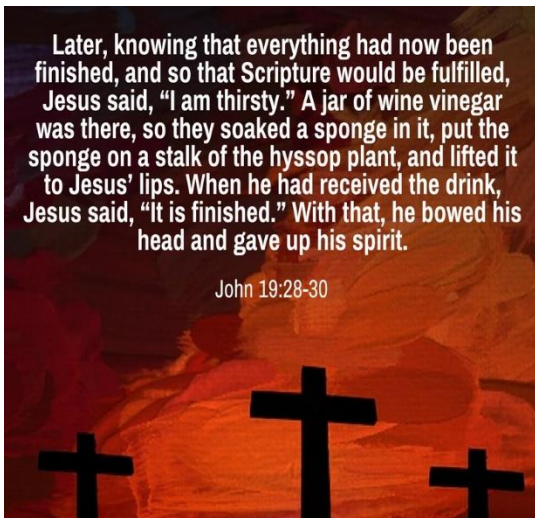


Sharon-Hope This Week – April 3, 2026
Sharon-Hope United Church
A vibrant community of faith, hope and love ...
come and see!

“It Is Finished”

Rev Sadekie

“When Jesus had received the wine, he said, ‘It is finished.’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” ~ John 19:28–30



There is a holy stillness at the foot of the cross. The sky has darkened. The noise has faded. And in His final breath, Jesus speaks words that echo across time: *It is finished.*

Not *I am finished.*

Not *this is over.*

But *it is finished.*

Everything He came to do—every step toward deliverance, every act of love, every burden carried—has reached its completion. On the cross, Jesus accomplishes what we could not: the breaking of sin’s power, the opening of the way to eternal life, the invitation into freedom.

Good Friday is not only something we observe. It is something we are invited into. As we accompany Jesus in His final moments, we are also invited to bring our own unfinished burdens to the cross, the habits that have held us captive, the attitudes that have hardened our hearts, the unforgiveness we have carried, the grief we have not fully released.

And here, in the shadow of the cross, we are given permission to say with Him: *It is finished.*

Not because we have perfected ourselves,
but because we are placing these things into the hands of the One who has already completed the work.

What if, today, you made a conscious decision to lay something down?



That pattern that keeps repeating.
That resentment that keeps resurfacing.
That version of yourself shaped by pain rather than purpose.
To say “*It is finished*” is to declare that it no longer has authority over your life.
But the story does not rush forward.

There is still Saturday.

Holy Saturday is often overlooked, but it holds deep meaning. It is the space between what has ended and what has not yet begun. **It is the day of grieving what was, even as we prepare for what will be. Letting go is not instant, it requires time to mourn, to reflect, to release.**

Saturday gives us permission to grieve the parts of ourselves we are burying.

And it prepares us to rise.

A Saturday Practice: Marking the Transition

Set aside a quiet moment on Saturday. Take a piece of paper and write down the things you are choosing to leave at the cross—habits, attitudes, unforgiveness, lingering grief, or ways of being that no longer serve your life.

Be specific. Be honest.

When you are ready, hold the paper and pray:

Jesus, you have finished the work. Today, I release these things to you. They no longer define me. They no longer hold me. It is finished.

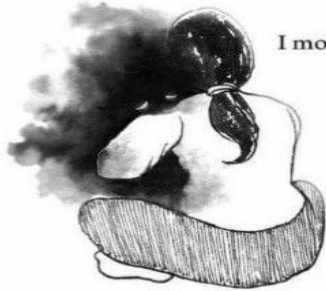


Then, **physically mark the act of release**, such as tear the paper, bury it in the ground, or safely burn it.

As you do, sit for a moment in the quiet. Allow yourself to feel whatever comes, grief, relief, even uncertainty. This is the in-between space.

Finally, prepare something small for Sunday morning—a word, a symbol, or a simple intention that represents the new life you are stepping into: *freedom, peace, purpose, renewal*.

I sit with my grief.



I mother it.



