

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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Pastor
Music Director
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Certified Lay Servant
Liturgist
Praise & Worship Band
February 23, 2020

Reverend Iwy Patel-Yatri
Rob Gutowski
Alex Shkoda
Russ Reynolds
Dianne Benincasa
Halos
Transfiguration Sunday

10:30 a.m.

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

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

“GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY”

“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):

God, we have come to worship you. We try to come on our terms, but your word proclaims your rule over this gathering and in all your creation. Help us to hear your will for us, not as limiting and oppressive but as the freeing, fulfilling pathway to life. We want to be your faithful children. We want to experience life at its best. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “Swing Low Sweet Chariot”

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: “Jesus on the Mainline”

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

The Offertory: “Precious Lord”

*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

With these gifts, we express our desire to observe your law with wholeness of heart, to delight in our commandments with all that we have and are, to worship you not only when we are together but in many difficult places when we are apart. May our church reach out to care for enemies as well as friends. May we remember that we are your church, your temple, and your holy ones. Amen.

Children’s Moment:

Annette Reynolds

*Hymn of Preparation: “Wade in the Water”

The Good News:

Russ Reynolds

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: “We Shall Overcome”

*Commission and Blessing:

Go forth as a holy people, filled with the Spirit.
Delight in following God’s commandments.

We seek to be honest and caring.

We labor to serve, not for selfish gain.

Show love to neighbors and even to enemies.

Share God’s bounty as you work for justice.

We seek to be generous and impartial.

We reach out to help, not to reap rewards.

All things belong to you in Christ.

You are gifted by God to share God’s love.

We marvel at how much God trusts us!

We seek to be worthy of that trust. Amen. Amen.

Postlude

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Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church

Coffee Hour: Dianne Benincasa

Crib & Toddler Care: Bonnie Hutta

Greeters: Girl Scouts, Jean Engel, Joan Prentice

Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio, Joy Santaroni, Annette Reynolds & Patti Scozzari

Today: 9:30 am Adult Sunday School, GP Room; 12-1:00 pm Choir Practice;
12 pm Youth Group; 4:00 pm Concert, followed by Reception

Monday: 6:30 pm Women’s Small Group, GP Room

Tuesday: 10:00 am & 7:30 pm Bible Studies, GP Room

Wednesday: 10:00 am Distribution of Ashes; 10:30 am Small Group 1, GP Room
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion

Thursday: 11:00 am Prayer Group, Chapel

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

Saturday: 5:00 pm Lenten Bonfire, starts with Pot Trust Dinner

Next Sunday: 1:15 pm Trustees Meeting, 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 Marilyn Bucher, 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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