

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

1176 E. Main Street, Shrub Oak, NY 10588

Pastor Reverend Iwy Patel-Yatri
Music Director Rob Gutowski
Organist Alex Shkoda
Liturgist Lynne Schrot

April 22, 2018 **10:30 a.m.** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**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)

Good Shepherd, we meet in your name, confident that we are known and loved by you. Here we draw close to one another and to you, expecting to be empowered by fresh insights to live as your people. We want to care for one another in life-giving ways. We seek to reach out to those who are lost. Help us grow in love that is genuine in its caring and self-sacrifice. We embrace the wholeness you offer and dare to risk acceptance of a healing role for ourselves and this faith community. Equip us for service beyond this hour of meeting. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” **UMH #381**

Scripture Reading: **1 John 3:16-24**

***Gospel Reading:** **John 10:11-18**

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem: “The Lord is My Shepherd”

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

The Offertory: “Lead Me, Guide Me” **FWS #2214**

***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

How can we express our thanks, O God, for the one who laid down life itself in witness to your love for all people? We are aware that many have yet to experience Christ’s love. Use what we offer to bring healing and peace to others not of this fold. Draw us together as one flock in the care of one shepherd, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Children’s Moments: **Pastor Iwy**

(Children will go to Sunday School)

***Hymn of Preparation:** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (Verses 1, 2, & 6) **UMH #138**

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:** “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

UMH #128

*Commission and Blessing:

We are invited to make God’s house our home.

We are sent out into God’s world to serve.

God has been with us through life’s most foreboding valleys.

We have been equipped to help others on their journeys.

When we ask God for what we need, God provides.

When we are obedient, we know God abides in us.

God leads us by still waters and restores our souls.

God knows us better than we know ourselves.

God’s love in Jesus Christ has blessed us.

We have received the gift of God’s own Spirit.

Surely goodness and mercy will pursue us through life.

We will dwell in the house of our Good Shepherd. Amen. Amen.

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The flowers on the altar are given by Linda and Michael Stella

“In honor of their 23rd Wedding Anniversary”

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Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church

Crib & Toddler Care: Bonnie Hutta

Coffee Hour Hosts: Horton Family, Marshall Moseley and June Willis

Greeters: Beth Gilleo and Don Hoffmann

Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio and Pat Golanec

Today: After worship, New Members Class 2; 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: 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Test and Credo

Next Sunday: Halos Playing and Walter Hoving Home Visiting – 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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