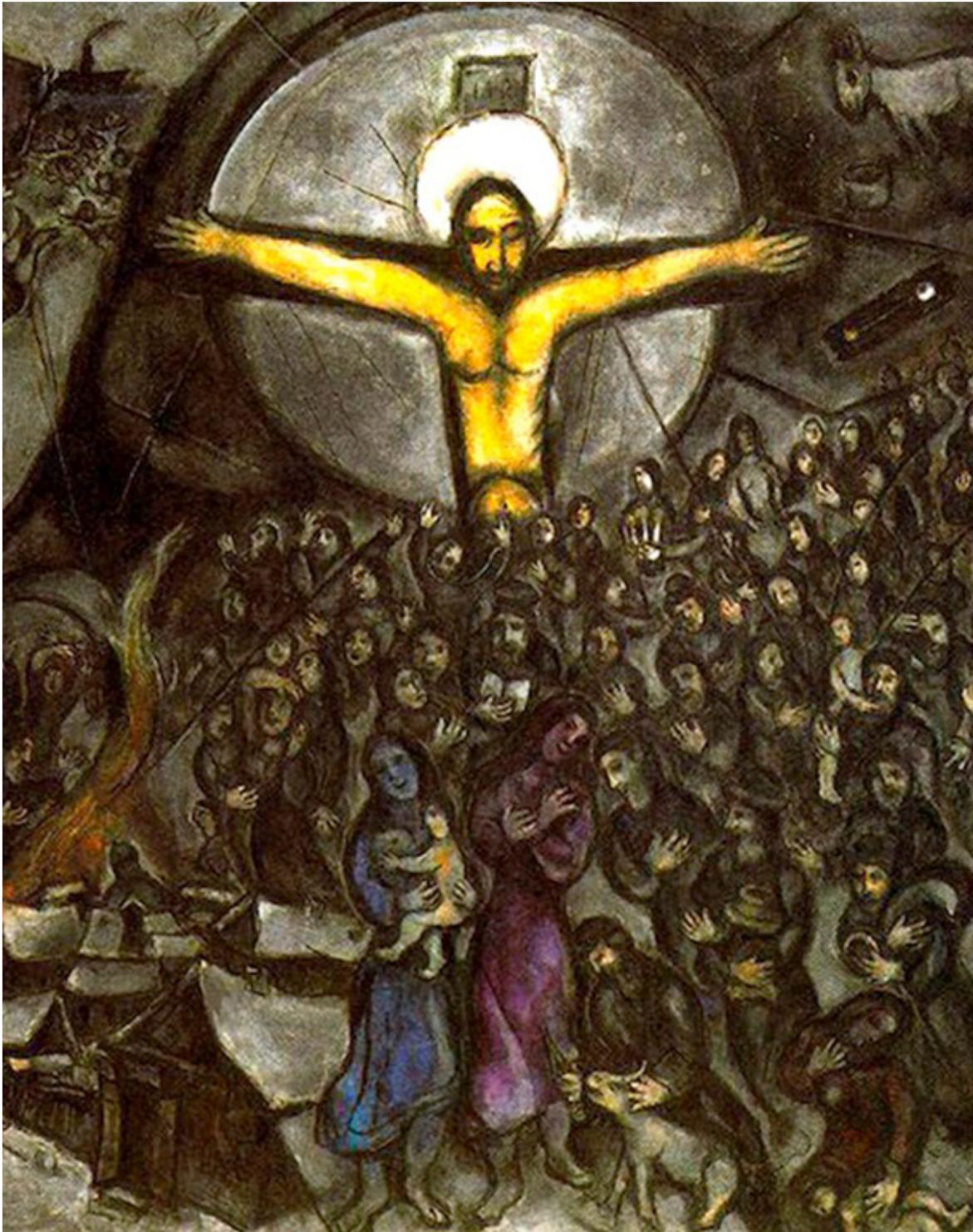




Shandon Presbyterian Church

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The Exodus, by Marc Chagall

Welcome to Shandon Presbyterian Church

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a longtime member, you have made us better by being with us in worship today.

Every week, our service begins with a word of welcome. We take this seriously. Just as God welcomes all, so too do we strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God's kingdom. We don't all look alike or act alike or think alike. We come from different backgrounds, we bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we come together and worship the same God.

