

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP
January 26th , 2025 – Third Sunday After Epiphany

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Sarah Moden - Alliston; "In loving memory of Michael."

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Day pours forth speech and night declares knowledge.

P: What voices speak without words or speech?

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

P: We listen but do not understand.

L: The Law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

P: Who will teach us, that our hearts may rejoice?

L: Pray in the Spirit and you will perceive. Amen

PRAISE & WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

God of Wisdom, we have come to sit at Jesus' feet and learn what he would teach us. With the heavens above and the earth below, we rejoice in the good news he brings: encouragement to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. Reveal the mystery of your precepts, that we might hear the music of the heavens—the whisper of the land and roar of the seas, the prayer of the caterpillar and song of the flea. Speak to us through the fullness of creation, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: "Wonderful Words of Life" – UMH #600

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, we seek to know your ways. May we be more ready to receive the gifts of others and also share the gifts we have received. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the words of Nehemiah: “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

SCRIPTURE READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (NIV)

Psalm 19 (NIV)

BAPTISMAL COVENANT II: UMH – Pg. 39

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:



Henry Arthur Brown

Born June 9, 2024

Danbury, Ct.

To Parents

Patricia Piacente and Darien Brown

Grandparents

Priscilla and Valerio Piacente

Charlotte Neal -Young and John Young

Aunt

Beverly Martínez

Sponsors

Jack and Dana Connery

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

HYMN of PREPARATION: "Trust and Obey" – UMH #467

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21 (NIV)

SERMON: Finding Joy

1. Reading From God's Word
2. Pleasing in His Sight
3. Trust and Obey

RESPONSE: "He Has Made Me Glad" – FWS #2270

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY: "Special Music Selection"

DOXOLOGY

CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign" – UMH #157

BENEDICTION:

L: In one Spirit, we perceive the glory of God proclaimed in the heavens above.

P: Spirit, make us one.

L: In one faith, we have been nurtured through the precepts of the living Lord.

P: Christ, make us one.

L: In one great love, we have been saved.

P: God, make us one.

L: Go with the blessing of God, that all might be one. Amen

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/11815/january-26-2025-third-sunday-after-epiphany>

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (NIV)

8 ¹ all the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel.

² So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand.

³ He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

⁵ Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up.

⁶ Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸ They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

¹⁰ Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Psalm 19 (NIV)

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

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

⁴ 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.

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

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

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

⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

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

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹ By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

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

¹⁴ 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

Luke 4:14-21 (NIV)

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read,

¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

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)

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

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

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#)

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

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG: 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, 9:30 am (ZOOM)

TRUSTEES MEETING: 1st Monday of each 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>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

VALENTINES: We will be making Valentine's cards on Feb 2nd, during Sunday School AND coffee hour, so everyone can get involved in spreading the love!

MISSION MEETING: Mission meeting, Feb. 2nd, following worship.

COOPERATIVE PARISH GAME NIGHT: Friday, Feb. 7th at 6:00 pm

SOUP-ER BOWL OF CARING: Is Sunday, Feb. 9th, following worship and during coffee hour.

CRAFT GROUP: Will meet on Feb. 9th following worship to discuss future plans.

TRES DIAS SECRETARIAT MEETING: Saturday, Feb. 15th 11:30-1:30 in the GP Room

ASH WED: March 5, 2025

LENTEN BONFIRE/POT TRUST DINNER: This year's Lenten Bonfire and Pot Trust dinner will take place on March 8th at 6:00 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the breezeway if you'd like to bring a soup or a salad to share. (No Desserts) All are welcome!

AD COUNCIL MEETING: Wed., Feb. 19th. 7:00 pm (Zoom)

EDUCATION MEETING: Sunday, Feb. 23rd following service

CONFIRMATION: There will be a Confirmation class this year for anyone 7th grade or older. Please speak to Pastor Sandy for more details.

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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This Week's B'days:

Tommy Demartino 1/30

James Gale 1/30

Margaret Reid 1/31

Anniversaries:

Lisa and Jaime Latasa 1/31