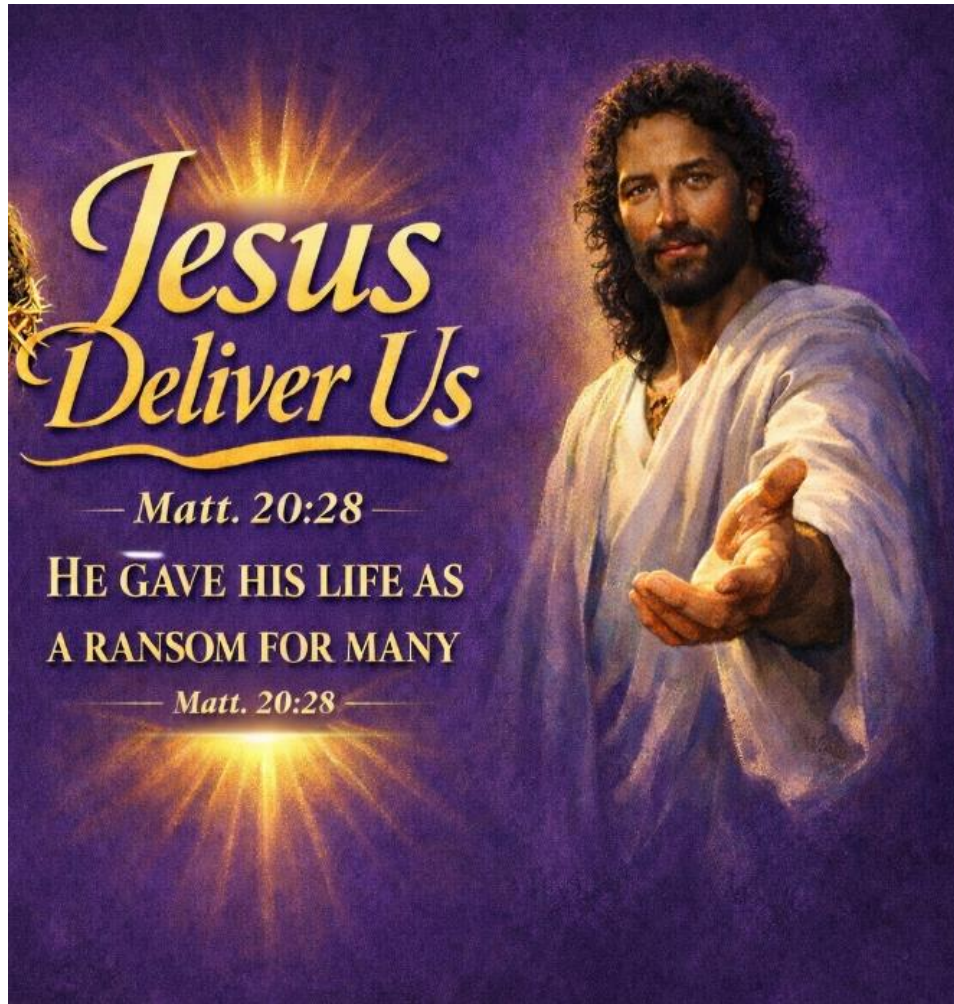
Then we stand

Because resurrection is not just something we celebrate.

It is something we enter.

And when Sunday comes, you will rise, not as you were, but as someone who has chosen to believe that what needed to end... has truly been finished.

This Month's Theme



Holy Saturday Practice

A Time to Release and Prepare for Resurrection

1. Set aside a quiet moment on Saturday.



2. Take a piece of paper and write down the things you are choosing to leave at the cross.

3. Hold the paper and pray:

*“Jesus, you have finished the work.
Today, I release these things to you.
They no longer define me.
They no longer hold me.
It is finished.”*



4. Physically mark the act of release—

- Tear the paper
- Bury it in the ground
- or Safely burn it



5. Sit for a moment in the quiet.

Allow yourself to feel whatever comes.



6. Prepare something small for Sunday morning—

A word, a symbol, or an intention.



