

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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Carl Gutowski

September 23, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*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):

You watch over us, O God, and show us the way to prosper in life, not so much in things as in relationships that contribute to our wholeness and well-being. Thank you for meeting us here and helping us to deal with our selfish ambition, disorder, and conflicts. We submit ourselves to you for instruction. Help us to be honest with ourselves and with you, voicing our doubts as well as our faith, our hypocrisy along with all that is deeply genuine. Create in us a space for quiet listening and thoughtful meditation. Amen.

*Opening Hymn:

“I Love To Tell the Story”

UMH #156

Scripture Reading:

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

Gospel:

Mark 9:30-37

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem:

“May God Take Care of You”

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Offertory:

“J.S. Bach Sonata for Flute & Piano”

Carl Gutowski

*The Doxology

*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

God of light and beauty, every gift is from you. Even our ability to give is a blessing of your love. We offer what we have and what we are. Use our gifts to give birth to a world where your Kingdom reigns, where none are in need and where all draw close to your grace. In Christ, we lift our prayer. Amen.

Children’s Moment:

(Children will go to Sunday school)

Pastor Iwy

*Hymn of Preparation:

“Jesu, Jesu”

UMH #432

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: **“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”**

UMH #673

*Commission and Blessing:

Go forth, trusting God and one another.

Live each day seeking to be trustworthy.

We seek to do well the tasks set before us.

We commit ourselves to quiet times for meditation.

The rhythms of prayer and service enrich our lives.

A gentle spirit and good fruits are the result.

We seek the wisdom God imparts.

We aim to serve without partiality or hypocrisy.

God is watching over you and caring for you.

In God’s hands, your hearts are being purified.

We put our trust in the God who loves us.

Our strength and dignity find renewal in Christ. Amen. Amen.

Postlude:

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The flowers on the altar are given by Sundeep and Asha Sundeep Thomas

“In Memory of my Mom”

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Serving Today:

Acolytes:

Children of the Church

Coffee Hour:

Kathy Casey

Crib & Toddler Care:

Bonnie Hutta

Greeters:

June Willis and Marilyn Bucher

Ushers:

Debbie Vesuvio, Joy Santaroni, and Patti Scozzari

Today:

9:30 am Adult Sunday school; 12-1pm Choir Practice

12:00 noon Youth Group, Upper Room

Chimes Deadline

Monday:

6:30 pm Women’s Small Group, GP Room

Tuesday:

10:00 am & 8:00 pm Bible Studies, GP Room

Wednesday:

10:30 am Small Group 1

Thursday:

11:00 am Prayer Group Chapel

Friday:

10:00 am Small Group 2, 11:00 am Crafts for a Cause, 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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