

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 6, 2025

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Andante Sostenuto

Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Scott Vaughan, *The Cooperative Ministry*

(8:45 a.m.) THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 294 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

Martyrdom

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.**

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

**The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,
and he makes his covenant known to them.**

(from Psalm 25)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Eternal and all-gracious God,
whose Word never returns to you empty,
but accomplishes that for which you send it:
quiet within us every voice but your own,
so that by the power of your Holy Spirit
the good news of your grace might make us new. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 12:1-8

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 101

SERMON

“Another Party, Another Problem”

Rev. James Grubb

THE OFFERING

To give online: shandonumc.org/give

To give by text: Text SUMC to 73256

OFFERTORY

(8:45 a.m.)

The Lord Is My Light

Frances Allitsen

Grant Ebert, baritone

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
Though a host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid;
and there rose up a war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.
For, in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle, yea,
in the secret places of His dwelling shall he hide me, and set me upon a rock of stone.
The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?*

(11:00 a.m.)

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

Evans Kish, soprano

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another Comforter; that he may abide with you for ever.*

*DOXOLOGY 95

Old 100th

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God our Father, you have set forth the way of life for us in your beloved Son.
We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him,
our failure to follow him, our reluctance to bear the cross.
We confess the poverty of our worship,
our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace,
our hesitating witness for Christ,
our evasion of responsibilities in your service,
our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.
Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

* THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Musical Setting D, Hymnal p. 23)

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 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

In Remembrance of Me
Let Us Break Bread Together
My Jesus, I Love Thee

Buryl Red
Spiritual
Gordon

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 292

What Wondrous Love Is This

American Folk Hymn

*BENEDICTION

Go in peace to walk the way of the cross.

We are sent in the name of the Lord.

May Jesus Christ, who was put to death for our sin,
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!

*(11:00 a.m.) CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be in My Head

John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in mine heart and in my thinking.

God be at my end and in my departing.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY


*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue sur le nom d'Alain, Op. 7

Maurcie Duruflé


Maurice Duruflé's Fugue sur le nom d'Alain, Op. 7, is a tribute to the French composer and organist Jehan Alain, who was tragically killed in World War II. Composed in 1942, the piece is built on a musical motif derived from the letters of Alain's name, following the tradition of thematic cryptograms (A-D-A-A-F).

* Congregation standing



The flowers at the altar are given in gratitude to honor our Genesis Classmates by Bob and Jennie Rush.

The flowers at the altar are given with love to honor Jay Blair by his family.



IN THE SEASON OF LENT

LENTEN OFFERING: This Lent, we're supporting three nonprofits that make a positive impact in our community—The Free Medical Clinic, The Cooperative Ministry, and Transitions. Contribute to our Lenten offering online at shandonumc.org/give/lenetext SUMC with your offering amount to **73256**, or send checks to Shandon UMC. Please write "Lenten Offering" on your checks and select it from the dropdown when giving online. Your generosity makes a difference.

SPONSOR AN EASTER LILY: Today is the last day to sponsor an Easter lily for our worship spaces in honor or memory of your loved one. Each plant is \$20. You can also give a donation to our Landscaping Fund. Order online at shandonumc.org/register. You can also fill out an order form located in the pew rack and place it along with a check in the collection plate during worship.

STUDENT LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS: Lent can be a powerful season for Christians as we meditate and fast in preparation for Easter. To encourage middle and high school students in their faith, we will host the last of our weekly Prayer Breakfasts this week in Player Hall from **6:45 until 7:30 a.m.**

Middle schoolers will meet on **Tuesday, April 8.**

High schoolers will meet on **Thursday, April 10.**

We will also have food for parents and a separate place for you to catch up on emails or connect with other parents.

