

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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February 25, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Second 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)

In trust and confidence, we call on your name, Almighty God, eager to know you more fully and serve you more faithfully. We have heard your amazing promises given to our ancestors in the faith. We seek your word for us in our day, for we want to grow strong in our faith as our ancestors did in theirs. As they gave you glory and praise, we gather to do the same. As they passed on their faith to new generations, we seek to teach and live in such a way that our children and their children will be drawn to minister in your name. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

*Gospel Reading: Mark 8:31-38

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem: “The Heart of Worship”

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

The Offertory: “Holy Ground”

FWS #2272

*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

Glorious God, we dedicate these gifts as an expression of our faith. You alone know how much we share and how much we withhold. You know the extent of our trust and the depth of our commitment. May this act of giving draw us closer to you and extend a blessing to all who are helped through our sharing. Amen.

Children’s Moment:

Pastor Iwy

(Children will go to Sunday School)

*Hymn of Preparation: “Good Good Father”

Reflection:

Pastor Iwy

Testimony:

Russ Reynolds

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: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

FWS #2129

Dare this week to follow where Jesus leads.

Dare to love the unlovable and care about others.

We want to follow in the footsteps of Christ.

We want the poor to eat and be satisfied.

Do not be ashamed to challenge values of our culture.

Dare to question all that denies God’s reign.

We want to live with faith, hope, and love.

We want to extend God’s rule to all people.

The promises of God are for you and for all.

God will make you exceedingly fruitful.

We will trust the promises of God.

We will go out to live as covenant people. Amen. Amen.

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The flowers on the altar are given by Michele Squibb

“In memory of my husband, Frank”

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Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church

Coffee Hour Hosts: Friends of the Church

Crib & Toddler Care: Bonnie Hutta

Greeters: Beth Gilleo and Don Hoffmann

Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio and Pat Golanec

Today:

After worship, Administrative Council Meeting

12-2:00 p.m. Youth Group

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

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

Saturday: 11:00 a.m. World Day of Prayer UMCSO Sanctuary and GP Room

Next Sunday: Girl Scout Sunday; 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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