

SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
May 17, 2026

PRELUDE
GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASS THE PEACE

ADAM BERGERON
PASTOR WENDY

CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGIST

L: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth.

P: Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow.

L: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.

P: Glorious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.

L: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful.

P: Glorious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart.

L: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who adopts the peacemakers.

P: Glorious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.

L: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds the lost.

P: Glorious is our God, who awakens the dead.

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGIST

Lord God of heaven and earth, Creator of our world, and everything in it, yet as close to us as our own breath—holy is your name. In you we live and move and have our being; we are your own children, the work of your hands. We pray that your Holy Spirit would move among us as we worship, opening our eyes to your presence, opening our ears to your Word. Receive the worship of our hearts and minds and bodies; may it be a pleasing offering to you. We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose death and resurrection we find life. **Amen.**

PRAISING GOD THROUGH MUSIC

“O for a Heart to Praise My God”

Wesley and Haweis CCLI Song #599819 Public Domain

UMH #417 all vv.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

LITURGIST

Matthew 5:11 p. 892

OFFERING MOMENT

PASTOR WENDY

DOXOLOGY

OFFERING PRAYER

LITURGIST

Lord with the action of this offering we give you our allegiance; we proclaim you Lord over our lives, over our families, over our finances, over our future. We give you thanks for all you have given us, and all we have the privilege to give. Use these gifts for the work of your church, we pray in Jesus' name, **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

ADAM BERGERON

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

Parker and Challinor CCLI Song #122286 Public Domain

UMH 277 all vv.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:3-4 p. 1040

LITURGIST

SERMON: “Spiritual Martyrdom”

PASTOR WENDY

CLOSING WORSHIP SONG

“Amazing Grace”

Newton and Excell CCLI Song #22025 Public Domain

UMH #378 vv. 1-4

BENEDICTION

PASTOR WENDY

POSTLUDE

ADAM BERGERON

Pastor Wendy Brown

Adam Bergeron

Pastor

Pianist/ Organist

This Week

Wed 6p Leadership Team mtg

Upcoming Events

5/24 Pentecost
5/25 7a-11a Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast & Community Parade
and Program in the Circle
5/29 7p Music in the Circle
6/11-13 Annual Conference
6/20 1p Kenzie Lahoski Graduation Party at Greenleaf Park

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.

-June 20 at 1pm everyone is invited to attend Kenzie Lahoski's Graduation Party at Greenleaf Park.

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 17, 2026

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