

**United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**January 25, 2026**  
**Third Sunday After Epiphany**



Due to the winter storm, predicted to move through our area from Sunday to Monday, for those who can make it, Church will be at 9:00 am instead of 10:30 for in-person worship, giving everyone ample opportunity to get home safely. We are watching evolving reports and will notify everyone of any changes or if cancellation is imminent. If it becomes necessary to view from home you can do so by clicking our normal livestream link below:

[https://youtube.com/live/Z\\_F2DynPkc?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/Z_F2DynPkc?feature=share)

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**ALTAR FLOWERS:** No Flowers This Week

**GREETING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

**P: Why should we be afraid?**

L: The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

**P: What have we to fear?**

L: Let us shout with joy to God!

**P: Let us sing and make music before our God.**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP:** 10,000 Reasons

**PRAISE SHARING**

## **OPENING PRAYER:**

O God, our light and our salvation, shelter us in your love. O God, our stronghold, protect us from danger. We come with shouts of joy to worship you this day. We come with song and music to celebrate your love. We come with longing to seek your presence. Be with us now, O God, as we sing your praises. Amen.

## **OPENING HYMN: "Gather Us In" - FWS #2236**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

God of light, we live in the darkness of despair: worried about our lives, concerned for our health, fearful that we are lost from you. The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us: our unwillingness to forgive, our fears of one another, our reluctance to share what we have, our divisions and quarrels. We long to turn from the dark and live in the light. We yearn to leave what is evil and follow the paths of righteousness. Shine the light of your love upon us and transform us with your love, that your promised realm may draw near. Amen.

## **SILENT CONFSSION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:** The light of God's love shines into the dark places of our world, healing its brokenness, and bringing hope to places of despair. The light of God's love makes us a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

## **SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 27 (NIV)

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (NIV)

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENTS** (*Children will be dismissed right after*)

## **HYMN OF PREPARATION:** "You Are my All in All"

## **GOSPEL:** Matthew 4:12-23 (NIV)

## **SERMON: "Cast Your Nets Wide"**

1. Whom Shall I Fear?
2. The Message of the Cross
3. Fish for All

## **RESPONSE HYMN: "I Exalt Thee"**

**OFFERTORY:** “Lord be Glorified” – The Halos

**DOXOLOGY**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “We Are Called” – FWS #2172

**BENEDICTION:**

Jesus, the light of the world, calls us to follow. Go and tell the news of God’s love. Cast the nets of grace wide, that all may see the glory of God. Go forth and shine with God’s light! May God—Source, Word, and Spirit—bless you with the radiance of love. Amen

[https://ministrymatters.com/2019-12-24\\_worship\\_elements\\_january\\_22\\_2023\\_option\\_2\\_/](https://ministrymatters.com/2019-12-24_worship_elements_january_22_2023_option_2_/)

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

### **Psalm 27 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup> Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup> One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup> Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup> My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, LORD, I will seek.

<sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

<sup>10</sup> Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

<sup>12</sup> Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.

<sup>13</sup> I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

<sup>14</sup> Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

## **1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

<sup>11</sup> My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you.

<sup>12</sup> What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

<sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?

<sup>14</sup> I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius,

<sup>15</sup> so no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

<sup>16</sup> (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.)

<sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **Matthew 4:12-23 (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee.

<sup>13</sup> Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—

<sup>14</sup> to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup> From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup> As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

<sup>19</sup> “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

<sup>20</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>21</sup> Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them,

<sup>22</sup> and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

## **UMCSO SCHEDULE**

**Zoom links are included in Mailchimp. Please contact us with your email (umcsny@gmail.com) or call 914-245-4682 if you would like to receive Mailchimp emails.**

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 7:00 pm, (ZOOM) Next: Feb. 16th

**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#)

**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. Next: Monday, February 2nd, 7:00 pm (Zoom)

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG:** Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> and 21st, 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

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**PLEASE NOTE - MONDAY WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP:** Will now be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month instead of weekly. Their next meeting will be on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm on Zoom.

**VALENTINES DAY CARDS:** Sunday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> we will be making Valentine's Day cards during coffee hour. Please come and participate in spreading the love.

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY:** Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> is Souper Bowl Sunday and we will be collecting for the local Food Pantry.

**UPDATE ON JOE SPINA:** What a blessing it was to have Joe back home with us for a while! He is currently in his advanced training at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. His address will be changing, and we will post it when we get it but, in the meantime, all cards, letters, etc. can be sent to John and Gayle and they will make sure he gets them.



John and Gayle Spina

60 Ridge Rd.

Garrison, NY 10524

**BOWLING FELLOWSHIP:** Bowling Fellowship continues! The group, now known as "The UMCSO Holy Rollers," meets on Sundays at JV Lanes and all are welcome. Bowling is from 2-5 pm (1:30 if you want to practice) See the sign-up sheet in the breezeway or just show up! Contact Wesley Battle Sr. (914-837-4835) for more information.

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP FORMING!** We are excited to be starting a Young Adult Group at UMCSO this fall! If you are a young adult, please fill out this survey so we can find a good time for our first meeting. If you know of a young adult who may be interested, please forward this link to them, or have them speak to Pastor Sandy or Lisa Grace. We look forward to growing this new ministry!

[Young Adult Meeting Survey](#)

## **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:**

Dian Garnsey	1/27
Tommy DiMartino	1/30
James Gale	1/30
Margaret Reid	1/31

## **Anniversaries This Week**

Lisa and Jaime Latasa	1/31
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