

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 25th, 2025 – Sixth Sunday Of Easter

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Marshall Moseley, "In memory of his mother whose Birthday was May 30th."

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!

P: In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.

L: In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

P: Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!

L: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!

P: Praise be to God. AMEN!

PRAISE & WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

How magnificent the sight must be! The vision of John proclaims a crystal river flowing from God's throne, comforting light, peace and hope for all God's people. Darkness is vanquished. Open our eyes and our hearts to catch a glimpse of this vision. Help us to place our trust in you, that we may faithfully serve you, knowing what awaits our eyes in glory. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: "I'm so Glad Jesus Lifted Me" – FWS #2151

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord, You know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We dare not to hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are. We are not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared. Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the good news! Let the light of God's eternal love flood into your hearts this day. Feel the healing presence of God in your lives. Accept God's love and hope for you. This is the gift freely given for you by Jesus Christ, God's risen Son, our Lord. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 67 (NIV)

Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:5 (NIV)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS (*children will be dismissed right after*)**HYMN of PREPARATION:** "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" FWS #2108**GOSPEL:** John 14:23-29 (NIV)**SERMON:** How Do I Get There?**RESPONSE HYMN:** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" – FWS #2173**OFFERTORY:** "Love The Lord Your God" – FWS #2168 (2x)**DOXOLOGY****PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER****CLOSING HYMN:** "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" – FWS #2158**BENEDICTION:**

Beloved of God, go to be a blessing. Bring the good news of forgiveness and healing to this hurting, lonely world. Bring hope to all, for God's love is poured out for all God's people.
AMEN.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 67 (NIV)

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—

² so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

³ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

⁵ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

⁷ May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:5 (NIV)

21 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

⁸ But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

⁹ One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.

²⁵ On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.

²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it.

²⁷ Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb

² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.

⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

GOSPEL READING

John 14:23-29 (NIV)

²³ Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you.

²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

²⁸ “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

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=MXVIUGgvOFRrS3RZNVB2a0pIRi8rUT09>

Meeting ID: 261 044 7551

Passcode: 246240

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SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR: Please plan to stay and join us next Sunday, June 1st, for a very special coffee hour. 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

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:

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| John Neal-Young | 5/26 |
| Kathy Schiavi | 5/26 |
| Debby Haigh | 5/27 |
| Kim Ryder | 5/27 |
| Kaitlyn Pagano | 5/29 |
| James Horton | 5/31 |
| Shari Rinjen | 5/31 |

Anniversaries This Week:

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| Pastor Raj and Glory Dharmaraj | 5/25 |
| John and Sharon Krueger | 5/31 |