Our worship style is traditional and true to our Reformed heritage. At the same time, we seek to bring our faith into conversation with the world around us and the events of our lives. It is our hope and our prayer that you will experience something personal and relevant this morning — a word of hope, a call to action, a spark of faith, a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stay for awhile. We'd love to get to know you and help you learn more about us. Well ... that's what we'd say back in "normal" days. The invitation remains, however. We may not be gathering in-person on Sunday mornings right now, but we hope you'll take advantage of other ways of getting acquainted. Reach out to one of our pastors. Explore our website and poke around on our Facebook page. Join us for various drive-through or walk-through events on Sunday afternoons. Reserve some time in our Sanctuary to experience one of our sacred spaces for yourself.

At Shandon Presbyterian Church, we strive to be honest in all of our relationships, so we'll say this from the beginning: if you're looking for a perfect church, we're not it. We don't always get it right. Rather, we're a group of imperfect people who understand how much we all need grace in our lives. And we believe that God's love, which never gives up and never lets go, is for everyone. Including you.

There is a place for you here. Welcome home.

Rev. Jenny McDevitt
Senior Pastor

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Matthew McCall

Prelude

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Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Call to Worship

Jim Thames

We wish to see Jesus:

at home and at work, at school and at play.

We wish to see Jesus:

whoever he calls, wherever he leads.

We wish to see Jesus:

when the sun rises and when the moon appears.

We are here to worship;

we wish to see Jesus.

Hymn 223

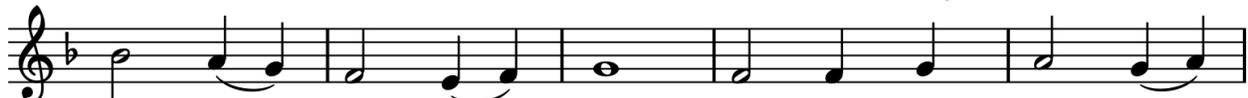
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

Call to Confession



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Rev. Molly Spangler

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, forgive us.
We are willing to follow you,
so long as the road is easy.
We are eager to speak for you,
so long as the words are agreeable.
We are desperate to love you,
so long as the cost is not too high.
Astonishing God, have mercy on us.
We would gladly spare you the cross
so long as we need not sacrifice ourselves.
We are unworthy of your life, O God,
and yet, you will offer it again.**
(Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children
Hannah Ratliff

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 12:20-33

"Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon
Rev. Jenny McDevitt

The Promise of Trouble

Responding to the Word

Anthem

*Dr. Angela Blalock,
soprano*

Wade in the Water

H.T. BURLEIGH

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children.
Wade in the water; God's a gonna trouble the water.

See that band all dressed in white,
God's a gonna trouble the water.
The leader look like an Israelite
God's a gonna trouble the water.

See that band all dressed in red,
God's a gonna trouble the water.
It look like a band that Moses led.
God's a gonna trouble the water.

Prayers of the People

Rev. John Cook

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever.**

Amen.

Offering Tithes and Gifts

Text SHANDONPC to 73256 or visit shandonpresbyterian.org

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Benediction

Postlude

Matthew McCall

Prelude on Tallis "Ordinal"

HEALEY WILLAN

Worship Notes

Leading worship today are Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Jim Thames, Rev. Molly Spangler, Hannah Ratliff, Rev. John Cook, Matthew McCall and the Shandon Choir Scholars: Johnnie Felder, Dr. Jabarie Glass, Peter Haley, Andrew Mitchell and Jennifer Mitchell, Ashlee Poole and Kelley Powell.

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

Today's Prayers of the People come from Thom M. Shuman's *Liturgy for the 5th Sunday in Lent – Year B – In a Time of Pandemic, 2021* (lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/).

About the cover image from artist Marc Chagall. The Jewish artist bridges the divide between Judaism and Christianity in "The Exodus." Exodus presents hundreds of shtetl Jews streaming forward, led by Moses carrying the Ten Commandments on the lower right. The scene is presided over by a towering yellow crucifixion, literally embracing the world fleeing slavery. The power of Christian crucifixion emerges, Jesus, the crucified Jew is lifted up, and he draws all.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday

March 28

Available on Facebook at 10:30 a.m. and all day on YouTube
1 p.m. outdoor worship

Registration is required for the outdoor service by **noon Friday, March 26**.
Please check your email for the registration link through Realm.