Prepare to Rise Anew

Easter Sunday's Message:

“Saviour!”

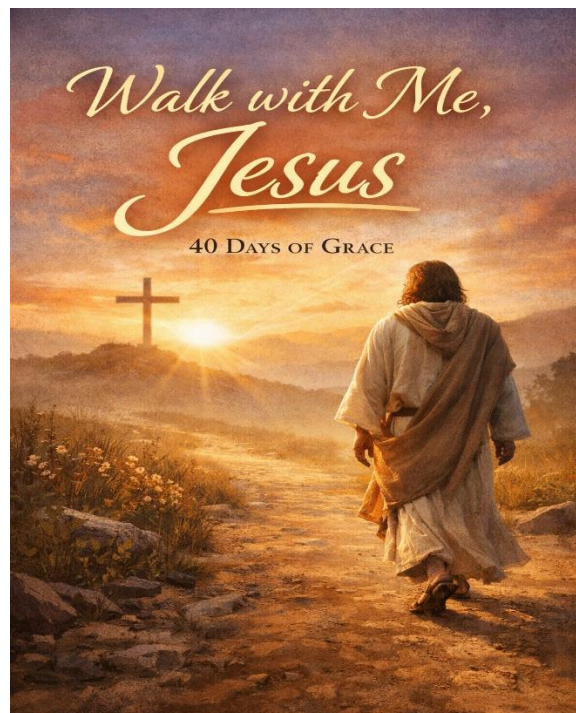


*Every **Thursday** from **11 am - 12 pm**, we read and discuss our insights on the Scriptures read on Sunday and others designated for study in the reading plan for that week.*

Connect...Grow

Come and Join Us in the Lounge

Get your Copy of Lenten Devotional



A MOMENT OF
Hope

Weekly Online Devotional



**New Videos are Available Every Monday at 6am
on Facebook & Youtube. Click [Here](#) to see last week's Devotional video**



As WE follow
after Christ, we
all can lead one

Decorate the Church for Easter Sunday

Saturday April 4
10:30am-12pm



Assistance , plants and
flowers are welcome.

For more information,
please see Laurie.



JOIN US ON EASTER
SUNDAY FOR COFFEE &
HOT CROSS BUNS

HOSTED BY: CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Join us after
the service for
the annual
AGM meeting.

Sunday April 19th



AGM
Annual General Meeting

**SHARON-HOPE'S –
PLANT & BAKE SALE!!**

Sale – Saturday May 10th (8:30 to 12pm).

**Will move inside if weather is bad*

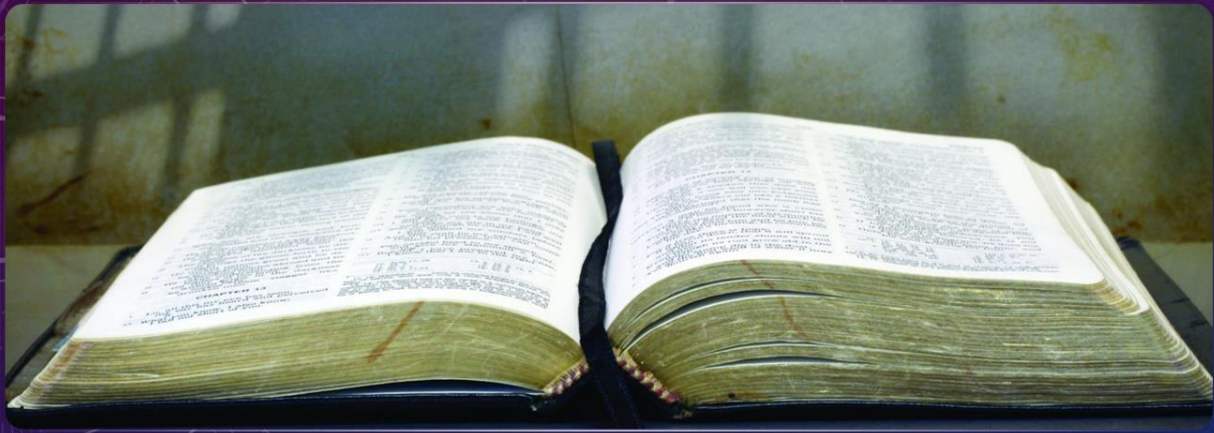
Carol Bertram will be organizing the Plant Sale.
If you can provide plants – please fill out the Sign Up sheet
(located outside the kitchen).

