United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

1176 E. Main Street, Shrub Oak, NY 10588

Pastor	Reverend Iwy Patel-Yatri
Music Director	Rob Gutowski
Organist	Alex Shkoda
Lay Speaker	Les Hazelton
Liturgist	Rachel Ward Pinto

August 6, 2017 **10:30 a.m.** **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Congregation will stand, as able.

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

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"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)

Blessed Redeemer, as we gather in this Holy place, may we feel the power of Your spirit surrounding us. As we seek to understand the teaching in your Holy word, calling us to greater faith and action, we are mindful of the struggle toward perfection expected of Christ's followers. In the spirit of Moses who heard the call, in the passion of Paul who fervently taught, and in the love of Jesus who gave His life, we come ready to listen and learn from your word. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** **"How Can We Name a Love"** **UMH #111**

Scripture Reading: **Colossians 3:12-17 (NRSV)**

***Gospel Reading:** **John 15:1-17 (NRSV)**

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

The Offertory: **"Surely the Presence of the Lord"** **UMH #328**

***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**

Gracious God, in remembrance of your wonderful works and your overflowing abundance, we bring gifts that we have received from your hand. Loving God, accept our gifts in your Holy name. Accept our very lives as a pledge to pursue what is good and right and perfect in your sight. May we always exhibit love and compassion to all as we seek to bring Glory to You and live by your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Moment: **Lynne Schrot**

(Children will go to GP Room)

***Hymn of Preparation:** **"I Surrender All"** **UMH #354**

The Good News: **Les Hazelton**

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:** **"Standing on the Promises"** **UMH #374**

***Commission and Blessing:**

We go forth to worship God through our service, blessing and glory and wisdom be to our God.

We bless God at all times; God's praise will continually be in our mouths.

We have been purified and equipped for our tasks; thanksgiving and honor be to our God forever.

Let us magnify our God in all we do and say; may God be exalted as the community scatters.

We go forth to listen and to help those who need us; power and might be to our God forever and ever.

God is our refuge in all times and places; God will continue to bless and sustain us wherever we go. Amen. **Amen.**

Postlude:

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The flowers on the altar are given by Billy Geis

"In memory of Bill and Rose Geis, Mae Paesler, and Fred Rivera"

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Serving Today:

Acolytes:	Children of the Church
Coffee Hour Hosts:	Casey Family
Crib & Toddler Care:	Bonnie Hutta will return in September.
Greeters:	Grace Reynolds and Connie Vollmer
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:	**4:00 p.m. Summer Youth BBQ & Games – See sign up in GP Room.**

Please note: Pastor Iwy will be on vacation July 31 – August 20. In case of emergency, contact Don Hoffmann at 673-8654.

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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