

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 27th, 2024 – Reformation Sunday
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Elizabeth (Betsy) Goldhorn, “In memory of my husband Greg’s 60th Birthday.”

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

P: From the storms and struggles of life we come.

L: Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

P: From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.

L: Come, open your hearts to the Lord and you will be given blessing.

P: Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed.

AMEN.

PRAISE & WORSHIP: “How Great is Our God”

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our blindness. Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness. This day, as your word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. Transform our lives to do your will. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: “Thank You, Lord”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

We think that we want to be healed of our blindness, gracious God, but actually we have become so comfortable in our darkness that we fear the light. It is as though we are living in a cave, and rather than take a risk to face the light, we prefer to face the dark wall. Give us courage to take risks which will result in not only our own transformation, but also the transformation opportunities for others. Forgive our stubborn insistence on living in darkness. Take our hands and lead us to the light. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the Good news

Turn and see the light of God's love. It is lavished upon you. You have been healed and made whole in God's love. Be at peace and rejoice!

SCRIPTURE READING: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (NRSV)
Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) (NRSV)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS:

HYMN of PREPARATION: "Goodness of God"

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52 (NRSV)

SERMON: Perseverance and Praise

1. Never Give Up
2. Praise God Always
3. Hang on to Faith

RESPONSE: "Jesus Draw Me Close"

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "I Exalt Thee"

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "You Are my All in All"

BENEDICTION:

Darkness has been banished. Sight has been restored. Your lives are reformed in Christ's love. Go now in peace to serve with great joy. Bring the love of God with you so that the light which has brightened your life may shine for others. Go now, beloved, to serve. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (NRSV)

1 Then Job answered the LORD:

2 "I know that you can do all things and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

3 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me that I did not know.

4 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.'

5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;

6 therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

10 And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends, and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

11 Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring.

12 The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning, and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys.

13 He also had seven sons and three daughters.

14 He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Kerenhappuch.

15 In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers.

16 After this Job lived one hundred and forty years and saw his children and his children's children, four generations.

17 And Job died, old and full of days.

Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22 (NRSV)

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

5 Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

6 This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD and was saved from every trouble.

7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

8 O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.

20 He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

21 Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

22 The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Mark 10:46-52 (NRSV)

46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.

47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

49 Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you."

50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

51 Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again."

52 Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Hurricane Helene Update

As countless families and communities face the overwhelming aftermath of this storm, UMCOR is supporting the efforts of conference disaster response ministries across the region. Cleaning and hygiene kits are being delivered. Early Response Teams are removing debris, tarping roofs and cleaning homes.

Pray for all those impacted by this disaster, as well as first responders and volunteers. The road to recovery will be long, but together, we can bring hope and healing.



Support relief and recovery efforts by donating to UMCOR.

ONLINE bit.ly/umcorusdr
BY PHONE 1-888-252-6174
BY MAIL

By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #901670-Helene" written on the memo line and mailed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068



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UMCOR, the humanitarian relief and development arm of the United Methodist Church, welcomes all donations to help in the clean up and recovery amid the devastation of Hurricane Helene. Every little bit helps and no amount is too small. Please give as you are able using the QR Code or by any other method listed to the left. You can also put your donation in the collection plate; just make sure you write "UMCOR" in the memo section of a check or clearly label any other form of payment as such.

A Time of Remembrance



Each year we remember members and friends of the church who have united with the "Church Triumphant" since our previous Time of Remembrance.

All Saints Sunday is November 3rd. If you would like to remember a family member, friend, or neighbor who passed away this past year, please call or e-mail the church office (914-245-4682 or umcso.ny@gmail.com) with their name and date of passing **by October 30th**. Their names will be read and chimes rung during worship.

MORE UPCOMING



October

26th: ASP Monster Dash, FDR State Park at 9:30 am (see Chimes for more details)

November

2nd: Craft day to prepare for Craft Fair, 10 am - 2 pm in the GP room

3rd: All Saints Sunday, Rev. David Mantz Guest Preacher

9th: Craft day to prepare for Craft Fair, 2 pm - 4 pm in the GP room

23rd: Charge Conference, 10:00 am Peekskill UMC

24th: NWCP Thanksgiving Service at Grace UMC, 4:00 pm

December

1st: Trim a Tree (12pm – 3pm with pizza lunch)

7th: Craft Fair 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

8th: Caroling at the mall (following worship)

14th: Cookie Swap – 12-3 pm

21st: Tres Dias Christmas Secuela 2:00 pm in the GP Room

Live Nativity 5:30 pm (meal in Parish hall)

22nd: Christmas Pageant

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, GP Room

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#)

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

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

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG: Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 9:30 am

TRUSTEES MEETING: First Monday of every month, 7:30 pm (Zoom)

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>

Meeting ID: 261 044 7551

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

KATONAH ASP MONSTER DASH: Saturday, October 26th, 9:30 am at FDR Park. (Please see Chimes for registration details)

NOMINATIONS MEETING: Wednesday, Oct. 30th, 7 pm (Zoom)

EDUCATION MEETING: Sunday Nov. 3rd following worship

TRUSTEES MEETING: Monday, Nov. 4th, 7:30 pm (Zoom)

HARVEST BASKETS: We will begin collecting items for this year's Harvest Baskets. The requested items are: canned vegetables, canned fruit, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, yams, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, cornbread mix, cookie and/or brownie mixes. Please look for the donation box in the breezeway.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: All Saints Sunday is Nov. 3rd. Please submit the names of friends and loved ones you would like to have remembered to the church office, via phone or email, by Oct. 30th. **Rev. David Mantz** will be leading our worship service as guest preacher; please join us in making him feel welcome.

A MESSAGE FROM HANK SCHROT: The Men's Tres Dias Weekend

Dear Men of UMCSO,

On October 31-November 3, I have the privilege and honor to be leading a Christian Men's Tres Dias Weekend. This is a 3-day event held at Mariandale Retreat Center in Ossining, NY.

Several men from UMCSO will be attending and I would like to extend an invitation to any man interested in attending with us.

If you do not know what Tres Dias is, and would like more information, please feel free to speak with me any time in church or call me at: 914 500-7479 (C)

Peace and grace,

Hank Schrot

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There is a link to the Church's website

Pastor Sandy will post inspirational verses regularly.

This Week's B'days:

Billy Ryder	10/29
Bob Davies	10/31
Albert Closi	11/2

Anniversaries:

no anniversaries this week

