

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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March 11, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Fourth 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)

God of infinite patience, we call on you once more, knowing that you have every reason to question our coming together. We have worshiped without expectation. We have gathered without diligent preparation, as if meeting you laid no requirements on us. Amid the complexities of our lives, we have forgotten to set aside times to be still before you. Thank you for meeting us where we are. In Christ's name, Amen.

*Opening Hymn:

“Lift High the Cross”

UMH #159

Old Testament Reading:

Numbers 21:4-9

*Gospel Reading:

John 3:14-21

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem:

“Were You There”

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

The Offertory:

“Freely, Freely”

UMH #389

*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

For life-sustaining gifts that we so often take for granted – for shelter, food, and meaningful tasks to do; for your steadfast love that awakens us and raises us from our sinful ways; for your word that guides and heals us – we give you thanks, gracious God. As we invest a part of all you entrust to us to further the ministries of your church, may we show to others the immeasurable riches of your grace in Jesus Christ. Make this church a beacon of hope for the world. Amen.

Children's Moments:

Lisa Grace

(Children will go to Sunday School)

*Hymn of Preparation:

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

UMH #357

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.

*Commission and Blessing:

God sent Jesus that the world may believe.

God sends us into the world to share that good news.

In Christ, we are not condemned to perish.

Christ came to offer us abundant life.

Let everyone see the light you have received.

Live openly as people enjoying the love of God.

Let those whom God has redeemed say so.

Let us give thanks for God's steadfast love.

We are alive together in Christ Jesus.

God offers to all the gift of eternal life, beginning now.

By grace, we have been saved through faith.

We will live in the light and share this good news. Amen. Amen.

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The flowers on the altar are given by Asha Sundee Thomas

“In memory of my loving dad. May his soul rest in peace.”

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Serving Today:

Acolytes:

Children of the Church

Crib & Toddler Care:

Bonnie Hutta

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Bill Carlock and Lee Norman

Greeters:

Dianne Benincasa and Grace Reynolds

Ushers:

Debbie Vesuvio and Pat Golanec

Today:

12-2:00 p.m. Youth Group

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:

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:

8-9:00 a.m. Men's Group; 9:30 a.m. Small Group Leaders - Upstairs

Next Sunday:

9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class, 12-2:00 p.m. Youth Group

After worship, Teachers Meeting

Chimes Deadline

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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