

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 17th, 2024 – Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by the Aryee family, "In celebration of Theresa's Birthday."

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Let our hearts rejoice in the God of hope and faithfulness.

Our strength is in the maker of heaven and earth.

Our foundation is the cornerstone that never fails.

The rock of ages is a foundation like no other.

Hope arises, as the tools of war are broken
and the weak are given strength.

**Hope lives when the hungry are fed
and the poor are lifted up.**

God comes bringing judgment to the ends of the earth,
calling us to hope and faithfulness.

Come, rock of ages, come quickly now. Amen

PRAISE & WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

God of possibilities, fill us with your hope and faithfulness. Listen to us as we pour out our souls before you. Grant us the grace to be your people and to live your teachings. Live in us, that we may arise with hope and walk in love. In the name of Christ our rock, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: "God of the Ages" – UMH #698

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, look upon us, your servants gathered here, with grace and compassion. Hear our every need. Speak to our fearful hearts, that we may pour out our confessions and admit our wrongdoings. Loving God, you have heard our anxieties, our vexations, our worries, our hopes, our dreams. Breathe in us the spirit of forgiveness, that we may receive your grace, and may walk in freedom and glorious hope. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the Good News! ... Hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for our God, the God of all ages, the one who has promised forgiveness, is faithful! In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 16 (NIV)
Hebrews 10:11-25 (NIV)

HYMN of PREPARATION: “How Firm a Foundation” – UMH #529

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8 (NIV)

SERMON: Draw Near!

1. Take Refuge In God
2. A Delightful Inheritance
3. God Gives Us Assurance

RESPONSE: “Softly and Tenderly” – UMH #348 (v. 1,4)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “We Come To Worship“

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: “Blessed Assurance” – UMH #369

BENEDICTION:

Go in peace, encouraging one another in love,
and looking with hope for the kingdom of God. Amen

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3234/worship-elements-november-17-2024>

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 16 (NIV)

¹ Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."

³ I say of the holy people who are in the land, "They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."

⁴ Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.

⁵ LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

⁷ I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

⁸ I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Hebrews 10:11-25 (NIV)

¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool.

¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

¹⁶ “This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”

¹⁷ Then he adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.”

¹⁸ And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,

²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,

²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,

²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:1-8 (NIV)

¹ As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!”

² “Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus. “Not one stone here will be left on another; everyone will be thrown down.”

³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately,

⁴ “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?”

⁵ Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you.

⁶ Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many.

⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.

⁸ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

MORE UPCOMING



November

16th: Craft day to prepare for Craft Fair, 1:00 pm in the GP room

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

24th: - Packing of Harvest Baskets following service

- Northern Westchester Cooperative Parish Thanksgiving Service at Grace UMC, 4:00 pm

December

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

7th: Craft Fair and Bake Sale 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (Sign-up sheet in breezeway)

8th: Caroling at the mall (following worship)

14th: Cookie Swap – 12-3 pm (A sign-up sheet is posted in the breezeway)

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. 16th, 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

CRAFT DAY: This Saturday, Nov. 16th at 1 pm in the GP Room; for anyone who would like to work on their crafts in preparation for the Craft Fair.

AD COUNCIL MEETING: This Wednesday, Nov. 20th at 7 pm in the GP Room.

HARVEST BASKETS: We will be sponsoring our annual Harvest Basket outreach program to support those in our local community who may be in need this holiday season. If you'd like to donate, we accept non-perishable foods (as listed below) or monetary donations toward an ACME gift card intended for purchasing a Thanksgiving turkey. We kindly request all donations be received by, **November 24th**. The bags will be packed in the GP Room on that day for delivery on Tues, Nov 26th. If you would like to gift a check or cash, please contact Kathy Casey at: luminany@aol.com

Suggestions: Cranberry Sauce, Canned vegetables, Canned Yams, Boxes of Stuffing, Boxes/Pouches of Mashed Potatoes, Jars/Pouches of Gravy, Canned Fruit, Boxes/Pouches of Brownie, or Cookie Mix. We thank you in advance for your generosity and look forward to another year of this great mission.

CAN YOU HELP?: The Missions and Outreach Committee is looking for a few people to head up an expansion of the Angel Tree program as well as an event building Blessing Bags to help the homeless and needy in our community. If you'd like to get involved in these worthwhile ministries please contact Cory Casey or Pastor Sandy.

CHARGE CONFERENCE: Saturday, Nov. 23rd, 10:00 am at Peekskill UMC

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.

This Week's B'days:

Theresa Aryee	11/17
Steven Speedling	11/19
Leslie Sutton	11/19
Grace Reynolds	11/20
Linda Drisko	11/21
Leo Gutowski	11/21
Dylan Matthews	11/21
Jessica Santoro	11/21
Michael Barnett Sr.	11/23

Anniversaries:

Fernando and Jacqueline Arias 11/17

Theresa and Augustus Aryee 11/20
