

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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Liturgist

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September 17, 2017

10:30 a.m. Fifteenth 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)

Holy God, your Spirit calls us here. Help us to be born anew, not in the flesh, but with water and the Spirit. In Christ, you have adopted us into your family and made us heirs to your kingdom. We are your children and you are our God. May our lives proclaim your glory as we gather to praise and worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “Spirit of God” FWS #2117

Responsive Reading: Psalm 51:1-5, 10-17 UMH #786

*Gospel Reading: John 3:1-21

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem: “Good and Simple Things”

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

The Offertory: “Change My Heart, O God” FWS #2152

*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

Holy Spirit, you search the recesses of our minds and the depths of our hearts. You call us to be not only givers but also receivers of your gift of grace. Thank you, Lord, for this opportunity to support the transformation of people’s spiritual lives through the ministry and mission of this body of Christ. Amen. (Copyright © 2017 David S. Bell.)

Children’s Moment: Pastor Iwy

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Hymn of Preparation: “Freely, Freely” UMH #389

The Good News: Sermon Series: The “WHAT” of our faith?” 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: “They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love”

FWS #2223

*Commission and Blessing:

Christ has come to save us.

We are born anew.

The Holy Spirit has come to save us.

We are born again.

Go with the blessings of Christ, who came, not to condemn the world, but to save it.

We go with the blessings of Almighty God. Amen. Amen.

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The flowers on the altar are given by the Thomas Family

“In memory of Sundeep’s mom, Mary Kutty”

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Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church

Coffee Hour Host: Jill Clockadale

Crib & Toddler Care: Bonnie Hutta

Greeters: Muriel Carpenter and Grace Reynolds

Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio, and Pat Golanec

Today: 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class

After worship, Ad Council Meeting

During Sunday School Mission Presentation - Jr. and Sr. High Youth

6:30 p.m. Women’s Small Group; 7:30 p.m. Vision Table

Bible Study Groups: 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Monday: 10:30 a.m. Small Group 1

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. Small Group 2

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

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Youth Planning with Neal Bowes in GP Room

Friday: 10:00 a.m. Crafts for a Cause

Next Sunday: Guest Preacher – Neal Bowes; 12-12:30 Youth Group

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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