

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

8:45 AND 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

(8:45 A.M.)

Ascension

Josh Evanovich

Kristen Harris, violin, and Josh Evanovich, piano

(11:00 A.M.)

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Carl Glaser

Be Still My Soul

Mary Christian

Kipp Gill, organ, and Mary Christian, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

* CALL TO WORSHIP

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple

and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.

**On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.**

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

(Psalm 138: 1-3, 7-8)

**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

**Ever-living God, grant us humility of mind
and hospitality of heart to receive your gracious Word
in these ancient stories of your faithfulness so that
we might live to bring you glory, honor, and praise. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-13, 21-28

Pew Bible, O.T. pg. 759

SERMON

“Then You Will Know”

Rev. Maggie Cantey

THE OFFERING

To give online: shandonumc.org/give
To give by text: Text SUMC to 73256

OFFERTORY

(8:45 A.M.)

Amazing Grace
violin and piano

arr. Josh Evanovich

(11:00 A.M.)

Beautiful Savior

Felix Christiansen

Tamara Silva, alto, and Chancel Choir

Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring.

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Saviour! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

* DOXOLOGY HYMN 94

Lasst uns erfreuen

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!

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 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 *(all singing)*

HYMN 613	O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread	<i>Land of Rest</i>
HYMN 614	For the Bread Which You Have Broken	<i>For the Bread</i>
HYMN 617	I Come with Joy	<i>Dove of Peace</i>
HYMN 628	Eat This Bread	<i>Berthier</i>

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 474	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	<i>Precious Lord</i>
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* BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace who creates and restores life
bless us with hope, and may God work in us
that we may have everlasting life, now,
and the chance to praise God forever.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Come, Labor On

Michael Burkhardt

* *Congregation standing*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents,
John and Jane Brewer, by Bonnie Mullis and Holly Neuffer.*

*The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Liddy Grantland
by John and Becky Grantland.*

MUSIC NOTES

The opening voluntary at the 8:45 a.m. service is a composition by Josh Evanovich based on *Great White Host* by Edvard Grieg and *In the Garden* by C. Austin Miles.

The opening voluntary for the 11:00 a.m. service features an arrangement of the tune "Finlandia," best known for its setting of the text "Be Still, My Soul," arranged and performed on piano by Dr. Mary Christian. Dr. Christian is an English professor who also loves playing piano and arranging.

The closing voluntary, "Come, Labor On," is commonly used around Labor Day. The text calls believers to faithful, diligent service while there is still time, echoing the parable of the harvest. It closes with hope for Christ's "well done" and the rest that awaits faithful workers.

WELCOME VISITORS

If you are visiting with us today, please stop by our Visitor Welcome Center just to the left as you exit the sanctuary following the service. A Hospitality Team member will be there to greet you with a welcome bag and to answer any questions you might have.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POPCORN AND A MOVIE: Children's "Popcorn and Movie" will be offered during the Sunday school hour for our 4-year-old through 5th-grade Sunday school classes TODAY, Sunday, **September 6**, from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Children may be dropped off and picked up in Player Hall.

MYF: Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) is the place for 7th through 12th graders to fellowship, play games, and grow in their relationship with Christ. **September 6:** Kick off the month with good food and even better friends! Join us from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Surcheros Tex Mex on Forest Drive. Bring a friend and money for dinner—we'll bring the fun!

COOKIES FOR KAIROS: The Kairos Prison Ministry will be having its next encounter at McCormick Correctional Institution September 15-18. A key element of this experience is providing homemade cookies for residents, corrections officers, support staff and volunteers. If you can help, please deliver your cookies to Wesley Hall beginning **September 8**. Details on how to package the cookies and other specifications are available at shandonumc.org/events.

WEDNESDAY MANNA RETURNS: Your Wednesday night dinner plans are set for fall - Wednesday Manna is back at 5 p.m. in Player Hall starting **September 9**. Reservations are required and must be placed by 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings at shandonumc.org/manna.

