

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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May 13, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Congregation will stand, as able.

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

ASCENSION SUNDAY/MOTHER'S DAY

"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)

Watch over us, Holy God, as we take time to pray and to meditate on the continuing impact of Easter on our lives. Jesus Christ has become for us the measure of life. He represents to us your gift of love and eternal life. We are a resurrection people no longer bound by fear of death but freed to become witnesses to the light. Nourish us to become like trees, planted beside streams of water, that flourish and bear much fruit because of your constant attention and abundant provision for our needs. Be known to us here in this hour. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" FWS #2050

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

*Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem: "To Believe"

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

The Offertory: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (Verse 1) UMH #454

*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

Here, O God, is some of the abundance you have allowed us to manage for you while we are on this earth. May it be enough to draw us closer to you and to all whom we seek to help. May our hearts follow our treasure into growing devotion to your truth and expanded commitment to the unity in love that Jesus sought for all your children. Bless this offering, and increase our joy in giving. Amen.

Children's Moment: Pastor Iwy

(Children will go to Sunday School)

*Hymn of Preparation: "Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus" UMH #462

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 Stand Amazed in the Presence"

UMH #371

*Commission and Blessing:

You have been chosen as disciples and apostles.

Your task is to learn and proclaim God's Word.

We are learning from the life of Jesus.

We are seeking to live in ways Jesus taught.

You do not belong to the world but to God.

You are in the world as bearers of God's truth.

We find delight in the discovery of God's law.

May it be a part of us, day and night.

God's love is our guardian and protection.

God gives us eternal life in Christ Jesus.

God, who knows our hearts, accepts us.

The love of God follows us wherever we go. Amen. Amen.

Postlude:

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The flowers on the altar are given by Susan Crookston

"In loving memory of her husband, Norman"

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Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church

Crib & Toddler Care: Bonnie Hutta

Coffee Hour Hosts: Kruegers; cake provided by the Flower Committee honoring all mothers

Greeters: Dianne Benincasa and Jean Engel

Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio and Pat Golanec

Today:

Chimes and Annual Report input due; 12-2:00 p.m. Youth

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; 1:00 p.m.; Membership meeting GP Room

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

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation

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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