Maundy Thursday

April 1

Available on Facebook at 6 p.m. and all day on YouTube

Good Friday

April 2

Available all day on Facebook on YouTube
8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Outdoor opportunity for meditation

Easter Sunday

April 4

Online worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and all day on YouTube
Outdoor worship services at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Registration is required for outdoor worship services by **noon Friday, April 2**.
Please check your email for the registration link through Realm, or
go to shandonpresbyterian.org, and click on the "Worship and music" tab.

Note: Outdoor services will be canceled in the event of rain.

Announcements

INTERGENERATIONAL EASTER EGG HUNT. All ages, individuals, families, Sunday School classes and study/fellowship groups are invited to participate in the annual Shandon Easter Egg Hunt. Like many events, the egg hunt has an adjusted format this year, so that it takes place at individual homes on Sunday, March 28. Participants will take turns hiding eggs for each other. Please go to bit.ly/spcegg-hunt2021 for details on how it will work and to sign up. Participants are encouraged to take photos of hiding and seeking eggs and share them with Molly Spangler, mspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org.

MORE JUSTICE. Shandon, a MORE Justice covenant congregation, has rallied together three team leaders (Jenna Cox, Artie Hughes and Rowena Nylund) and 32 team members. Midlands Organized Response for Equity and Justice is helping us “make the Central Midlands area a more just place to live for all people.” Contact Associate Pastor John Cook if you would like to join the team or attend the Nehemiah Action at 7 p.m. April 26 (location TBD), where we meet with local leaders to address more justice around the issues of housing, gun violence, mental health and school punishment.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT. Join us for this Bible study led by John Cook, Molly Spangler and Hannah Ratliff 6-7 p.m. on Zoom Wednesdays during Lent. Written by Jill Duffield, “Lent in Plain Sight uses “ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem.” Check your Monday email for the Zoom link, or call the church office.

EASTER LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY. The worship committee will adorn the sanctuary with lilies for Easter Sunday. You may remember or honor a loved one by sponsoring a lily. Cost is \$16 each. Order deadline is 4 p.m. Friday, March 26. Go to bit.ly/spclilies2021 to order online. To print an order form to return to the church office, go to bit.ly/liliesprint2021. You may pay online at bit.ly/lilies2021pay. Lilies may be picked up on Easter Sunday or after.

SHARING GOD’S LOVE AROUND THE WORLD. Typically received during the season of Lent, this major special offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA) will be used in the coming year to respond to needs through disaster assistance and hunger ministry throughout the world. Materials and collection boxes are available under the portico. Please use these resources throughout Lent and bring your offering to the church any time through Easter, April 4, or donate online at bit.ly/spcOGHS2021.

TAKE A SOWER SELFIE. Take Shandon’s Sower with you, and snap a picture as you sow seeds of God’s love wherever you go – at home, running errands, on your Zoom call. To take a selfie with the Sower, download a printable file at bit.ly/sowerselfie, or pick up a copy from the church portico. Send your photo to SowerSelfies@gmail.com. Please note: If you send us a Sower Selfie, you give permission to post the photo with the Sunday worship services or church communications, including The Spire newsletter and online/social media, such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and the church website. Let’s have fun seeing each other virtually with the Sower.

DONATE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS. Family Promise of the Midlands is accepting donations for the Night of Promise online auction. Suggestions include any item you create through painting, pottery, quilting, woodwork and other skills; a weekend or week in a vacation home; gift certificates from local businesses. To help or donate, contact Laura Covington at lauracvngtn@gmail.com or 803-422-6800. Thank you for supporting our families. For information about becoming a sponsor for the gala, go to familypromisemidlands.org. Save the date for the online auction April 17-24 and the virtual gala at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 24 (pre-gala warmup at 6:50 p.m).

WINTER/SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL. We invite you to join our virtual children’s and adult Sunday School classes for winter and spring 2021. For Zoom links, see the weekly Sunday morning email, or contact Molly Spangler, mspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org.

COMMUNITY THROUGH SONG. Explore some of our most loved hymns, focusing on scriptural connections, theological implications and the stories behind them in a brief hymn study at 6 p.m. each Tuesday on Facebook. Join Matt McCall, director of music and organist, in the comments portion of the video to add your own thoughts, ask questions and find community through song.

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAY CHECK-IN. Please join us for SOW Check-ins on Facebook and YouTube. Tune in for a meditation and prayer with the pastoral staff each Wednesday evening.

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