Any questions? Would you like a donation receipt? Contact Carol.

Bake Sale – Sign Up Sheets posted outside the
kitchen. Total of your items sold will be added to
your yearly donation.

**Contact the office if you would like to book a table.*





LECTIONARY READINGS 2026

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
READING THE ONLINE
VERSION?

WOULD YOU PREFER
TO PRINT YOUR OWN
COPY AT HOME?

[Click Here to
Access the Full
Series for 2026.](#)

THANK YOU TO OUR APRIL 5TH, VOLUNTEERS!!

Greeter

Ed

All

Julia

Scripture

Grace

**Collection
ushers**

Coffee Time
Congregational Life

AV team
Jim & Tom

Remember to signup outside the kitchen or
[click here](#)

ON AIR

Missed a Service? Look for it on [Sharon-Hope's YouTube channel](#)

Watch where you want when you want!

Remember



Sharon-Hope is a scent-free building

Did you know ... You can find the weekly readings for 2026 [here](#)

Readings April 5th...

OT: Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

Gospel: John 20:1–18



CARING CRAFTERS

1pm-3pm

April 7

Lounge



**CARING
CRAFTERS
LIBRARY!!**

Thank you for
your donations.

Please remember the book sale is for Novels Only.

SIGN UP FOR COFFEE TIME!!

Home baked goods not required

Sign Up Sheet located outside the Kitchen.



The Week at a Glance (See [website calendar](#) for other details)

Week at a Glance – April 5 th to April 11 th						
Sunday April 5	Monday April 6	Tuesday April 7	Wednesday April 8	Thursday April 9	Friday April 10	Saturday April 11
		Rev Sadekie in Office		Rev Sadekie in Office	Rev Sadekie in Office	
			Ignited Learning 9:30pm-3pm Outside	Lectionary 11am Lounge	Ignited Learning 9am-2:30pm Outside	
SHUC Worship 10 - 11am Sanctuary or Click for ZOOM	Easter Monday	Pastoral Care 12:30pm-2:30pm Rev Sadekie's office			Gwillimbury Quilters 10am-12pm Harmony Hall	
Sharon Village Bible Church 1 - 5pm Building	M&P Zoom Meeting 4pm-5pm	Caring Crafters 1pm-3pm Lounge		SHUC Celebration Choir 7pm Sanctuary		
		York Harmony Chorus 6:30pm-10pm Harmony Hall	A Cappella York 6:30pm-10pm Harmony Hall	Church of Christ 7:15pm-9:15pm Hall / Lounge		Church of Christ 5pm – 9pm Hall / Lounge

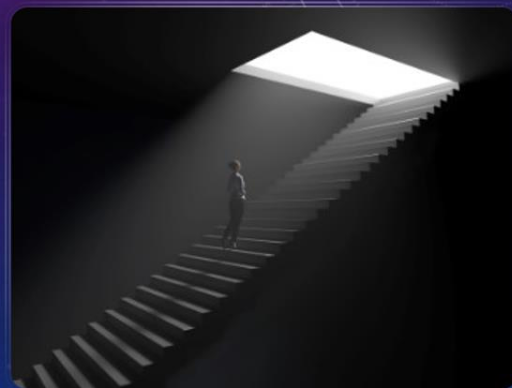
DID YOU KNOW ... YOU ARE NOT ALONE

If you would like Rev Sadekie to call you, you could do one of the following:

Leave a voicemail message on the minister's confidential phone # 905-589-0889

Leave a voicemail message on the office phone # 905-478-2231 and the office will direct the message

Let your phone tree caller know and they can direct a message



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