



SHARON PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, May 19, 2019

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019

10:30 am

Assembling In God's Name

Prelude

Trumpet Rondo

Fenton Groden

Trinity Chimes

* Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is alive;

People: let all the people praise him.

All: Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

* Hymn, No. 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

* Prayer of Confession (All)

based on John 13:34; Acts 11:9, 12, 17, 18

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Continue Silent Prayers of Confession)

* Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven.

ALL: Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.

* Gloria Patri (All)

Hymn No. 581

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.

Announcements and Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Greet Neighbors (Please sign and pass the friendship pads at this time)

* Hymn, No. 279

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Proclaiming God's Word

Time with Young Children

Nursery Care: Children under 4 are invited to the Nursery in Rooms 3-5 of the Charles Little Activity Building. **Wiggling Worshipers:** Children who are not yet ready to sit through “big church” (4 to 6) are invited to attend a separate worship service just for children. They will be escorted from the Sanctuary immediately following the Children’s Sermon by adult volunteers holding the “Children’s Church” sign on the right hand side of the Sanctuary. Parents should meet their children in classroom #301, located in the Barbara Ward Building, or on the playground, after worship.

Wiggling Worship Leaders for today are Alicia Rhodes and Alyssa Micheau.

Anthem

Canticle for Easter

Wordsworth; HOLY MANNA, Trad. American
and HYMN TO JOY by Beethoven / Arr. Drennan

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav’n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness; sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a victim, for the world’s salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken; Christ from death to life is born,
Glorious life, and life immortal, on that holy Easter morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by His mighty enterprise.
We with Him to life eternal by His resurrection rise.

THE CONGREGATION IS ASKED TO SING (seated):
Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heav’nly grace,
Rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of Thy face;
That, with hearts in heaven dwelling, we on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord, with Thee.

CHOIR ALONE: Alleluia, alleluia! Now we gain our liberty;
Alleluia to the Savior who has won the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sandtituty;
Alleluia, alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.
Alleluia! Amen!
Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“The Comfort of Things that Seem Never to Change”

Dr. Rob Blumer

Living into God's Word

* Affirmation of Faith (All) 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Worship with Tithes and Offering

Offertory

The Wonderful Cross

Arr. by Lloyd Larson

with

Beneath the Cross of Jesus and Near the Cross

* Doxology

Hymn, No. 606

*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 Dedication

Going in God's Name

* Hymn, No. 269

Lead On, O King Eternal

* Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on “Lancashire”

Arr. by Jason Payne

* All who are able may stand

Today's Worship Leaders: Dr. Rob Blumer, *Senior Pastor*; Rev. Ron Nelson, *Associate Pastor*; David Tang, *Director of Music*; R. Lance Burnette, *Organist*

Please see an usher for hearing aids and large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins. Children's Bible storybooks are available in the narthex for use during worship.

We extend a very warm welcome to all of our guests today. We hope you feel you are truly a part of the family of faith and will visit again. Please sign the Friendship pad when it is passed down the pew. If you are seeking a church home in this community and would like to discuss uniting with Sharon Presbyterian, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad, speak to a pastor at the conclusion of the service, or contact the church office. We are delighted you are here!

Please remember in prayer: *recently discharged from the hospital:* Sylvia Burke; *those at home:* Josie Tiller (Home/Novant Main), Randy Pusser, Emily Houpt, Mary Baker (White Oak of Rock Hill), Carol Ann Allen, Ray Shrum, Tricia Davis (Sharon Towers Health Care), Darie Lapp, Starr Bennett, Roger Suiter, Chris Price, Cheryl Davis, Grier Stanford, Kim Seymour (Marna Polhill's friend), The Robson Family (Weekday School family), and our homebound members; Jeremy and Luta Garbat-Welch (PCUSA Missions in Malawi); Our Mission Partners in Peru; Chenoa Stock and José Luis Claire (PCUSA Missions in Peru). The prayer list is reset on the second Monday of each month. To submit or resubmit a prayer request, please contact Ron Nelson (ron@sharonpcusa.org). By request, prayer concerns may remain private and will not appear in the published list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be one worship service only on Sunday, May 26th (Memorial Day Weekend). The service will be held in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am.

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting during the 10:30 am worship service Sunday, June 2nd. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the 2019 Nominating Committee.

Do you have any feedback you would like to share with our church's Facilities Subcommittee? Have you noticed a light out, a leaking faucet, or a limb hanging in a tree? If you know of an issue, please help us to be aware so that we can make plans to address the matter. Simply send an email to spcfacilities@sharonpcusa.org, and we will follow up. Thanks for helping us to be good stewards of the buildings and land with which God has blessed us!

INVITE

Brownie Troop Parent Information Meeting

Sunday, May 19th, 11:45 am, Parlor

Please join us for “What it means to be a Girl Scout”. We will start with a light lunch in the gym, followed by a meeting in the Parlor to share all that is great about Girl Scouts! There will be a presentation about Girl Scouting followed by a Q & A session. Plan to bring your daughter with you to enjoy some exciting Girl Scout activities with a group of graduating seniors from Girl Scout Troop 1460; a troop that has been sponsored by Sharon Presbyterian Church for the past thirteen years. For more information contact Sherry Meacham at sherryomeacham@gmail.com.

