



Sherwood Episcopal Church

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

10 am

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL. PLEASE WEAR ONE AT YOUR DISCRETION.

I welcome you to Sherwood Episcopal Church on this glorious day as we celebrate the Risen Christ. Take time to be in the moment on this special morning, open your heart to the scripture, prayers, and hymns that will be said and sung today. Celebrate in the mystery of the Resurrection knowing that Christ has risen and you are loved. Take the message out into the world that needs to hear it.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Mother Nancy

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Prelude and Fugue in D Major (BuxWV 139) - Dietrich Buxtehude*

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

1 Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above Alleluia!
 praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
 praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

THE OPENING SENTENCES

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Alleluia. Christ is risen.

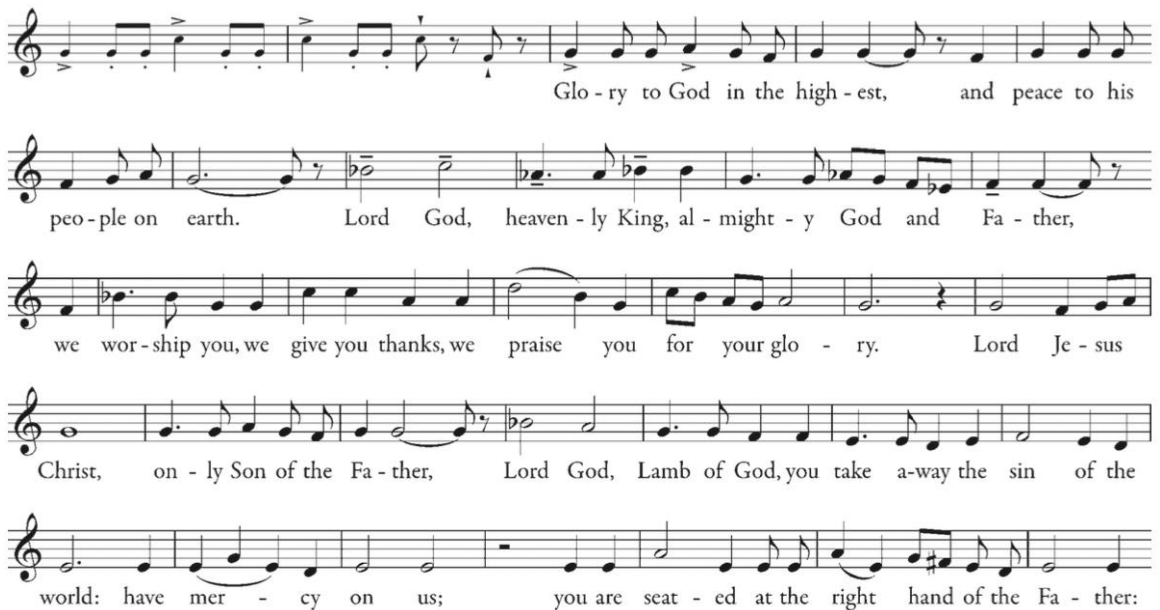
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA - S278

Glory to God in the highest



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
 we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was

with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-24

Said responsively by whole verse

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."

**21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.**

**22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.**

**23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

THE SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

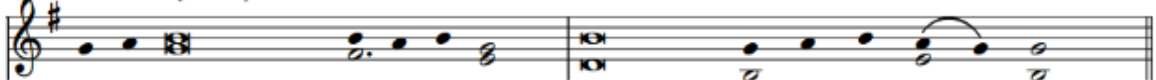
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL AFFIRMATION



Psalm tone for Gospel Verse



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28: 1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Following the sermon, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God's holy word.

THE NICENE CREED

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Said by all, standing as you are able.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Form III

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Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We especially pray for those on our parish prayer list: Joe C., Chip, Raymond, Charlene, Peggy, Sally E., Ruth A., Liz M., Kevin M., Lisa P., Victor, Joyce T., Bill H., Kim, Hannah, Bernie C., Tony, Midge, Jeff, Timothy G., Alex V., and Barbara.

We give you thanks for the blessings of this life, including for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Jessica & Timothy, and birthdays, especially Maria and Dylan S.

Give to the departed eternal rest. We especially pray for and give thanks for the life of John Gregory Garland.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence follows after which the Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The people will greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Don't forget to show the sign of peace to our friends who are worshiping with us virtually.

Please be seated.

We continue to do God's work and your contributions of any size make a huge difference. Give online (sherwoodcokeysville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cokeysville, 21030. Thank you!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Mother Nancy following the service. To receive either bread or wine is considered full communion. You may receive the bread or a gluten-free wafer; please indicate to the minister your need. To receive the wine, please

assist the Chalice by holding the base of the chalice (cup) and guiding it to your lips. If you are not baptized or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Sherwood!

THE OFFERTORY

The people are seated while an offering is collected to support God's mission here at Sherwood Church and in the world.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Awake, thou wintry earth* (from Cantata 129) - J.S. Bach

Awake thou wintry earth, fling off, fling off thy sadness;
ye vernal flowers laugh forth, laugh forth your ancient gladness.
A new and lovely tale through-out the land is spread;
it floats o'er hill and dale to tell that death is dead.

