

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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September 2, 2018 **10:30 a.m.** **Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Congregation will stand, as able.*

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

HOLY COMMUNION 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):

We come together in this house of prayer, trusting you, O God to give us everything we need. As you provide for the birds of the air, you supply life's necessities for your children to share. We choose to respond to your promises by identifying ourselves as your servant people who seek to be guided by your word. We gather to remember and reclaim your covenant with us. Fleeing from tents of wickedness, we gather to do the tasks you entrust to us here, praying for strength to do our daily work as a ministry in your name. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: **“Take My Life and Let It Be”** **UMH #399**

Scripture Reading: **James 1:17-27**

Gospel: **Mark 7:1-8; 14-15; 21-23**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: **Be Not Afraid**

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: **“The Gift of Love”** **UMH #408**

*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

Our hearts overflow with thanksgiving for all the bounty you entrust to our stewardship, O God of light. You have reached into the shadows, where we often flee, to rescue us and give us your work to do. As you have freed us from the chains of sin, we seek to offer healing to others as we listen, share and do. Bless our offering of self and substance, we pray. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion: **UMH #12-14**

(Communion Hymns #618 and #174)

(Children will go to GP Room)

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: **“Lord I Want to Be a Christian”**

UMH #402

*Commission and Blessing:

God offers to each of us deep inner cleansing.

We can become whole people, unstained by the world.

In the world around us, life is cheap.

Violence destroys what is valuable to God.

We are called to challenge this destruction.

We are to love righteousness and turn from wickedness.

We want to witness to the power of love.

We believe people can change and turn from evil.

God's Word transforms all who hear and heed it.

God blesses those who are doers of the Word.

God anoints us with the oil of gladness.

Our hearts overflow with God's good gifts. Amen. Amen.

Postlude:

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*The flowers on the altar are given by Michele Squibb
“For my husband, Frank – Happy birthday in Heaven”*

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Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church

Coffee Hour: Friends of the Church

Crib & Toddler Care: Crib & toddler care will resume on September 9th

Greeters: Don Hoffman and June Willis

Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio and Pat Golanec

Today: **12-1 pm Choir Practice**

Monday: **6:30 pm Women's Small Group**

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**

Saturday: **8:00 am Men's Group, GP Room**

9:30 am Small Group Leaders, GP Room

Next Sunday: **9:30 am Sunday School Kick-off Breakfast & Blessing of Backpacks,
Mission Meeting after worship**

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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