

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 12, 2026

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C Major

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(11:00 A.M.) THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Joining our congregation today is **Robert Wells Lowman, III.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 304 Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Regent Square

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

**For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.**

(from Psalm 36)

* 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.**

(11:00 A.M.) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (*Hymnal, pg. 39*)

Sutton Lea Hobi, daughter of Marco and Erin Lea Hobi, was born on July 20, 2025.

(11:00 A.M.) THE BAPTISM SONG: HYMN 611 (*verses 1,4*)

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.
Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord Jesus, you are our Good Shepherd,
and we are the sheep of your own flock.
May your word be a lamp unto our feet
and a light unto our path.
In your precious and holy name we pray. Amen.**

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

Pew Bible, N.T. pgs. 108-109

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Susan Curran

*Following the Children's Sermon, childcare is available for 4 and 5-year-olds
in Room 115 of the Knox Building.*

SERMON

"That You May Have Life"

Rev. C.E. "Smoke" Kanipe, Jr.

*HYMN 162

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia No. 1

* (8:45 A.M.) THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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.**

THE OFFERING

To give online: shandonumc.org/give

To give by text: Text SUMC to 73256

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(8:45 a.m.)

In the Garden
Celebration Choir

Lloyd Larson

*I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.*

*He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.*

*I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.*

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

(11:00 A.M.)

Christ Is Alive
Chancel Choir

arr. Hal Hopson

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.*

*In every insult, rift and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.*

*Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and oceans ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

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, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* HYMN 306

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Victory

* 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

Fantasia on Old Hundredth

Gordon Young

* Congregation standing

*The altar flowers are given by Paul, Ashley, Jack, and Hannah Porter to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Ashley's father, Mark Virgil Dickinson.*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of
Cindy and Perry Rainey's 40th wedding anniversary.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Please welcome Shandon's newest member, Wells Lowman. He recently completed our pathway to membership course, TREK. A new session of TREK will begin in May. Learn more at shandonumc.org/TREK.

THANK YOU: During Lent, our members made special offerings supporting three nonprofits that serve our community: Senior Resources, The Cooperative Ministry, and Transitions. Because of your generosity, we were able to raise **\$13,000** to help these organizations achieve their missions.

MYF: Methodist Youth Fellowship is the place for 7th through 12th graders to fellowship, play games, and grow in their relationship with Christ. **April 12** - MYF dinner out! Join us from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Groucho's on Forest Drive. Invite a friend and bring money for dinner.

NEW ART EXHIBIT IN THE BECKLER ART GALLERY: Many thanks to the artists who have paintings on display for the spring season. A reception will be held Wednesday, **April 15**, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the gallery (Great Hall, Bruner Building). Come and meet the artists: Przekop Smith, Susan Carter, Susan Riser, Rebecca Penland, Marion Hornsby, Katie Free, and Sandra Pappas. Everyone is invited.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH BOOK DISCUSSION: All members of circles, Shandon UMC, and guests are invited to join Susan Brant on Wednesday, **April 15**, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Bruner Building Parlor to discuss the book *Women Rise Up* by Katey Zeh.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: One of the times the men of Shandon UMC gather to fellowship and grow our faith is at our Men's Prayer Breakfast on the third Thursday of each month. This month's Prayer Breakfast will occur on Thursday, **April 16**, from 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. in Player Hall. John Finch will be providing the program. Please invite a friend or two and plan to join us.

SHANDON UMC BOOK CLUB: Join the Shandon UMC Book Club on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in Bruner 224 as we discuss titles across a diverse range of topics. **April 16:** *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. To receive the book list and get meeting reminders, please email Gera Singletary at davegera4@icloud.com.

CHRISMON WORKSHOP: Join us at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, **April 19**, for the Spring Chrismon Workshop, when we will create one new Chrismon and help you finish your Chrismons from earlier sessions. All materials are provided. Sign up at shandonumc.org/events.

CONNECTIONS - FRIDAY NIGHT FUN AT A LIVE AUCTION: Looking for something fun to do on a Friday night? Connections is heading to Bill Mishoe's Auction House in North Columbia for a fun evening of live bidding and great company. With auction lots that change weekly, there is always something new to discover. The group will meet at church at 5:00 p.m. and return by 9:00 p.m. Dinner options are available at the auction house. Trip dates will be announced on the Monday before each Friday auction. Contact Susan Curran at scurran@shandonumc.org to receive email notifications on the weeks the group will go.

CONNECTIONS - ARTFIELDS IN LAKE CITY: Join us for our inaugural trip to Artfields on Tuesday, **April 21**, when Lake City is transformed from a small agricultural community to a living art gallery. This will be a longer trip and will involve lots of walking so be sure to dress comfortably. We will meet at church at 8:00 a.m. and will return by 6:00 p.m. There is no cost for this trip, but you will be responsible for your own lunch cost and purchases. Contact Susan Curran to register or sign up across from the reception desk in the Great Hall. Space is limited and friends are welcome.

SEEKERS LUNCH: Young professionals ages 23 to 30 seeking fellowship and community are welcome to join the Seekers group, which plans dates to gather for Sunday lunch after the 11:00 a.m. worship services. The Seekers will meet Sunday, **April 26**, at Taziki's. Rev. Maggie Cantey is partnering with this group and is seeking input regarding other interests for this group. Please contact Rev. Maggie for a conversation or complete the interest form at shandonumc.org/seekers to be added to the group email list.

NEHEMIAH ACTION ASSEMBLY: Make plans to bring a friend and join Shandon's MORE Justice team at the Pastides Alumni Center (900 Senate Street) on Monday, **April 27**, at 6:00 p.m. for this annual event, where we will lift our voices to advocate for more local affordable housing and other positive changes to social injustices in our community.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION DINNER

All circle members are invited to join United Women in Faith for a Special Mission Recognition Dinner and General Meeting on Tuesday, **May 5**, at 6:30 p.m. in Player Hall.

Please consider nominating a Shandon member who has given their time, talent, and energy to serve others in our church, community, and beyond. Nomination forms are available in the UWF yearbook and are due to Jennifer Parker by April 14.

Dinner reservations are due by May 1. The cost is \$10 and can be paid at the door. To reserve your spot, contact Jennifer Parker at jpclemsongirl@gmail.com.

ALLEN FUND ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Allen Educational Fund honors Dr. Harvey A. Allen and Mrs. Judy M. Allen, who together devoted 90 years to teaching Christian Education at Shandon UMC.

Established by the JOY Class and grateful church members, the fund provides educational assistance to students connected to Shandon for expenses associated with higher education for students attending college, university, or trade school.

Grants of up to \$1,000 may be awarded to Shandon members, Epworth Children's Home students, and children of Methodist foreign missionaries supported by Shandon UMC. Please note that, unlike years past, the next awards will be made only once for the academic year of 2026-2027, but may be applied to either the fall or spring semester. Applications are open until **April 30**.

shandonumc.org/allenfund

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.

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