



Sharing Christ • Uniting as family • Maturing in faith • Calling others

# Sharon

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM WHERE I SIT by Rev. Wally Carlson



I was taught that poetry should not be read. Instead, it should be read out loud. Hearing the words brings so much more color and texture to them, making them more alive. Plus, depending on your mood, the whole meaning of the poem can change.

This Lent we are looking at the seven last things Jesus said from the cross. His fourth statement is found in Matthew and Mark - and in Psalms. Read this part out loud - because the Psalms are poems (songs).

### Psalm 22

<sup>1</sup> *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?*

<sup>2</sup> *O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night but find no rest.*

So often we have looked at this Psalm - and those words of Jesus - as a statement of his humanity, that he was struggling with his lot. But then read this part of the Psalm Again, out loud.

<sup>22</sup> *I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:*

<sup>23</sup> *You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!*

<sup>24</sup> *For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him.*

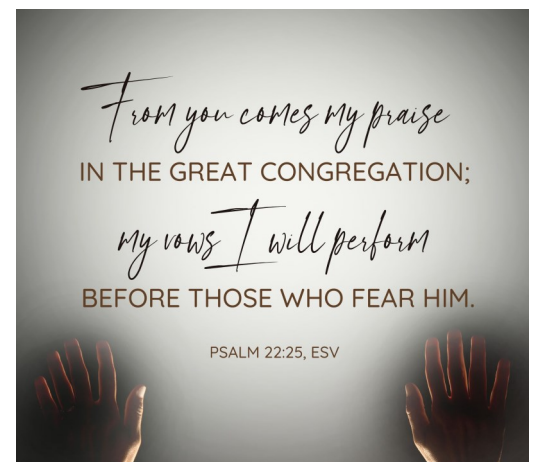
<sup>25</sup> *From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.*

<sup>26</sup> *The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!*

Now, get out your Bible (or, if you don't have one, ask us - we'll get you one!), find Psalm 22, and read the whole thing. Out loud. Maybe read it a couple of times. And then realize that even from the cross, Jesus is saying, "I will praise you." (v. 22) The people surrounding him at the cross understood and believed him. We can, too.

Grace to you and peace.

Rev. Wally



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# March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Meetings	<b>26</b> 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates	<b>27</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters 6:00pm - 7:30pm Women's PM Bible Study	<b>28</b> 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates	<b>29</b> 9:00am - 10:30am Women's AM Bible Study	<b>1</b> <b>World Day of Prayer</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages	<b>4</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	<b>5</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters	<b>6</b> 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates	<b>7</b> 7:00pm Trustees Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Camp Sunday</b> <b>Daylight-Saving Time Begins</b> 8:00am Pancake Breakfast 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Meetings 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Joint Committee Meeting	<b>11</b> 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates	<b>12</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters	<b>13</b> 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates	<b>14</b> 6:30pm Ad Council Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:30pm Soup Supper
<b>17</b> <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages	<b>18</b> 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	<b>19</b> <b>First Day of Spring</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters	<b>20</b> 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages	<b>25</b> 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	<b>26</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters	<b>27</b> 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates	<b>28</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	<b>29</b> <b>Good Friday</b> 12:00pm - 3:00pm Good Friday Prayer-Vigil	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 7:45am Breakfast Potluck 8:15am Kids' Easter Egg Hunt 9:00am - 10:00am Worship featuring Adult Choir	<b>1</b> 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	<b>2</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters	<b>3</b> 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

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|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1  | Erma Lewis      | 19 | Charlotte Morse | 5  | Mike & Cindy Landacre |
| 6  | Marilyn Shroyer | 22 | Beverly Carmean | 20 | Don & Janice Mulch    |
| 7  | Herb Gulick     | 23 | Don Whitacre    | 29 | Bill & Jackie Meyer   |
| 11 | Mason Holmes    | 24 | Janet Hirst     |    |                       |
| 13 | Jackie Meyer    | 28 | Shirley Walker  |    |                       |
| 19 | Ben Holmes      |    |                 |    |                       |



# SHARING CHRIST ...



### ★A friendly reminder:

Please make any donation checks out to **Sharon United Methodist Church** and name the receiving ministry in the memo.

