

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

1176 E. Main Street, Shrub Oak, NY 10588

Pastor
Music Director
Organist
Liturgist
March 1, 2020

10:30 a.m.

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Reverend Iwy Patel-Yatri
Rob Gutowski
Alex Shkoda
Rachel Ward Pinto
First Sunday in Lent

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

“HOLY COMMUNION 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):

Holy God, we listen for your voice amid the clamor of a world that scarcely notices this season of self-examination and instruction. Too long we have heeded the serpents among us whose craftiness beckons us away from faith and faithfulness. Instruct us in the way we should go, so that we may once more find our way back to you. Help us rediscover your steadfast love. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” UMH #269

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:12-19

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: “Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

The Offertory: “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed” (Verse 1) UMH #359

*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

O God, by your surprising grace, our eyes are opened, our ears unstopped, our hearts attuned to the needs of others. We give so more people may know your acceptance and forgiveness. We support the ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing among us and through the outreach of the church. Expand our horizons, we pray, and tear down the limits of our caring. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion: UMH #12-14

(Communion Hymns: UMH #618 & #174)

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: “Because He Lives” UMH #364

*Commission and Blessing:

Let the worship of God be a part of all you do.

Serve with praise and joy every day this week.

God alone is the one we will worship.

We will not put our God to the test.

Know that it is not easy to keep our focus on God.

Many distractions will vie for our attention.

We pray that God will be present amid temptations.

We seek strength and courage to be faithful.

Be open each day to God’s counsel and instruction.

Learn from Christ to make difficult choices.

God sends us out into the wilderness.

But we know the oasis is here to refresh us. Amen. Amen.

Postlude

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*The flowers on the altar are given by Jean Engel
“In loving memory of my husband Noel’s Birthday”*

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Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church
Coffee Hour: Friends of the Church
Crib & Toddler Care: Bonnie Hutta
Greeters: Grace Reynolds & Don Hoffmann
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; 1:15 pm Trustees Meeting, GP Room

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

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

Wednesday: 10:30 am Small Group 1, GP Room; 6:30 pm Pot trust Supper;
7:30 pm Lenten Cluster Service

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; 9:30 am Small Group Leaders, GP Room

Next Sunday: 12:00 pm Youth Food Ministry; SPRC Meeting after Worship;
Sunday School Teachers’ Meeting

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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