Thomas then denied, he saw the feet, the hands, the side.
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia!*

*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!**

*HYMN 593

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte

*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!

*CHORAL RESPONSE

This Joyful Eastertide

arr. Parker/Shaw

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!

My Lord, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three day prison

our faith had been in vain: but now is Christ arisen.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata on Hymn to Joy

Page C. Long

*Congregation standing

*The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of Chad Gibbons
by Laura, Jordan, Meg and Maura.*

*The flowers at the altar are given in celebration of Bob Roof for his birthday and
in memory of Bobbie and Brenda Clarke by Harriett Roof and family .*

Today Is Confirmation Sunday

The church rejoices in the affirmations of Christian faith made by these 37 young people today. We welcome our new members into our Shandon family and join them in a lifetime of spiritual growth. Immediately following the service, everyone is invited to greet our confirmands out front.

Frances Evelyn Aslin	Sadie Elizabeth Conine	Mollie Grace McLeod
Robert Edward Bartley IV	Avery Kate Collins	Anne Davis Manning
Avery Jeannette Bell	Carson Ansley Crook	Charlotte Anne O'Neill
Emma Carol-Hinnant Bell	Prem Robert Desai	Thomas Wright Pohlman
Ann Marlowe Bender	Elizabeth Cate Dhar	Caroline Cole Powers
Taylor Elizabeth Bozard	Rutledge Ann Flake	Elleigh Anne Quinn
Walker Andrew Bozard	John Stephen Garriss	William Douglas Saunders III
Lillian Parker Brooks	Lauren Winifred Guffee	Phillip Christopher Sullivan
Marin Day Brantley	Hinson Kyle Harman	Margaret Elizabeth Rawl
Charles Cannon Burt	Matthew Kenneth Hendrix	Susan McMillan Reed
Elsie Jordan Carll	William Cohen Hughes	William Douglas Saunders III
Heath Mustin Carll Jr.	James Causey Johnson	Phillip Christopher Sullivan
William Marshall McKenzie IV		

Confirmation Mentors:

Tim Brooks	Caroline Manning
Travis Burt	Leslie McKenzie
Leah Carll	Rachel Phillips
Michael Guffee	Jeff Quinn
Sue Kanipe	Les Rawl

6th Grade Sunday School Teachers:

Jon Davis	Kevin Watts
Margaret Hays	Stan Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEEKERS LUNCH: Young professionals ages 23 to 30 seeking fellowship and community are welcome to join the Seekers group for lunch **today, April 27, following the 11:00 a.m. worship services** at Taziki's in Cross Hill Market.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Once again, Shandon is a sponsor in the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build. Shifts are from **8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, May 1, Saturday, May 10, and Saturday, May 17.** The site is at 1531 Middle St in Cayce. Grab your friends and help make someone's dream of home ownership a reality. Volunteers should be 18 years old and should register online at shandonumc.org/events.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY: To honor our graduating high school seniors at Shandon UMC, we will hold a unique service for them on **Sunday, May 11th**, at the **8:45 a.m.** traditional service. After the service, we will host a reception in Player Hall for our seniors and their families. Email Andy Morris at amorris@shandonumc.org to sign up.

EX-CON NIGHT AT MYF: We invite Shandon UMC 6th graders to join us for MYF for the first time tonight, **April 27** from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** We will have a blacklight Nerf Fight in the gym to celebrate their confirmation. Students are invited to bring their Nerf blasters and darts for a night of competitions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025—ROAD TRIP: ON THE GO WITH GOD!

Get ready for a week of faith-filled adventure as Shandon UMC presents Vacation Bible School (VBS): Road Trip – On the Go With God! Join us from **June 2-6, from 8:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. each day**, as we explore God's love through engaging lessons, music, crafts, and fun activities. VBS is open to children who have completed 3-year preschool (age 3 by 9/1/2024) through current second-grade students (for the 2024–2025 school year). Sign up at shandonumc.org/register.

SHANDON UMC DAY CAMP

Students who will have completed any of grades 3-12 are invited to join us for Day Camp on the campus of Heathwood Hall Episcopal School during the week of **June 2-6, 2025**. Students will enjoy art, music/songs, Bible study, paddling, ropes courses, Gaga Ball, and initiative games. Eighth grade students and older will serve as counselors. Sign up at shandonumc.org/register.

SHANDON CUP: We are excited to announce that our sports and recreation program, Shandon Cup, will return this summer! Members, visitors, and friends aged 18 years or older are invited to participate. This summer's primary activity will be volleyball—all skill levels are welcome! We will gather on **Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** in the Gym. The program will run from **May 21 to July 30** (excluding June 4 for VBS). The cost for participating is \$10 per person, which includes all activities, equipment, and a hot dog cookout at the season's end. Childcare is available for infants through rising 6th graders but must be requested. Register online: shandonumc.org/events

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

Permission to stream the music in this service obtained from

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