

## United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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Pastor  
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Reverend Iwy Patel-Yatri  
Rob Gutowski  
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March 4, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

\*Congregation will stand, as able.

Please take time to greet and welcome each other in the name of Jesus Christ.

### HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY/GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

“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)

All-wise and all-loving God, we are drawn together in this place because all our knowledge and discernment is not enough to give meaning to our lives. Yet, we hesitate when you call us to the cross. We are frightened by what you might ask of us, but we long for the wholeness only you can offer. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

#### \*Opening Hymn:

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH #77

#### Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

#### \*Gospel Reading:

John 2:13-22

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

#### Anthem:

“Jesus was Crucified”

#### Offering of Gifts and Tithes

#### The Offertory:

“Into My Heart”

FWS #2160

#### \*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 bring our offerings, O God, not to buy your favor, but to express our gratitude, not to support an institution, but to further your mission. We support the church in its efforts to challenge the false wisdom that pervades our culture. We seek to make this community of faith a center of values that are consistent with your will. May we be zealous in your service, willing to sacrifice for love’s sake, and eager to embrace your word in our everyday living. Amen.

#### Children’s Moments:

Rachel Pinto

#### Service of Holy Communion:

UMH #12-14

(Communion Hymns: UMH #618 and #174)

(Children will go to Sunday School)

#### 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:

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

UMH #297

#### \*Commission and Blessing:

You have been embraced by God’s power and love.

Dare to face the world, bearing God’s wisdom.

**We proclaim the crucified one, Jesus Christ.**

**The power of love is not destroyed by death.**

Be careful in the use of God’s name.

Live in awe that God chooses you as a witness.

**The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.**

**The precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart.**

The scriptures will guide us toward God’s truth.

God’s steadfast love will sustain us.

**We will seek to keep the spirit of the commandments.**

**Self-giving love toward God and humanity will guide us. Amen. Amen.**

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*The flowers on the altar are given by Jean Engel*

*“In loving memory of Noel Engel, husband, father, grandfather and friend”*

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#### Serving Today:

*Acolytes:* Children of the Church

*Crib & Toddler Care:* Bonnie Hutta

*Coffee Hour Hosts:* Dylan Matthews and James Pinto

*Greeters:* Girl Scouts

*Ushers:* Debbie Vesuvio and Pat Golanec

#### Today:

12-2:00 p.m. Youth Group

#### Monday:

6:30 p.m. Women’s Small Group; 7:30 p.m. Trustees Mtg. GP Room

#### Tuesday:

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

#### Wednesday:

10:30 a.m. Small Group 1, 7:00 p.m. Mission Statement Meeting

#### 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:

5:00 p.m. Lenten Bonfire with Pot Trust. Please sign up in GP Room.

#### Next Sunday:

12-2:00 p.m. Youth Group

Daylight Saving Time begins.

Be sure to turn your clock ahead Saturday night.