

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP
June 1st, 2025 – Ascension Sunday
Holy Communion

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Kathy Casey, “For Dawn and Chris, With thanks for all your beautiful music and in celebration of blessings to come.”

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Blessings on you all this day, from our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: This is the day of his ascension. He is seated on the right hand of God.

L: Honor, Power, Glory and Majesty are His!

P: Let us praise him with shouts of joy!

L: We are called to be witnesses to this great wonder.

P: We are called to proclaim God’s Good News of love for all God’s people. AMEN.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

Astounding God, we come before you this day as witnesses to Christ’s ascension from this realm to the heavenly kingdom. We stand in awe and wonder at what we hear and see. Open the eyes of our hearts to see the power and truth of your words. Give us courage and joy that we might be witnesses to your eternal love through Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: “All Hail the Power...” – UMH #154 (vs. 1,2,4,6)

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Acts 1:1-11 (NIV)

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NIV)

HOLY COMMUNION (*children will be dismissed right after*)

HYMN of PREPARATION: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” – UMH #327

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53 (NIV)

SERMON: The Promise Awaits

1. Showers of Blessings
2. Power From on High
3. God Has Called us to Hope

RESPONSE HYMN: “He is Exalted” – FWS #2070 (2X)

OFFERTORY: Special Music Selection

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: “Hail the day That Sees Him Rise” – UMH #312

BENEDICTION:

You are called to witness to God’s love. Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive power from on high. Go into God’s world in confidence, offering healing and hope to all you meet. Go in peace and may God’s peace be with you. AMEN.

https://ministrymatters.com/2013-04-08_worship_connection_ascension_sunday/

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-11 (NIV)

¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach

² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NIV)

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people,

¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,

¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength

²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,

²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:44-53 (NIV)

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.

⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.

⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Mission Minutes



Would you like to help others in our church and community? Sign up to lend a hand with our new Helping Hands program!

How will this program work? Many of us need a helping hand sometimes -- whether it's a ride to a doctor's appointment, help with raking leaves, or a minor repair around the house. This program will match people who can provide this kind of help with others who may need it.

If you would be willing to share your time and talents with others in our church, please let us know. We will be forming a group of "helpers" over the next month or two. We need to know the following information:

- Your name and contact information
- Times/days you are generally available
- What types of help you may be able to offer

You can email this information to Lisa Grace at lisa.peterson.grace@gmail.com, or you can speak to Pastor Sandy. Thank you for any help you can give!



Requested Donation Items for Belize Trip

(Collection Box In the Breezeway)

Mini Paint Pallet with Brushes

Non-toxic, Washable Markers

Yarn

Rulers

Pens and Pencils

Crayon and Pencil Sharpeners

Crayons

Christian/Bible Story Coloring Books

Glue and Glue Sticks

Children's Scissors: Regular and Serrated

Scripture Stickers

Typing Sheets

Colorful Construction Paper

Sunday School and VBS Craft Supplies

Colorful Craft Foam

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)

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#)

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)

TRUSTEE'S MEETING: First Monday of every month, 7:00 pm (Zoom)

Next: June 2nd

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG: Saturday, June 7th, 9:30 am (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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THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 1st: Please plan to stay and join us for a very special coffee hour to celebrate and shower Dawn and Chris and their journey into parenthood with lots of love and blessings. Everyone is welcome (that means you too, guys)! And please sign up to bring something to share if you're able. (Sign-up sheet is in the breezeway)

TRUSTEES MEETING: Monday, June 2nd at 7 pm (Zoom)

AD COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:30 pm in the GP Room.

CRAFT GROUP: Will meet on Saturday, June 7th, from 10 am-2:00 pm in the GP Room.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: Is on June 8th, Pentecost Sunday, and will be followed by a **Belize inspired coffee hour.**

BELIZE MEETING: Tuesday, June 10th at 6 pm, (Location will be announced)

HONOR'S DAY, FATHER'S DAY AND CHURCH PICNIC: Sunday, June 15th. Picnic following worship, please sign-up in the breezeway to bring a salad or dessert if you're able.

BELIZE DONATIONS: The cutoff date to donate items for the Belize Mission is Sunday, June 8th.

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 Birthdays:

Lee Norman	6/3
Dylan Schiavi	6/3
Pheby Aryee	6/4
Andy Galecki	6/4

Anniversaries This Week:

Rob and Lilia Gutowski	6/3
Brent and Kelley Horton	6/5