

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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September 30, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Nineteenth 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 majesty and power, may all your people find favor with you this day. Turn our sorrow into gladness and our mourning into a holiday, a holy day, in which to praise you and find ways to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Lift us from our daily preoccupations that we may pray with earnest intent, both to thank you and to be changed by you. Let our prayers be powerful and effective. May our worship be alive and life-changing. May the service we extend find favor in your eyes, blessed God. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” **FWS #2088**

Scripture Reading: James 5:13-20

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: “Your Love O Lord”

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: “Awesome God” **FWS #2040**

*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

Holy God we dedicate ourselves and our offerings to the work of your church. For those who are sick, who are suffering, who are grieving, who are lost, we have words of hope and acts of caring. We stand with all who face discrimination, oppression, and confusion, seeking to work with them for justice and a meaningful existence. As you have accepted us, we reach out to include all your children in the family of mutuality, self-revelation, and growing in love. Amen.

Children’s Moment: **Pastor Iwy**

***Hymn of Preparation:** “He Knows My Name”
(Children will go to Sunday school)

The Good News:

Faith Sharing:

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 Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

FWS #2129

*Commission and Blessing:

God sends us out with courage to face life’s evils.

We have insight to name the enemies we encounter.

Sometimes we are our own worst enemies.

Sometimes perceived enemies can become friends.

We are called to care in an uncaring world.

We are commissioned as lovers among the indifferent.

As Christians, we cannot be apathetic.

The people we encounter are brothers and sisters.

God is our helper, and Christ is our teacher.

Our prayers and our efforts will make a difference.

God is with us wherever we go.

The maker of heaven and earth cares for us. Amen. Amen.

Postlude:

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*The flowers on the altar are given by Daryl Lindholm
“In Loving Memory of Audrey & Kyle Lindholm”*

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Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church
Coffee Hour: Jean Engel & Patricia Watkins
Crib & Toddler Care: Bonnie Hutta
Greeters: Muriel Carpenter & Beth Gilleo
Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio, Joy Santaroni, & Patti Scozzari

Today: **9:30 am Adult Sunday school; 10:30 am Worship (The Halos playing); 12-1pm Choir Practice; SPRC Meeting after Worship**
12:00 noon Youth Group, Upper Room

Monday: **6:30 pm Women’s Small Group, GP Room; 7:30pm Trustees Meeting**

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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