

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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August 27, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

**Congregation will stand, as able.*

Please take time to greet and welcome each other in the name of Jesus Christ.

“Abide in Me”... “Love One Another”... “Bear Fruit”

Prelude

Parish Concerns, Announcements, and Praise

Please silence your cell phones during the worship service.

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

God beyond our knowing, we believe that you care for humble people who seek to follow your Word more than for those who are pretentious and proud in places of power. You have protected your people when they were surrounded by trouble. You have provided a way to escape in the midst of oppression. Your love never fails. Come, Holy One, to transform us. Work within and among us to renew our minds and build community. Nurse us into the health you intend for all your children. You are our help and our hope. Amen.

*Opening Hymn:

“Gather Us In”

FWS #2236

Scripture Reading:

Romans 12:1-8

*Gospel Reading:

Matthew 16:13-20

Liturgist: The Word of God to the People of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem:

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

The Offertory:

“God Is So Good”

FWS #2056

*The Doxology

UMH #95

*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.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Receive our offering, gracious God, as an expression of our thankfulness. In your church, we are privileged to cultivate the dimensions of our lives that give meaning and purpose to all we do. Here we become aware that the greatest gifts we receive are not material, and we learn how best to use the particular gifts you give us. At the same time, you show us how our material advantages can help others. May many be blessed through our sharing of these offerings and our sharing of ourselves. Amen.

Children’s Moment:

Pastor Iwy

(Children will go to GP Room)

*Hymn of Preparation:

“Amazing Grace”

UMH #378

The Good News:

Pastor Iwy

The Pastoral 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.

*Recessional Hymn:

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

FWS #2088

*Commission and Blessing:

Serve the world as people transformed by God.

Let others know God’s mercy and forgiveness.

We seek to live as Jesus taught.

We seek to embody trust in God and love of all.

Daily God renews our energy and confirms our gifts.

In Christ we are drawn away from conformity to the world.

Our agenda is to discern and do God’s will.

We aim to use well the gifts God has given.

Remember that God is on our side.

God calls us into community with one another.

In Christ, there are no enemies.

We recognize all people as God’s children. Amen. Amen.

Postlude:

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The flowers on the altar are given by Annette Reynolds

In loving memory of Annette’s mother, Anna Piucci

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Serving Today:

Acolytes:

Children of the Church

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Friends of the Church

Crib & Toddler Care:

Bonnie Hutta will return September 10th.

Greeters:

Beth Gilleo and Don Hoffmann

Ushers:

Debbie Vesuvio, and Pat Golanec

Monday:

6:30 p.m. Women’s Small Group

Wednesday:

10:30 a.m. Small Group 1

Thursday:

10:00 a.m. Small Group 2

11-11:30 a.m. Prayer Group Chapel

Friday:

10:00 a.m. Crafts for a Cause

Saturday:

8:00 a.m. Men’s Group; 9:30 a.m. Small Group Leaders

We welcome all visitors and are happy you chose our church to worship. Please fill out the visitor card in the pews and indicate if you would like the Pastor to call on you. If you are interested in joining our church, please talk to Maxine Haigh, Pastor Iwy or call the office. **Attention, parents of young children:** On the back shelf, there are liturgical activity sheets for the children that are linked with morning worship. Please feel free to get one for your child.

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