MUSIC MINISTRY: A great way to participate at Shandon UMC is through our music ministry. All are welcome to participate in one of our many vocal choirs, or ring in our handbell choir. Chancel Choir, Wesley Ringers Bell Choir, and the Celebration Choir will begin rehearsals this week. If interested, please send Eddie Huss, Minister of Music an email. ehuss@shandonumc.org

CHAPEL CLASS: Join David Shields in the Chapel (1st floor, Bruner Building) on Sunday mornings this fall from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for a series on Paul's letter to the Galatians.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS: Children are invited to join our music ministry when Wednesday evening rehearsals begin on **September 9**. Our Cherub Choir (5K-1st grade) meets from 6:00-6:30 p.m. and the St. Nicholas Choir (2nd-5th grade) meets from 6:00-6:45 p.m. Register at shandonumc.org/events.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL SERIES: Join us on Sundays, **September 13, 20, and 27**, during the 11:00/11:05 a.m. worship services as we embark on the Children's Chapel Series. This special series is designed for families with 4-year-old Preschool, K5, and 1st-grade children. Sessions are stand-alone. Immediately after the Children's Sermon in worship, participants are invited to join Cari Treece in Player Hall to learn about worship in age-appropriate activities. Parents attend these sessions with their children.

PARENT ORIENTATION FOR SIXTH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Parents of sixth graders are invited to join us on Sunday, **September 13**, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in Bruner Room 220 for our Parent Orientation for Sixth Grade Confirmation. We will review the content and schedule of the Confirmation Preparation classes and share with the group ways that parents may invest in the process. Student registration for Confirmation Preparation is open at shandonumc.org/register.

FAMILY BINGO: Join us for bingo, prizes, devotion, and dinner on Sunday, **September 13**, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in Player Hall. All families are invited. Bring your friends, too! Chicken fingers and french fries will be served—\$5 per person (2 & under eat free). Registration is required. No childcare is provided. Children are to be accompanied by an adult. Register online at shandonumc.org/register.

YOUTH CHOIR: Sixth through twelfth grade students are invited to join the Youth Choir, led by Rev. Eddie Huss. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays in the choir room (2nd floor, Bruner Building) from 4:30-5:00 p.m. beginning **September 13**.

MORE JUSTICE HOUSE MEETING: Please join Shandon's MORE Justice Team on Monday, **September 14**, at 6:00 p.m. in Knox 204, as we review progress on previously selected issue areas and plan for the future. Please talk to Biff Sowell, Claire Manning, or Sue Kanipe if you have any questions.

SIXTH GRADE FELLOWSHIP: Sixth Graders are invited to join us for "6F" (Sixth Grade Fellowship) on Friday, **September 18**, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the gym. Our time together will include games, snacks, and a time of devotion and songs. Register by Wednesday, September 16, at shandonumc.org/register. Friends are welcome. Questions? Please contact Lesli Wood (lwood@shandonumc.org). Future 6F events will be held on October 16, and November 13.

FREE VACCINE CLINIC

Thanks to Health and Wellness, through a partnership with students from the USC School of Medicine and Medicine Mart pharmacy, we will be offering vaccines at no cost to those with health insurance. There will be two clinics held in Player Hall: Tuesday, **September 22**, from 12:30-4:30 p.m., and Sunday, **October 18**, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Vaccines available include:

Flu (Standard & High Dose [age 65+])

COVID (2026-2027)

Shingles (age 50+)

Pneumonia (age 50+)

RSV (age 50+)

Hepatitis-B

Tetanus booster

HPV

Walk-ins will be accepted, but advanced registration is preferred. Please be sure to wear clothing that allows you to expose one of your arms up to the shoulder. Register at

shandonumc.org/events

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Our church family has grown since our 2023 directory. Make sure your household is included!

Photography sessions will be held in the Parlor (Bruner Bldg.) **October 12-15**. Additional times may be added if needed.

Register at shandonumc.org/directory using church code sc343 and password PHOTOS343.

If you are homebound, contact Pastor Will Harvey at wharvey@shandonumc.org about submitting a photo. All others are asked to schedule a session.

Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation

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

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Maggie Cantey

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Will Harvey

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

Organist and Music Associate: Kipp Gill

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