### Missions Offerings

Reach out to those in need in our community and world by participating in the following offering opportunities:

#### March 3

- ♥ Monetary donations for **T.A.G. Fund**
- ♥ Return **NLPC Change For Life** baby bottles

#### March 10

- ♥ Special Offering for **East Bay Camp**

### March 17

- ♥ Third Sunday Offering for **Gaston Ntambo**
- ♥ Children's Noisy Offering for **Liberia Pastors**

### March 24

- ♥ **UMCOR Sunday**

### All Month:

**Dove Domestic Violence Shelter**

- ♥ Bars of soap
- ♥ Women's deodorant
- ♥ Women's shampoo

*"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"*

*Matthew 25:40*

# UNITING AS FAMILY ...



### Adult Choir Begins

Join us as we prepare for the Easter Cantata! Watch the bulletin for practice dates and times.

### Committee Meetings

**Trustees Meeting**  
Thursday, March 7  
7:00 p.m.

**Ad Council Meeting**  
Thursday, March 14  
6:30 p.m.



### **Sunday, March 10**

8:00 a.m.

A love offering will be taken for East Bay Camp.

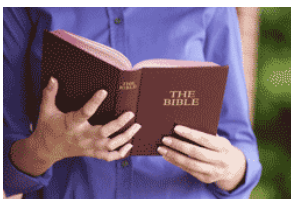
### **Soup Supper**

Saturday, March 16  
5:30 p.m.

Stop by the Narthex table to sign up for soups, sides, desserts and anything else that sounds good!



# MATURING IN FAITH ...



### Sunday School Classes:

- Nursery**  
Lisa Landacre
- Elementary**  
Lori Leeper
- Jr. High-College**  
Mike Landacre
- Wesley**  
Mandi Podeschi
- Good News**  
Martha Leeper



CALLING  
OTHERS ...



**Scouting News**

- **Troop 91/911 Meetings**  
March 10  
3:30-5:00 p.m.
- **Joint Committee Meeting**  
March 10, 5:00 p.m.
- **Pack 91 Meetings**  
March 4, 18, 25  
6:00-7:00 p.m.



- ◆ **Palm Sunday, March 24**  
9:00 a.m. - Worship
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday, March 28**  
6:00 p.m. - Worship with Holy Communion
- ◆ **Good Friday, March 29**  
12-3 p.m. - Prayer Vigil
- ◆ **Easter Sunday, March 31**  
7:45 a.m. - Potluck Breakfast  
8:15 a.m. - Kids' Easter Egg Hunt  
9:00 a.m. - Worship featuring the Adult Choir  
\*No Sunday School Classes will meet



**Serve the LORD with gladness!**

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
<b>Ushers</b>	★ Mike Landacre	★ Mike Landacre	★ Mike Landacre	★ Mike Landacre	★ Mike Landacre
	Evan Leeper	Evan Leeper	Evan Leeper	Evan Leeper	Evan Leeper
	Nate Doty	Nate Doty	Nate Doty	Nate Doty	Nate Doty
<b>Greeters</b>	Nancy Carlyle & Mary Ferguson	RJ & Mandi Podeschi	Jarred & Lori Leeper	Tom & Martha Leeper	Bev Carmean & Rosemary Jones
<b>Liturgist</b>	Martha Leeper	Lisa Landacre	Ben Holmes	Debbie Johnson	Tom Leeper
<b>Nursery</b>	Jenna Doty	Cindy Landacre	Cindy Landacre	Jenna Doty	Cindy Landacre
<b>Acolyte</b>	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper



**March 10**

Our Tithes and Offerings to God				
	1/28/2024	2/4/24	2/11/24	2/18/24
Tithe	\$2,355.00	\$2,950.00	\$2,545.00	\$950.00
Loose Plate	\$0.00	\$53.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
S. School	\$108.00	\$0.00	\$7.00	\$16.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,463.00</b>	<b>\$3,003.00</b>	<b>\$2,572.00</b>	<b>\$986.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Need - \$2,211.00</b>				



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