

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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May 6, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Sixth 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)

Ruler of all worlds, whose glory surrounds our unseeing eyes, our muffled hearing and our dulled emotions, come to awaken us to the mystery of your will. Speak to us a word of truth that reveals our deceit and leads us away from falsehood. Touch us with the healing grace that allows us to admit our woundedness and accept the comfort you offer. Let your Spirit move among us so we may recognize your presence in one another and in our own lives. May our response to you be faithful and our praise genuine. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH #526

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:44-48

*Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem: Communion Meditation

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

The Offertory: "I Love You, Lord" FWS #2068

*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

With joyous praise and dancing spirits, we dedicate this offering, acknowledging our covenant responsibility to share your word and love with all your people. In gratitude for the gospel of salvation, we pledge our first loyalty and highest faithfulness as disciples of Jesus Christ. Thank you for the wisdom and insight we have received. Help us now to live according to the best we know, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Reception of New Members and Baptisms (See insert)

Service of Holy Communion: UMH #12-14

(Communion Hymns: UMH #618 and #174)

(Children will leave for 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: "Victory in Jesus"

UMH #370

*Commission and Blessing:

Remember each day that you are chosen by God.
Be open to the spiritual blessings available at all times.

We are cleansed and free, purified and made whole.

Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

Dwell in the mystery of God's will for you.

Dare to reach out in love to those who share your world.

We will seek God's counsel daily.

We will open our hearts to others' pain.

The Holy Spirit goes with you to empower you.

The love of Christ sustains you in all circumstances.

We have been blessed and fed in this place.

We will share with others the joy we have known. Amen. Amen.

Postlude:

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The flowers on the altar are given by Sharon and John Krueger

"In honor of our children and grandchildren"

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Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church
Crib & Toddler Care: Bonnie Hutta
Coffee Hour Hosts: Membership Committee
Greeters: Dianne Benincasa and Muriel Carpenter
Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio and Pat Golanec

Today:

During worship, reception of new members and baptisms

After worship, Teachers meeting; 12-2:00 p.m. Youth

6:30 p.m. Women's Small Group; 7:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting

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

10:30 a.m. Small Group 1

11-11:30 a.m. Prayer Group Chapel

10:00 a.m. Small Group 2, 11:00 a.m. Crafts for a Cause GP Room

9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon Board of Laity GP Room

9:30 a.m. Bishop's Rally at Poughkeepsie

12 – 2:00 p.m. Youth Group

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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