

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP
January 14, 2024 - Second Sunday after Epiphany

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Marshall Moseley, "In honor of his Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren."

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: God knows each one of us personally and God loves each one of us.

P: Thanks be to God for such wondrous love!

L: Come this day into the presence of God.

P: We come with overflowing hearts!

L: Celebrate God's mercy and compassion.

P: Praise be to God who offers us hope. AMEN.

PRAISE & WORSHIP: (YouTube)

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

Awesome God, you knew us before we were born. You love us into life. Open our hearts and our spirits today to hear your word for us. And, upon hearing the word, may we be convinced of our call to ministry and mission through the church. Bless us with your presence and your powerful love, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: "Open my Eyes, That I May See" - UMH #454

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord, somewhere long ago, someone convinced us that we would not be good material for God to use in healing and helping ministries for this world. We don't really believe that we have anything worthwhile to offer. It is relatively easy for us to donate funds for missions and the good works of the church, but we do not see ourselves worthy of further involvement. Remind us of your forgiving love, when we stubbornly refuse to believe your claim on our lives. Open our eyes and spirits to see the gifts with which you have blessed us, and to commit those gifts to serving you by serving others. There are so many things that we can do. And everything starts with prayer. So, patient God, bear with us as we settle down to pray, asking for your wisdom

in our lives. Give us courage and strength to accomplish any task that you set before us. And give us hearts of grateful love to acknowledge your presence in our lives, and live that presence with great joy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS of ASSURANCE:

Hear the Good news: From the very beginning, God has blessed you and planted within your spirit the words "I can do all things through God who strengthens me". Do not fear the task God sets before you. Rejoice, for God is with you every moment and God's love washes over you always, healing and nourishing your life. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NIV), Psalm 139

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS *(children will be dismissed right after)*

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "The Summons" – FWS #2130

GOSPEL: John 1:43-51 (NIV)

SERMON: Come and See

1. Be Available
2. Precious in His Sight
3. Answer the Call

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY: "All The Glory Belongs to Jesus"

DOXOLOGY:

CLOSING HYMN: "Here I Am, Lord" - UMH #593

BENEDICTION:

Go into God's world, aware of God's call in your life. Follow our Lord Jesus Christ who will lead you in paths of service and hope. Lean on the power of the Holy Spirit to give you courage and strength. May peace, joy and love flow through you to others, in God's name. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

³ The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place.

³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am."

⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

⁶ Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy.

⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24 (read responsively)

1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it altogether.

5 You pursue me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.

7 Whither shall I go from your spirit? Or whither shall I flee from your presence?

8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, "Let only darkness cover me, and the light about me be night,"

12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day; for darkness is as light with you.

13 For it was you who formed my inward parts, you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful. Wonderful are your works! You know me very well;

15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance; in your book were written the days that were formed for me, every day, before they came into being.

17 How profound to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

18 If I would count them, they are more than the sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

[23](#) Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts;
[24](#) and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

GOSPEL READING

John 1:43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

⁴⁶ "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

⁴⁸ "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

⁵⁰ Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that."

⁵¹ He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P: The word of God, to the people of God

ALL: Thanks be to God

UMCSO SCHEDULE

Zoom links are included in Mailchimp. Please contact us with your email (umcso.ny@gmail.com) or call 914-245-4682 if you would like to receive Mailchimp emails.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP: Monday, 7:00 pm, (ZOOM)

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday 10:00 am (In Person)

EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday 7:00 pm (ZOOM)

SMALL GROUP 1: Wednesday, 1:00 pm (ZOOM)

PRAYER GROUP: Thursday, 11:00 am (Chapel)

EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Thursdays, 7:30 pm with Pastor Sandy (ZOOM). (See link below).

SMALL GROUP 2: Friday, 10:00 am (phone 1-267-807-9495; 656355452#)

CRAFTS FOR A CAUSE: Friday, 11:00 am - 12 noon (various homes)

MEN'S GROUP: Saturday 8:00 am (ZOOM)

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: 9:30 am in the GP room (In person)

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MEETING: Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024 9:30 am

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Pastor Sandy Mantz invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bible Study

Date/Time: Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2610447551?pwd=MXVIUGgvOFRRS3RZNVB2a0plRi8rUT09>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RUTH BUSH'S MEMORIAL SERVICE: Took place on Friday, Jan. 12th but can be viewed here if anyone would like:

<https://youtube.com/live/dFnRVHEBN-I?feature=share>

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Are resuming this Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024 following worship.

ANNUAL NEW YEAR PANCAKE BRUNCH: Due to last week's bad weather, the Annual Pancake Brunch has been postponed until Jan 28th, following worship. As Always, "Flapjack" Casey and family will be blessing us with his infamous pancakes, however, this IS a Pot Trust event so please plan to bring a dish to share!

2024 FLOWERS: Just a reminder...Altar flowers are now \$50 for both bouquets. The order can be divided between families if preferred. However, please make the partnering arrangements personally and be sure the instructions are clear on the sign-up sheet on the breezeway.

REACH US ON FACEBOOK

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

<https://www.facebook.com/Blessedassurancetoday>

There is a link to the Church's website.
Pastor Sandy will post inspirational verses regularly.

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