

# Shalom United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 18, 2021

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## Gathering to Worship God

Gathering Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: We are called to be God's children.

**People: God's love is poured out on us through Jesus Christ!**

Leader: Fear and doubt are gone!

**People: Joy and hope ring in our hearts!**

Leader: Come, let us raise our voices in song!

**People: Let us offer ourselves to God in prayer and praise. Amen.**

Hymn "Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee" On Screen

Opening Prayer

## Hearing God's Word

Special Music "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Bobby Floyd

Scripture 1 John 3:1-7

Message "Signs of Life: Called Children of God" Pastor Peter

## Responding to God's Word

Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Going to Serve God

\*Hymn "Living for Jesus" On Screen

\*Benediction

Closing Song "Shalom to You" On Screen

## Scripture Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7

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See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

## Helpful information:

- To help protect our health and safety, masks are required in the church building. Please maintain appropriate social distance at all times. You can find hand sanitizer and extra masks on stand near the Sanctuary doors.
- **Children of all ages are welcome in worship!** Due to health and safety measures, we are currently not providing nursery care. We have activity bags for children available.
- **We are currently not “passing the plate”.** You can place your donation in the offering plate near the Sanctuary doors. You can give online by visiting: [www.shalomumc.org/give](http://www.shalomumc.org/give)
- **Fill out a connection card**, then place it in the offering plate, to request prayer, mark your attendance, share contact information, or indicate interest in taking a next step in faith.
- **You can use the QR Code** at the bottom of this page to fill out a connection card, give online, or visit our website.

## Leading in Worship:

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Richard Thompson, song leader

Bobby Floyd, pianist

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## Welcome to Shalom!

If you are new to this community of faith, we want to extend a warm welcome to today! If you've been around for years, we're glad to see you again. We've adjusted many of our practices during this time to help keep everyone safe and healthy – you can find some of that information on the back of the bulletin, on our website, or ask Pastor Peter if you have any questions. We hope that you are able to experience God's grace and feel God's presence here in this place as we worship and offer our praise to God.

## Easter Season Sermon Series Info:

Easter is not just a day, it is an entire season of the Church year. Easter season lasts the fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, and has traditionally been a time when Christians reflect on the importance of the resurrection of Jesus, and discover more about what it means to follow the Risen Lord. This focus on discipleship gives us the opportunity to learn what God's grace has done for us through Jesus Christ, to search out where we still fall short of that grace, and then to trust in the work of Jesus to reconcile us to God and call us on into new life in his name.