

SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE  
May 3, 2026

PRELUDE  
GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PASS THE PEACE

ADAM BERGERON  
PASTOR WENDY

CALL TO WORSHIP LITURGIST  
L: God has called us like Moses in the wilderness, the prophets in the hills, and the disciples in the cities.  
**P: They shared their blessings so that we might know God's presence here.**  
L: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.  
**P: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

OPENING PRAYER LITURGIST  
God of secret purposes and extravagant blessings, we come to praise you. We come because we want to, we sing our songs because we are glad to, we pray for your grace because we need to, and we ask for the love of Christ in our hearts because without it we are a dead loss. Please lift every shutter within our mind, and open every door within our soul, that you, the Lord of glory, the God of countless hosts, may come in. Through Christ Jesus, the joy of loving hearts. **Amen!**

PRAISING GOD THROUGH MUSIC  
"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" UMH #348 vv. 1,2,4  
Thompson CCLI Song #28380 Public Domain

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING LITURGIST  
Matthew 5:29-30 p. 893

OFFERING MOMENT PASTOR WENDY  
DOXOLOGY  
OFFERING PRAYER LITURGIST  
We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside-down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, to bless your church, your people, your creation. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER  
LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF PREPARATION UMH #362 all vv.  
"Nothing but the Blood"  
Lowry CCLI Song #21332 Public Domain

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING LITURGIST  
Hebrews 12:1a p. 1115

SERMON: "Wait, Jesus. I Need Those" PASTOR WENDY

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION PASTOR WENDY

CLOSING WORSHIP SONG UMH #370 all vv.  
"Victory in Jesus"  
Bartlett CCLI Song #1259 © Words: 1939 Mrs. E.M. Bartlett. Renewed 1967 Albert E. Brumley And Sons; Music: 1939 Mrs. E.M. Bartlett. Renewed 1967 Albert E. Brumley And Sons

BENEDICTION PASTOR WENDY

POSTLUDE ADAM BERGERON

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Pastor Wendy Brown Pastor  
Adam Bergeron Pianist/ Organist

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### This Week

Sun	3:30p	Spring Concert by St. Paul on Sharon Circle
Tues	2p	Lent Study on <i>Chosen</i> at Granger UMC
	6p	Herb Society mtg
Sat	8a	Men's Study

### Upcoming Events

5/10		Mother's Day
5/24		Pentecost
5/25	7a-11a	Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Men's Study held at Bob Evans on Rt. 18 & by I 71 on the first Saturday of the month at 8am. Contact Don Brown for more info.

-If you have a prayer request please call or message Nancy Baldwin: Phone 330-350-0913. She will contact Pastor Wendy and the rest of the members on the prayer chain.

-Annual Conference is being held at the University of Wooster, June 11-13. They are looking for volunteers and can sign up here: <https://eastohio-reg.brtapp.com/ACVolunteer2026>

-We will have our annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast on May 25 from 7a-11a. The event is by donation and proceeds help local people in need through the Highland Community Support Network. Helpers are needed for the event. Please see George Wemmer to help.

-Pentecost Sunday is May 24, we invite everyone to bring in a red Geranium to be planted in the church flowerbeds. Help will also be needed to plant and clean up the flowerbeds, date TBD.

-St. Paul Lutheran Church will be hosting a Spring Concert on the Sharon Circle on May 3 at 3:30p. All are invited to attend. Event is free with refreshments and a donation will be collected to go to the Sharing Center.

## Welcome to Sharon Center United Methodist Church!

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are glad you are here! We welcome all to our Worship Service and our Communion Table is open to everyone. Please join us in our activities and gatherings and if you have a question, just ask, and come back again soon! At Sharon Center UMC we are committed to building relationships with Jesus Christ. For families of all ages, this is a great community to join as you grow in your relationship with God and with others.

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May 3, 2026  
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Hours: Mon, Weds 11a-1p, Fri 11a-3p