



Reverend Sharon Washington Risher was catapulted into the limelight after the Charleston, South Carolina shooting at the Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church on June 17, 2015.

Her beloved mother — the church's sexton — Ethel Lee Lance, was killed along with eight others, including two cousins and a childhood friend.

Since that horrific tragedy, Sharon has been very outspoken about the nation's gun laws and is one of the national spokespersons for the grassroots advocacy groups Everytown and Moms Demand Gun Sense.

Sharon's book, *For Such a Time as This, Hope and Forgiveness after the Charleston Massacre* – published by Chalice Press – is set to be released in June 2019, coinciding with the four year anniversary of the shooting.