

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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March 18, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Fifth 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)

As Jesus offered up prayers and supplications to you, O God, we cry out to you today. You know our losses and our fears. You understand our suffering and pain. We wish to see Jesus, to know the healing touch felt by so many. We want to hear his reassuring voice. We long to see a new day when evil is overcome and wrong cannot prevail. Lift us up and draw us to yourself as we worship. Equip us for our daily living as we seek to be true to your covenant with us. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “Oh For a Heart to Praise My God” UMH #417

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

*Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem: “Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed”

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

The Offertory: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (Verses 1 & 2) UMH #420

*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 dedicate these offerings to the proclamation of your word, the teaching of your ways, and the living of your will for all humankind. We reach out with joy and gladness to offer your love to the world. May these gifts enable the sharing of your presence with many who have not experienced a sense of their own value as your children. As we keep covenant with you, we would also share its joys and obligations with our neighbors. Amen.

Children’s Moments: Lisa Grace

(Children will go to Sunday School)

*Hymn of Preparation: “Here I Am, Lord” UMH #593

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: “I Love to Tell the Story”

UMH #156

*Commission and Blessing:

God has written the law of love within us.

We are empowered to live according to that law.

We have experienced God’s presence together.

That presence will sustain us as we scatter.

God’s wisdom has been planted in our hearts.

It is different from the wisdom of this world.

We dare to live as forgiven and forgiving sinners.

We risk showing love to those who seem unlovable.

We are people of God, accepted and loved.

We are followers of Christ, commissioned for service.

Where Christ leads, we will follow.

Where our service is needed, we will go. Amen. Amen.

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*The flowers on the altar are given by Marshall Moseley
“In memory of his brothers, Marvis, William, and Doyle”*

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Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church

Crib & Toddler Care: Bonnie Hutta

Coffee Hour Hosts: Susan Crookston and Joan Prentice

Greeters: Susan Crookston and Joan Prentice

Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio and Pat Golanec

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

After worship, Teachers Meeting

Monday: 6:30 p.m. Women’s Small Group, 7:30 p.m. Vision Table

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

Next Sunday: Palm/Passion Sunday; 12-2:00 p.m. Youth Group

2:00 p.m. PWP – Play in PH - See sign up sheet in GP Room.

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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