

# United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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**September 8, 2019**

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**10:30 a.m. Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

*\*Please rise in body and/or spirit.*

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

## “SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY”

*“We strive to **GROW** in a relationship with God through Worship, Prayer and Study. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to make Christ’s love known as we **CONNECT** and **SERVE** others.”*

### Prelude

### Parish Concerns, Announcements, and Praise

### Opening Prayer (In Unison)

O God, like a skilled potter, you have shaped each one of us as a unique design. You know us better than we know ourselves. You value us more highly than we can imagine. You weep when we are marred or broken through our own misdeeds or the world’s cruelty. We gather now to assemble our prayers for one another and all the world’s people in a chorus of devotion. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn:** “Wonderful Words of Life” **UMH #600**

**Responsive Reading:** **Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18** **UMH #854**

**\*Gospel Reading:** **Luke 14:25-33**

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Anthem:** “Celebrate God’s Love”

**Offering of Gifts and Tithes**

**The Offertory:** “He Is Lord” **UMH #177**

### \*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

Loving God, there is no way we can settle accounts with you. We have no way to repay you for all we have received from your hands. Yet we want to give our best to the work you call us to do through this community of believers. We enter, with renewed commitment and confidence, the costly venture of spreading love through your world. Amen.

**Children’s Moment:** “Blessing of the Backpacks” **Pastor Iwy**

**(Children will go to Sunday School)**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** “Since Jesus Came into My Heart” **FWS #2140**

**The Good News:** **Pastor Iwy**

**The Lord’s 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:** “Where He Leads Me” **UMH #338**

### Commission and Blessing:

God welcomes your partnership in proclaiming the gospel;  
Accept the cross of Christ and carry it.

**We have considered the cost of discipleship.**

**We are willing and ready to pay the price.**

God expects to hold first place in our lives.

We will faithfully offer back to God what He has given to us.

**We want to be obedient to the law of love.**

**We want to show God’s love in all we do.**

We are held in the thoughts of God.

We are shaped and reshaped by the potter’s hands.

**We are finding new patterns of faithfulness.**

**We are discovering new reasons for joy! Amen. Amen.**

### Postlude:

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*The flowers on the altar are given by Maxine Haigh*

*“In memory of my husband, Dick”*

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### Serving Today:

**Acolytes:** Children of the Church  
**Coffee Hour:** Sunday School Kickoff Pancake Breakfast  
**Greeters:** Grace Reynolds & Dianne Benincasa  
**Ushers:** Annette Reynolds, Joy Santaroni, Patti Scozzari & Debbie Vesuvio

Today: **9:30 am Kickoff Pancake Breakfast/Sunday School Registration, Blessing of Backpacks during Worship; 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm Choir Practice; 12 noon – 2 pm Youth Group, Upper Room**

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

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

Wednesday: **10:30 am Small Group 1; 7:00 pm Book Study, GP Room**

Thursday: **11:00 am Prayer Group, Chapel**

Friday: **10:00 am Small Group 2; 11:00 am Crafts for a Cause, GP Room**

Saturday: **8:30 am – 12:30 pm Peekskill Prayer Breakfast, Peekskill UMC**

Next Sunday: **Youth Mission Moment during 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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