

# United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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**February 18, 2018**

**10:30 a.m.**

**First Sunday in Lent**

*\*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)

Lead us in your truth this day, gracious God. We long to know your ways and to be guided by your Spirit. Direct us into that realm where your purposes govern the hearts and minds of all your children. We want to grow in the likeness of Jesus, to learn to live in ways that are pleasing to you. We wait for you now, eager to respond to your instruction. Let nothing cut us off from you or separate us from one another, not only in this time of worship but as we face the challenges of another week. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn: “Lord, Who Through These Forty Days” UMH #269**

**Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

**\*Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15**

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem: “Steal Away”**

**Offering of Gifts and Tithes**

**The Offertory: “The First Song of Isaiah” FWS #2030**

**\*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

Thank you, God, for the signs and wonders that reveal your presence. Thank you for the covenant fulfilled in Jesus Christ. We want to do our part to share your love with the world. Use these offerings and our lives to bring a realization of your reign among us. Extend your realm by re-creating the church as a true representation of Jesus Christ. May we be humble, teachable, and faithful as we seek to lead others into covenant community. Amen.

**Children’s Moment: “Jesus’ Baptism – 40 days in the Wilderness” Pastor Iwy**  
(Children will go to Sunday School)

**\*Hymn of Preparation: “It is Well” UMH #377**

**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 want to be a Christian”**

**UMH #402**

### \*Commission and Blessing:

The time is fulfilled; God’s reign is now.

Hear and believe the good news Christ offers.

**We are children of God, beloved and blessed.**

**We are a covenant community with a mission.**

Be open to all God wants to teach you this week.

Seek God’s leading every day through Lent.

**This is a season for renewal and recommitment.**

**We will turn to God in prayer every day.**

God will teach you and lead you in truth.

God’s mercy and steadfast love will surround you.

**We will live as people of the promise.**

**We go out rejoicing in our baptism, in Christ. Amen. Amen.**

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*The flowers on the altar are given by Jill Clockadale*

*“In memory of my father, Judd Clockadale, and my mother-in-law, Eleanor Ayyazian”*

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### Serving Today:

*Acolytes:* Children of the Church

*Coffee Hour Hosts:* The Lindholms

*Crib & Toddler Care:* Lilia Gutowski

*Greeters:* Joan Prentice and Connie Vollmer

*Ushers:* Debbie Vesuvio and Pat Golanec

Today: **After worship, Mission Outreach Meeting, 12-2:00 p.m. Youth Group**

**5:00 p.m. Lent Bonfire Pot Trust Dinner, Chimes Deadline**

Monday: **Presidents Day**

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

**7:30 p.m. Vision Table Meeting**

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

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

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

Friday: **10:00 a.m. Small Group 2, 11:00 a.m. Crafts for a Cause GP Room**

Next Sunday: **After worship, Administrative Council Meeting**

**12-2:00 p.m. 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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