

**United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak**  
**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, Third Sunday in Lent and Communion Sunday**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

The flowers on the altar are given jointly by Jean Engel, "In memory of my husband, Noel Engel's Birthday"; and from the Church in celebration of the season.

**GREETING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Long ago God called a wandering people into a special relationship.

**P: They were challenged to be God's witnesses in community to a world divided.**

L: In the goodness of God's time, Jesus was called to teach us about our relationship to God

**P: He taught us that God personally cares for each one of us.**

L: The Holy Spirit was sent specifically to comfort and guide us in our witness.

**P: May we be faithful in our relationship with God and proclaim God's love to everyone. AMEN.**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**PRAISE SHARING**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

**OPENING HYMN:** "How Great Thou Art" – UMH #77

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19 (NIV)

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:** "O, How I Love Jesus" – UMH #170

**GOSPEL READING:** John 2:13-22

**SERMON: Living a Reverent Life**

1. Worship and Adore Him
2. Appreciate the Glory of God
3. Assess Your Temple

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY:** “Come To The Table of The Lord”

**DOXOLOGY**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty ” – UMH #64

**BENEDICTION:**

Go forth with the Lord at your side, seeking goodness and compassion. Bring the words of hope and peace to all whom you meet. Go in peace. AMEN.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

### **Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)**

20 And God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup> “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

<sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

<sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,

<sup>6</sup> but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

<sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

<sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns.

<sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> “You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> “You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> “You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

### **Psalm 19** (NIV) (Read Responsively)

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**<sup>2</sup> Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.**

<sup>3</sup> They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

**<sup>4</sup> Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup> It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

**<sup>6</sup> It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is deprived of its warmth.**

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

**<sup>8</sup> The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.

**<sup>10</sup> They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.**

<sup>11</sup> By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**<sup>12</sup> But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.  
Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

**<sup>14</sup> May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **John 2:13-22 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.

<sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

<sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!”

<sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

<sup>18</sup> The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

<sup>20</sup> They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?”

<sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

<sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

# Coins For Lent



During Lent, many of us are reminded once again to examine our lifestyles and ask, "What can we do for others?" Part of faith formation at any age is compassion and offering a serving heart to our neighbors. These past few years have been challenging when trying to find ways to serve our neighbors while remaining physically distant. This time has also reminded us that we need to demonstrate compassion to others now more than ever. Lent is a good time to commit to giving money to a project that helps those in need. One way to involve the whole family is to collect coins during the season of Lent and then following Easter, donate the money. Follow our [Coins for Lent Giving Calendar](#) as a guide.

February 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> A coin for every lamp.	15 A coin for every light switch.	16 A coin for every candle.	17 A coin for every flashlight (include your smartphone).
18 Pray today, thanking God for the gift of light. Pray for those who live in darkness.	19 A coin for every box of cereal.	20 A coin for every can of soup.	21 A coin for every type of bread.	22 A coin for every jar of jelly.	23 A coin for every bottle of salad dressing.	24 A coin for every jar of peanut butter.
25 Pray today, thanking God for the food you enjoy. Pray for those who have no food this day.	26 A coin for every ball cap or hat.	27 A coin for every pair of shoes.	28 A coin for every t-shirt.	29 A coin for every sweatshirt.		

March 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 A coin for every pair of jeans or pants.	2 A coin for every coat.
3 Pray today, thanking God for clothing that protects you from the elements. Pray for those who lack clothing to keep them warm and dry.	4 A coin for every ball or piece of athletic equipment.	5 A coin for every electronic video game.	6 A coin for every smart device (phones, tablets, etc.).	7 A coin for every television.	8 A coin for every doll or stuffed animal.	9 A coin for every board or card game.
10 Pray today, thanking God for how you can enjoy entertainment in your home. Pray for those who would be grateful for just one of these items.	11 A coin for every box of band-aids.	12 A coin for every bottle of vitamins.	13 A coin for every box of tissues.	14 A coin for every bottle of hand sanitizer.	15 A coin for every toothbrush and tube of toothpaste.	16 A coin for every cough drop in your house.
17 Pray today, thanking God for your health. Pray for those who are sick.	18 A coin for every room in your home.	19 A coin for every electrical outlet in your home.	20 A coin for every chair in your home.	21 A coin for every desk (virtual work/school) in your home.	22 A coin for every bathroom.	23 A coin for every bed.
24 <b>Palm Sunday</b> Pray today, thanking God for shelter. Pray for those who have no place to sleep at night.	25 A coin for every Bible.	26 A coin for every book of hymns or sacred songs in your home.	27 A coin for every cross in your home.	28 A coin for every prayer you say today.	29 A coin for every story of Jesus you can tell.	30 A coin for every person in your family.

**31 Easter Sunday** Pray, thanking God for Jesus and for the many ways we can gather and worship God. Pray for those who will receive the coins collected that they would see God's presence through them.

# *Holy Week Schedule*



**Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>:** Traditional Service 10:30 am

**Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>:** 7:00 pm Service

**Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>:**

Prayer Vigil Hours 12:00pm – 3:00 pm

Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm

**Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>:**

Sunrise Service: 7:00 am

Traditional Service: 10:30 am

## **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, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 9:30 am

**MISSION'S MEETING:** Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, following worship

**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**

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** Will meet this Sunday, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> following worship. No Confirmation class on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** UMCSO will be bringing back Vacation Bible Study this July! Please be on the lookout for more details and information in the near future.

**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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