

3rd Sunday in Lent 2021

MARCH 7, 2021 — 10:00 A.M.

PRESERVICE MUSIC.....*“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

WELCOME

INVOCATION

PRELUDE.....*“Sing to the King”*

PRAISE SONGS.....*“Where I Belong”*
“The Lion and the Lamb”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE*Adrianne Morton*

OFFERING A PRAYER OF OUR GIFTS & THANKS TO GOD

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN #154.....*“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

SERMON.....*Pastor Keith*

“An Eternity That I Can Believe In”

1 Corinthians 2:9; John 14:6

SONG OF RESPONSE.....*“Sing to the King”*

BENEDICTION/BLESSING

EXIT SONG*“Days of Elijah”*



Please
RSVP!

Save the date...**Saturday, March 27th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** With Covid restrictions still in place AND the weather in Harborcreek, PA not being the most predictable for an Easter Egg Hunt early in the Spring. . This year, South Harborcreek UMC is organizing a drive around Easter Egg Hunt at the homes of Church members in the community. Get a map with addresses, drive to each home on the map, take pictures with their special Easter display and collect a bag of eggs and candy at each stop!

If your interested in joining us RSVP at the link below or call the church office at 899-5962 so we can have plenty of eggs to pass out for everyone!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4FA9A82DA6F58-easter>

DONATIONS NEEDED:

Donations of wrapped Easter candy to fill the eggs are needed. Leave them on the table in the narthex on Sunday morning or call the church office to have someone come by and pick them up.



Pretzel
Sandwich Sale



Set your calendars for Saturday April 17 at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center! SPARK one-day youth event! SHUMY youth and friends (grades 6-12) are welcome to attend. Cost is \$90 per person. Pre-registration is necessary. Let Sue Fuller know if you are interested. We are having a Pretzel Sandwich Fundraiser to defer costs of the event.

Help support the SHUMY Youth who will be attending the **SPARK** Youth Conference in Erie this year. Gary's Superette pretzel sandwiches are \$4.50 a piece. Ham and Swiss or Turkey and Provolone. Sandwiches freeze so buy in bulk! If interested, see one of our youth or contact Sue Fuller.

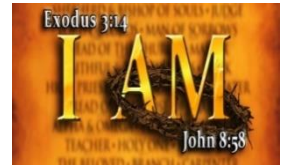


Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. we will be featuring a 20-minute LENTEN DEVOTIONAL with Pastor Keith called –

JOURNEY TO THE RESURRECTION

Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

- March 11: "I Am the Good Shepherd" – knowing God's care
- March 18: "I Am the True Vine" – knowing God's power
- March 25: "I Am the Way, the Truth & the Life" – knowing God's way
- April 1: "I Am the Resurrection & the Life" – knowing God's possibilities



Please hit the "Like" button so that we know that you are viewing! It lets us know that you appreciate the Sunday Worship Service and Devotions. It also helps us with our attendance to know who is watching.

**Support Our
Active Military**



For our active service men and women, we thought it would be a great idea and a great honor to write them letters and messages of appreciation, support, or just send some news from their hometown (send them a newspaper or newsletter to keep them connected here at home).

BUT -- We need your help with **NAMES**. If you have a son, daughter, relative, friend, neighbor who you may think could use a warm word, news from their hometown, or a note of gratitude, contact Gordy Locke or give Barb a call at the church office or e-mail us at: SHUMHH@aol.com



With the increasing guidelines from the State of Pennsylvania we must continue to be perseverant and aware of our compliance with these rules. For the safety and well-being of **ALL** of those choosing to worship with us 'in-person' we ask that everyone who attends 'in-person' worship be aware and follow these rules:

- 1) Masks and distancing apply to **ALL** (that includes the parking lot).
- 2) Post-service lingerings and gatherings in the narthex must be avoided.
- 3) Family units with children and that reside under one roof may sit together.

Otherwise, sitting groups must be limited to no more than 4 people.



Live-streaming of the services can be seen on . . .

- ❖ www.facebook.com/southharborcreekumc
- ❖ You Tube @ south harborcreek umc

- ❖ Website: southharborcreekumc.org
- ❖ SHUMC app

SERMON TITLE: **AN ETERNITY THAT I CAN BELIEVE IN**

1 Corinthians 2:9; John 14:6

KEY TEXTS:

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9 --- starts with **“NO EYE HAS SEEN; NO EAR HAS HEARD, AND NO MIND HAS CONCEIVED THE THINGS THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD.”**

JOHN 14:1-6; 18; 23-28

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

²³ Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

²⁸ “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

Revelations 21:1-5 A NEW HEAVEN & A NEW HEART

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Revelations 22:1-5 EDEN RESTORED

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Revelations 22:12-17 & 20-21

¹² “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. ¹⁴ “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. ¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen.

KEY IDEA: I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A HEAVEN AND A HELL AND THAT JESUS WILL RETURN TO JUDGE ALL PEOPLE AND TO ESTABLISH HIS ETERNAL KINGDOM.

KEY APPLICATIONS:

1. LIVE WITH HOPE EVERYDAY, REGARDLESS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES AROUND US.
2. THEREFORE, LOVE PEOPLE WITH FREEDOM & BOLDNESS BECAUSE OUR FUTURE IS SECURE IN JESUS.
3. THEREFORE: LEAD AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS INTO A GROWING FAITH & TRUST IN GOD.

BECAUSE GOD LOVES ME AND I HAVE CHOSEN TO FOLLOW JESUS AS THE “WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE,” I AM ASSURED THAT I WILL LIVE WITH GOD’S ETERNAL PRESENCE IN THE PLACE THE BIBLE DESCRIBES AS A NEW EARTH --- OR EDEN RECREATED ... FOR JESUS IS COMING AGAIN TO PUT ALL THINGS IN PLACE FOR THE REST OF TIME.

GUIDING THOUGHT:

SURVEYS HAVE SHOWN THAT OVERWHELMINGLY THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ‘LIFE AFTER DEATH’ AND THAT HEAVEN AND HELL EXIST.

77 % believe that they are going to Heaven

Only ½ of 1% think they are going to Hell

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

JOHN 14:1-6

JESUS IS THE WAY

JESUS IS THE TRUTH

JESUS IS THE LIFE –

SO, OUR HOPE IS IN THE PERSON OF JESUS.

OUR HOPE IS IN THE PLACE OF JESUS.

OUR HOPE IS IN THE PROMISE OF JESUS --- “I WILL COME AGAIN” and PUT ALL THINGS IN PLACE FOR THE ETERNAL BALANCE OF TIME.

THE MESSAGE FOR SUNDAY --- INCLUDES PROVERBS 14:12 “THERE IS A WAY THAT SEEMS RIGHT, BUT IN THE END THERE IS DEATH” SO BE CAREFUL.

EACH OF US HAS A CHOICE

EXPRESSED BY MOSES IN DEUTERONOMY

EXPRESSED BY JOSHUA IN JOSHUA 24

CHOOSE LIFE? Or CHOOSE ETERNAL SEPARATION?

LIFE BEYOND THE SENSES IS BEYOND OUR COMPREHENSION AND OUR IMAGINATION ... IN THE ETERNAL PRESENCE OF GOD ... AND THE FULFILLMENT OF LIFE AS IT WAS MEANT TO BE.

FULL OF PURPOSE AND MEANING AND JOY ... AND LOVE ...

WHAT DO YOU CHOOSE?