

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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September 16, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Seventeenth 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):

God of wisdom and truth, we come to praise and worship you this morning with delight and gladness, grateful for all your wonders. As we seek your truth, speak to us now. Inspire us with your word. Speak clearly to our hearts that we may walk in your ways and live in your love. In the name of Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn:

“Come, Christians Join to Sing”

UMH #158

Scripture Reading:

James 3:1-12

Gospel:

Mark 8:27-37

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem:

“I Will Joyfully Sing”

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Offertory:

“Change My Heart, O God”

FWS #2152

*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

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.

Mission Moment:

Pastor Iwy

*Hymn of Preparation:

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
(Children will go to Sunday School)

FWS #2129

The Good News:

“The Main Thing”

Bishop Bickerton

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:

“Christ For the World We Sing”

UMH #568

*Commission and Blessing:

Let your words this week proclaim Christ’s love.
May your heart’s meditations be acceptable to God.

We seek to let Christ guide our tongues.

We want to speak without arrogance or false pride.

Listen for the wisdom God wants you to know.

Seek God’s counsel and reproof each day.

We will look for God in the midst of creation.

We will seek Christ’s face in the people around us.

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

God’s hand is outstretched to touch and heal you.

How good it is to sense our Lord’s guidance!

How exciting it is to follow where the Holy Spirit leads! Amen. Amen.

*Benediction:

Bishop Bickerton

Postlude:

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*The flowers on the altar are given by Linda Stella
“Happy birthday Michael, Love Linda and Sophia”*

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Serving Today:

Acolytes:

Children of the Church

Coffee Hour:

Friends of the Church

Crib & Toddler Care:

Bonnie Hutta

Greeters:

Muriel Carpenter and Dianne Benincasa

Ushers:

Debbie Vesuvio and Pat Golanec

Today:

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

12:00 noon Youth Group, Upper Room

Monday:

6:30 pm Women’s Small Group, GP Room; 7:30 pm Vision Table

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

7:00 pm Confirmation Retreat starts

Saturday:

9:00 am Confirmation Retreat ends

Next Sunday:

Chimes Deadline

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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