Sonatas and Rhapsodies – Sunday, May 19th, 4 pm, Sanctuary

Come out and enjoy an afternoon of classical music right here in our sanctuary!

Our own Dennis Anderson will perform a clarinet recital with Dr. Greg Thompson, and special guest artist Hubert “Tex” Arnold, composer and pianist. Works by Debussy, Brahms, Bernstein and more will be featured. **Admission is free!** We sincerely hope you’ll be able to attend and support this labor of love.

High School Graduation Breakfast – Sunday, June 2nd, 9:15 am, Room #6 in the Gym

It's hard to believe that May is here and the end of the school year is right around the corner. If you have a High School Senior, your church family would like to celebrate your graduate with a breakfast. For any questions, please contact Sonya Stanford at sjs1@carolina.rr.com. Be sure to bring your cap and gown, you will be recognized during the worship service.

Graduation Sunday – Sunday, June 2nd, 10:30 am, Sanctuary

Are you graduating this year? Sharon Presbyterian wants to honor ALL GRADUATES. If you would like to be listed in the morning's bulletin, please send your name and institution from which you will graduate to spsubmit@sharonpcusa.org by May 26th.

Pass Me The Jazz 3 – Saturday, June 8th, 7:30 pm, Chapel

David Tang’s choir - VOX is joined by the Rick Bean Trio, renowned vocalist, Michelle Amato and Charlotte’s leading saxophonist - Ziad Rabie, in a celebration of this uniquely American style. Music by North Carolina greats like Dizzy Gillespie, John Coltrane and Thelonious Monk and especially music by legendary Charlotte musician Loonis McGlohon. The program will also feature sacred jazz. Special discount tickets are available to SPC members at www.sharonpcusa.org/events.

Music Appreciation Sunday – *Sunday, June 9th, 10:30 am, Sanctuary (One service only)*

Don't miss this musical high-point of the year, when all five music ministries celebrate our year of music-making - which in 2019 brought dramatic and exciting changes, as well as new and developing opportunities. Praise band and Scottish musicians, full brass and percussion will join our adult choirs, Morning Song team, Grace Notes, Full Measure and Spirit Ringers in a music-filled service with something for everyone. As always, a special offering will be taken for the Esther Brown Fund, which supports special guests and music during worship services throughout the year.

Vacation Bible School – *August 12th – 16th, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, Entire Campus*

Join Sharon Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School as we go on an epic African adventure that engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. To sign up, visit <http://bit.ly/spcvbs2019>. For additional questions, contact Lauren Wheatley at 803-312-1073 or lauren.c.wheatley@gmail.com.

TEACH

Wednesday Bible Study – *Wednesdays now – May 22nd, 9:30 am, Gathering Room 202*

Our Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study will begin a new study on "The Miracles of Jesus" by Jessica LaGrone. We invite members and friends to join us each Wednesday for this 6 week study. Participant Guides are available at www.christianbook.com or www.amazon.com. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Howie at chowie723@gmail.com or 704-578-3350.

Sharon Presbyterian Weekday School Summer Camp: Active Fun!

July 9th thru August 1st, 9:25 am-12:50 pm

SPWS is excited to host our annual summer camp. Join us every **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** as we explore our world through *Active Fun*. We will have tons of summer activities, crafts and more! New this year – we have extended our pick up to 12:50 pm and students will eat lunch at school. Parents will pack lunches and we will not have mid-day snacks. For registration forms, visit our website at www.sharonpcusa.org/preschool or contact Jennifer Hulighan, Weekday School Director, at spws@sharonpcusa.org.

Children and Youth Music Program

Sundays; Chapel Room 302

Grace Notes 11:45 am until 12:15 pm

Full Measure 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Please contact Kristine "Kiki" Neale if you have questions or need more information lesneales@yahoo.com.

Help Feed the Homeless

Place this portion of the form in the offering plate or the church office.

Join us in our outreach ministry by helping serve our monthly dinner to the homeless of Charlotte at Salvation Army Women's/ Children's Shelter and Men's Shelter of Charlotte-Tryon Street Campus, **Saturday, May 25, 2019.**

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

****All items delivered must be cooked and ready to serve.***

I will provide: (fill out below)

3-lb. meatloaf, cooked, cold, not sliced (need 18)	Indicate #:
Biscuits (need 8 doz.)	Indicate #:
Cake(s) (need 16)	Indicate #:
Pie(s) (need 17)	Indicate #:

I will be glad to do the following on Saturday, May 25th: (check below)

Servers needed at Women's Shelter	5 needed	
Servers needed at Men's Shelter	7 needed	
Receivers	4 needed	

I need a reminder phone call _____

Keep this portion of the form as a reminder.

I have agreed to do the following on Saturday, May 25th:

- Bake _____ **3-lb. MEATLOAF(s)** – deliver cold/unsliced
- Bake _____ **dozen BISCUITS** – quantity marked on each package
- Bake _____ **PIE(s)**
- Bake _____ **CAKE(s)**

Please deliver food to the Gym on May 25th from 8:30 am -1:00 pm.
Coordinator: David Beers (704-552-2201), dbeers22@bellsouth.net.