GREENING OUR FAITH—LENT: Learn about Lenten traditions while creating a beautiful greenery cross for your door. Join us **Thursday, April 10**, from **10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**, in Wesley Hall. Space is limited to 24 participants, with a \$35 registration fee. Don't miss this opportunity to reflect on the season of Lent through a meaningful hands-on activity. Sign up today at shandonumc.org/register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER: We welcome Kirsten DeBorde into the Shandon UMC family today. She is transferring from another denomination. Kirsten and her husband Cameron just completed the March TREK to Membership Course. Interested in TREK? A new session starts in May. Sign up at shandonumc.org/trek

VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONISTS DESPERATELY NEEDED: Our church office depends greatly on the warmth and hospitality of phone receptionists and greeters during business hours. Volunteers welcome church and community members and answer the phone to direct calls to staff and ministry areas. We need help each week at the following times:

Monday 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.; 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

If you would be interested in a conversation about serving weekly during one of these times, please contact Lesli Wood (lwood@shandonumc.org or 803-722-1043).

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. If your high school senior would like to participate, email Andy Morris at amorris@shandonumc.org.

MORE JUSTICE—WE NEED YOU! Please join Shandon members who are already involved in MORE Justice for a rally at Shandon Presbyterian Church on **April 7** at **6:00 p.m.** to prepare and motivate for the Nehemiah Action Assembly. And please join us on **May 12** for the Nehemiah Action Assembly. These events are critical to our support of MORE Justice and its goals. If you have questions, please contact Biff Sowell, Smoke Kanipe, or Claire Manning.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS 2025: We need amazing adult and youth volunteers to help make VBS a fun and faith-filled adventure for our children! Whether you can serve all week, a few days, or behind the scenes, we'd love to have you! Visit shandonumc.org/register for more info and to sign up!

SUMC BOOK CLUB: Come join the conversation! The SUMC Book Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Rm. 221 (2nd fl. Bruner Bldg.). The books are in a broad range and chosen six months out at regular meetings. Newcomers are warmly welcomed any time.

April 17: Peaches for Monsieur Le Cure, by Joanne Harris

JOIN US FOR THE EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP: Shandon United Methodist Church invites you to be a part of our El Salvador Mission Trip, happening **July 27 – August 3**. This is a life-changing opportunity to serve, build relationships, and share God's love with communities in need. Whether you're called to construction, teaching, or simply offering a helping hand, your presence will make a difference. The deadline to sign up is **April 15**. For more details or to sign up, contact Candler or Geoff Rhodes, (candlerh@hotmail.com, geoffrhodes@hotmail.com) or Brian Ingram (ingrambenefits@gmail.com).

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 13

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. | Traditional services in the Sanctuary

11:05 a.m. | LifeLine Contemporary Service in the Gym

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 p.m. | Communion service in the Sanctuary with music by the Chancel Choir

Good Friday, April 18

12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary open for meditation

7:00 p.m. | Service in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 20

7:00 a.m. | Easter Sunrise Service on the East Lawn—please bring your own lawn chair

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. | Traditional Services in the Sanctuary

11:05 a.m. | LifeLine Contemporary Service in the Gym

SUMMER AT SHANDON UMC

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). Shandon UMC members receive priority registration until **April 15**, at [**shandonumc.org/register**](https://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. Shandon UMC members receive priority registration until **April 15**, at [**shandonumc.org/register**](https://shandonumc.org/register).

2025 SHANDON CUP

We are excited to announce that our sports and recreation program, Shandon Cup, will return on **Wednesday evenings** this summer starting **May 21!** 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! 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 at [**shandonumc.org/register**](https://shandonumc.org/register).

WWJP? (WHERE WOULD JESUS PARK?)

Well, of course, Jesus walked everywhere, so he wouldn't actually have to deal with the parking challenges we face on Sundays! But seriously, we need to be *very* careful and considerate in our parking habits. A few friendly suggestions ...

1. **The lot beside the church** is important for those with mobility challenges, young children, and our first-time visitors. Please pay careful attention to handicap parking signs, including those for handicap accessible vans.

2. **The lot across Devine Street** is our largest parking lot. On most Sundays we have an off-duty police officer to assist us in crossing the street. On the relatively rare occasions when no officer is available, please be sure to use the crosswalks.

3. **Our friends at Dreher** kindly share their front lot with us. Please do not park on the grass anywhere on the Dreher property.

4. **There are a number of parking spaces on Adger Road.** Please do not park by the yellow curb sections of Adger Road, especially close to the intersection.

5. **Please respect our business neighbors.** The businesses near our campus (Exxon, CVS, EarthFare, Dunkin) have limited parking available for their customers. Please do not park in any of the spots that are intended for their customer use.

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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