

# United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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October 29, 2017

10:30 a.m.

21<sup>st</sup> 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, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the earth was formed, long before there were people on this planet, you were fashioning life in its myriad forms. Out of the countless years you have been creating, our lives have come to this moment of meeting. We stand in awe before you, amazed to discover that you care about us, tiny blips on the screen of eternity. O God, we want our lives to count for something. Show us how to fit into your plans. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn:** “Holy is the Lord”

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

**\*Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22:34-46

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

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

## Anthem

### Offering of Gifts and Tithes

**The Offertory:** “Lord Be Glorified”

**\*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

As we give ourselves and our offerings, we pray, O God, that they may reveal your love in such a way that many will respond. Awaken in us a love for you and for one another that is contagious. Remove from us all apathy, pretension, and greed that we may grow in holiness and compassion, living joyously in communion with you. Amen.

**Children’s Moment:** Pastor Iwy

(Children will go to Sunday School)

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** “He Knows My Name”

**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:** “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

### \*Commission and Blessing:

Brothers and sisters, our coming together is not in vain.  
God is doing a new thing among us and beyond us.

**We have sensed a vision of God’s plan for us.**

**God’s sign and wonders await our discovery.**

God has compassion on all who seek to serve.

Steadfast love is with all who continue in faithfulness.

**God’s glorious power is manifested in humility.**

**Surely God’s favor rests upon us here.**

Now we go out with courage, entrusted with the gospel.

We carry good news of God’s love to our neighbors.

**We will be gentle with others as God is gentle with us.**

**We offer tender care in the spirit of Jesus. Amen. Amen.**

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*The flowers on the altar are given by Susan Crookston*

*“In loving memory of my husband Norman Crookston”*

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### Serving Today:

**Acolytes:** Children of the Church

**Coffee Hour Host:** Dianne Benincasa, Grace Reynolds, and Friends of the Church

**Crib & Toddler Care:** Bonnie Hutta

**Greeters:** Jean Engel and Grace Reynolds

**Ushers:** Debbie Vesuvio, and Pat Golane

**Today:** 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class

**Monday:** 6:30 p.m. Women’s Small Group

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

**Wednesday:** 10:30 a.m. Small Group 1

7:30-8:30 pm “God’s not Dead 2” Discussion/Study GP Room

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

2:00 p.m. Church/Charge Conference GP Room

**Next Sunday:** All Saints Sunday

1:00 p.m. Church Clean Up

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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