Descended to the grave, where our beloved lie sleeping,
has Christ returned to save our heart from woe and weeping.
O earth, break forth and sing, renew thy bright array,
with fairest blooms of spring bestrew the Saviour's way.

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own we have given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D – BCP pg. 372

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever ... Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS - S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prayers over the bread and wine.

Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and

offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours,
Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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 and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI - S161

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Facing the people, the Celebrant offers an invitation to Holy Communion. For those who are not able to be present for communion, please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer while communion is distributed.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988): In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

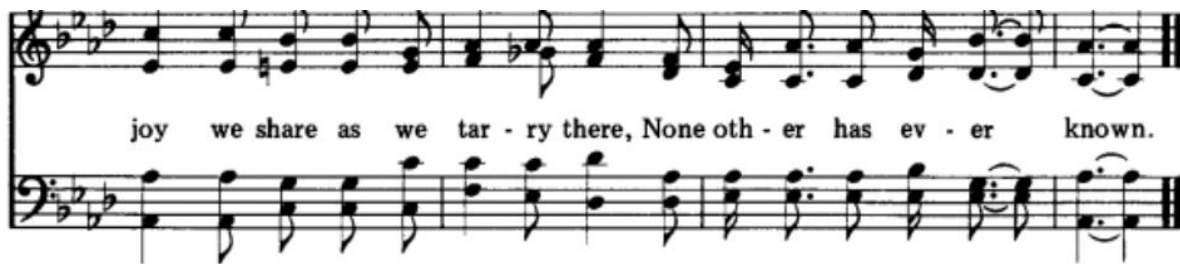
I come to the garden alone

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is still on the
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the night a - round me be

ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, The
 sing - ing, And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me With -
 fall - ing, But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His

Refrain
 Son of God dis - clos - es.
 in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He
 voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the



COMMUNION HYMN - 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
as living members of our Savior Christ. Alleluia!

3 The God of splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three-in-One. Alleluia!

4 A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!

POST-COMMUNION ANTHEM

Alleluia (from *Exsultate, jubilate*) - W.A. Mozart

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**

**that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond, **Amen.***

RECESSIONAL HYMN - 180

He is risen, he is risen

1 He is risen, he is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

2 Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed;
Jesus' woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore-
sin and pain can vex no more.

3 Come, with high and holy hymning,
hail our Lord's triumphant day;
not one darksome cloud is dimming
yonder glorious morning ray,
breaking o'er the purple east,
symbol of our Easter feast.

4 He is risen, he is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

THE DISMISSAL

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our
commitment to our mission as a congregation:

**God commands us to enthusiastically cast open our doors to embrace all,
impacting lives through bold service, no exceptions.**

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

*The Paschal candle is given in memory of Madeline Potter
by Anne & Ralph Wismer.*

Worship Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director: Greg Sesek

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lectors: Loretta Cunninghame, Dylan Strong

Acolyte: Dylan Barrett

Crucifer: Mason Strong

Gospel Bearer: Dylan Strong

Torch Bearers: Bria Arnold, Christina Pitts

Ushers: Suzie Merryman, Stephanie Everts

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau

Altar Guild: Susan Boucher, Joyce Mann, Kathleen Stewart, Sandy Thompson

Hospitality: Susan Boucher, Bill & Karyn Galetto, Charles Spinks, Sandy Thompson

Lay Participants for Sunday, April 16

Lectors: Sheila Fitzgerald, Robin Rouleau

Acolyte: Kevin Hennessey

Ushers: Derrick Danelon, Sandy Thompson

Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts

Altar Guild: Sandy Thompson

Please remember those on our parish prayer list with ongoing needs:

Virginia, Louis, Shannon T., Sally, Shannon, Norma, Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Danny, Dante, Sandy & Jack, Alice, Debbie R., Marian, John M., Paige, Tommy C., Linda, Kyle, Marissa, Frances T., David D., the people of Ukraine, and those impacted by COVID-19.

This Week @ Sherwood

Monday

Office Closed

Wednesday

Office Hours 10 am-3 pm

Vestry Meeting via Zoom @ 6 pm



New Option for Online Giving!

Sherwood now accepts one of the most widely recognized and trusted forms of online payment, PayPal. [Fill out the form here](https://sherwoodcockeysville.org/give/) <https://sherwoodcockeysville.org/give/> and you will be redirected to PayPal for an easy way to give without the need to sign up for an account (or use your existing PayPal account). If you have any questions, please contact [Carey Mednick](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com). sherwoodparish@gmail.com

Hospitality Volunteers Needed:

We welcome back delicious treats to enjoy with our coffee starting on Easter Morning after the service. Please see the sign-up sheet in the church wing or speak to Karyn Galetto. Thank you!

Don't Forget to Pick Up Your Flowers!

If you contributed to the altar flowers for Easter, be sure to pick up a pot or two after the service this Sunday.

Statements Coming Soon:

Your first quarterly statement of 2023 will be emailed to you within the next week or so. If you would like a printed copy mailed to you, please [email Carey](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com) sherwoodparish@gmail.com or leave a message at 410-666-2180.



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