

**United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**February 8, 2026**  
**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar are given by the Church, "In Honor and Celebration of Black History Month."

**GREETING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Come and see! God's light is shining brightly.

**P: God's light shines in us.**

L: When we honor God's commandments,

**P: God's light shines in us.**

L: When we feed the hungry and give to those in need,

**P: God's light shines in us.**

L: When we show mercy and compassion,

**P: God's light shines in us.**

L: We are the light of the world!

**P: God's light shines in us. Amen.**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**PRAISE SHARING**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Luminous God, we give thanks for this Epiphany season of light. When fear casts shadows in our lives, open our hearts to your radiance. Shine on us, shine in us, and shine through us. Make us beams of justice, mercy and love, that we may brighten your world. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN:** "We've a Story to Tell the Nations" - UMH #569

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Caretaker of our souls, aid us in our quest. We long to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We yearn to live with such passion and purpose that our lives may be like a city on a hill, resplendent in justice and righteousness for all the world to see. Shine through us this day, for we seek to reflect your glory in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.

**SILENT CONFSSION**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Hear the Good News:

The righteous will never be moved. Their hearts are firm and secure in the Lord. May your passion for justice and righteousness keep you near the heart of God.

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\*( confession and words of assurance)

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Isaiah 58:6-12 (ESV)

1 John 1 (ESV)

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

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:** “I Want to Walk as a Child...” – UMH #206

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:13-20 (ESV)

**SERMON:** “May Your Light Rise in the Darkness”

1. Walk in the Light
2. Do not Hide Your Light
3. Let Your Light Shine!!

**RESPONSE HYMN:** “This Little Light of Mine” (popular version) - UMH #585

**OFFERTORY:** Special Music Selection

**DOXOLOGY**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “Here I Am Lord” – UMH #593

**BENEDICTION:**

Shine, people of God, shine! Do not hide your light. Stand up and raise your heads. Open your mouths, your minds and your hearts. Take your worship out of these doors. Be gracious, merciful, and righteous. You are the light of the world. Shine!

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## **SCRIPTURE READING**

### **Isaiah 58:6-12 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup> “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

<sup>8</sup> Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

<sup>10</sup> if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

<sup>12</sup> And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.

## 1 John 1 (ESV)

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—

2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—

3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

## GOSPEL READING

### Matthew 5:13-20 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

<sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

<sup>18</sup> For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

## 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, March 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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**FOR FRIENDS OF PATSY:** This Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 pm, there will be a Celebration of Life service in memory of Patsy Dusavage at Grace United Methodist Church. All who would like to attend are welcome but encouraged to carpool as parking may be crowded.

*You can also view the service on YouTube by clicking the following link:* <https://youtube.com/@GraceUMC-PV/liv>

**VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS:** We will be making Valentine's Day cards again this Sunday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**AD COUNCIL MEETING:** Wednesday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm (Zoom)

**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.

**UPDATE ON JOE SPINA:** Joe has finished his advanced training at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina and has transferred, on 1/27, to the US Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida for the next 9-12 months. All cards, letters, etc. for Joe can now be sent to his **new address:**

SPINA, JOSEPH  
440 ROBERTS AVE.  
PMB #2368  
PENSACOLA, FL 32511



**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. (Not meeting this Sunday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>)

## **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:**

Anne Bradley	2/9
Veronica Rosario	2/9
Stella Johnson-Ganney	2/10
John Reed	2/10
Patty Robcke	2/10
Ruth O'Neal	2/11
Ben Robcke	2/11
Stephanie Spina	2/12

## **No Anniversaries This Week**