

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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Pastor
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Liturgist

Reverend Iwy Patel-Yatri
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November 12, 2017

10:30 a.m.

23rd 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 of our ancestors, be our God today as we gather in sincerity and faithfulness to honor you. Attune our hearts to your commandments as we remember your mighty acts. Declare your Word to us so we may be inspired to obey. We know that we must decide today whether or not we will serve you. Not to decide is to reject you. O God, save us from the idols that appear so attractive to us, the toys that take so much of our attention and the pursuits that dominate our time. Make your dwelling place with us here. Amen.

*Opening Hymn:

“Jesus is All the World to Me”

UMH #469

Scripture Reading:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*Gospel Reading:

Matthew 25:1-13

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem:

“Autumn Carol”

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

The Offertory:

“Near to the Heart of God” (Verse 1)

UMH #472

*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

We set our hope in you, God of all ages, and seek to serve you through our offerings and our efforts to encourage and equip one another for ministry. Help us decide daily to live according to your will, preparing ourselves for the opportunities and challenges you give us. May your rule shape our lives in ways that introduce many of the joys of eternity in our midst of today. Amen.

Children’s Moment:

Pastor Iwy

(Children will go to Sunday School)

*Hymn of Preparation:

“Living for Jesus”

FWS #2149

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:

“Trust and Obey”

UMH #467

*Commission and Blessing:

God expects our complete loyalty and devotion.

God’s love frees us for joyous living.

We will serve the God we have met here.

We know that God goes with us everywhere.

May worship continue wherever we go.

May our service extend God’s love to all we meet.

We will consult God in our daily choices.

We will respond to others in the spirit of Christ.

God is faithful in covenant with us.

The counsel of God is always available to us.

We will take time to rest in God’s promises.

We will listen for God’s work of hope. Amen. Amen.

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*The flowers on the altar are given by the Sutton Family
“In honor of Andrew Sutton’s 25th birthday”*

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Serving Today:

Acolytes:

Children of the Church

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Friends of the Church

Crib & Toddler Care:

Bonnie Hutta

Greeters:

Grace Reynolds and June Willis

Ushers:

Debbie Vesuvio, and Pat Golanec

Today:

After worship, Congregational Meeting

Monday:

6:30 p.m. Women’s Small Group

Tuesday:

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

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 GP Room

Saturday:

6:00 p.m. Pot Trust and packing of OCC shoe boxes

Next Sunday:

During worship, dedication of OCC shoe boxes

Chimes Deadline

(Pastor Iwy will be away for BOOM meetings – November 14-16.)

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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