

5th Sunday in Lent 2021



MARCH 21, 2021 — 10:00 A.M.

- PRESERVICE MUSIC**.....*“Nothing But the Blood”*
- WELCOME**.....*Jim Loeffler*
- INVOCATION**
- PRELUDE**.....*“Great Are You Lord”*
- PRAISE SONGS**.....*“Your Name”*
“Thank You”
- A YEAR TO REMEMBER (COVID REFLECTIONS)**
- CHILDREN’S MESSAGE***Adrienne Morton*
- SPECIAL MUSIC**.....*“The Old Rugged Cross”*.....*Phil Gotham*
- OFFERING A PRAYER OF OUR GIFTS & THANKS TO GOD**
- THE LORD’S PRAYER**
- HYMN #362**.....*“Nothing But the Blood”*
- SERMON**.....*Pastor Keith*
“New Beginnings”
Psalm 95:1-2; Joshua 3 & 4
- BEFORE THE CROSS**.....*“Come As You Are”*
- RESPONDING TO GOD’S LOVE**.....*“Holy Ground”*
“Great Are You Lord”
- BENEDICTION/BLESSING**
- EXIT SONG***“Holy Is the Lord”*



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!

Please
RSVP!

<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.



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.



Palm Sunday – March 28
We will celebrate by the blessing & distribution of palm branches.



Good Friday – April 2
Join us for our Good Friday Service at noon on April 2. Communion will be served.



Please CALL 899-5962 or E-MAIL: SHUMC@aol.com to let us know which service you plan to attend

Easter Services – April 4
8:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
10:00 a.m. Easter Celebration

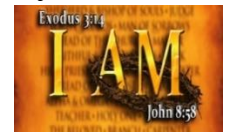
There will be no Children's Sunday School.



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 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: **NEW BEGINNINGS**

PSALM 95:1-3; 6-7

We love and worship God because of who He is and what He has done.

CONTEXT: PSALMS 95:1-3; 6-7

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**² Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

WHY?

BECAUSE ...

**³ For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.**

**⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;**

**⁷ for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**

Throughout the Bible and our journey of faith, we see and experience God's mighty hand that leads us through the wilderness of life and offers us opportunities for NEW BEGINNINGS.

God lead and kept the Israelites of the Exodus through their years in the wilderness. And, then we read in Joshua 3-4 how God then led them across the Jordan River and into a time of NEW BEGINNINGS in the "Promised Land."

Likewise, I believe, God has lead us and helped us through a year of COVID, which has seemed like a time in the wilderness. I believe that today, we are turning the corner and like the people of Israel, we are preparing to cross our Jordan River and enter into a time of NEW BEGINNINGS.

As God directed Joshua and the people to make a memorial of rocks so that they would remember God's care – we too will make a symbolic memorial of rocks – by laying our past before the cross of Jesus – we lay down our wilderness and look forward to a NEW BEGINNING.

In all of this, we begin and end today's service worshipping GOD WHO HAS KEPT US, IS KEEPING US, and WILL LEAD US FORWARD IN THE DAYS TO COME TO A NEW BEGINNING.