

**United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak**

**April 19, 2026 - Third Sunday of Easter**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar are given by Beverly R. and Joseph W. Emsley, “In loving memory of the late Stewart J. and M. Marguerite Smith Reynolds on their anniversary.”

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Welcome! It’s wonderful to greet you in the name of Jesus.

**P: Thank you! We are glad to be here.**

L: Today we will speak of a special trip Jesus took.

**P: We are eager to hear about this.**

L: Ah, but it isn’t only about Jesus, it’s also about us!

**P: Lord, make us ready for this journey with Jesus. AMEN.**

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

**PRAISE SHARING**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Gracious God, you have given yourself to us in the person of Jesus. We have his example of loving ministry as a guide for our lives. We stand as people forgiven and reconciled to you. Be with us this day. Remind us that you are always near. Guide our lives. For we ask this in Jesus’ name. AMEN.

**OPENING HYMN:** “He Lives” – UMH #310

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Sometimes our hearts ache within us, O Lord. Like those travelers on the Emmaus road, we feel the deep sadness about losing Jesus. Our sadness finds its roots in many things and we feel as though we cannot escape it. It becomes part and parcel of our conversations. Deep within, our spirits long for release and we silently cry. Forgive us when we close our eyes to your presence. Heal our brokenness. Bind up our wounds. Place us on the path of healing and help us to be people who will bring compassionate caring to others, for we ask these things In Jesus’ name. AMEN

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Dear friends, let your hearts be healed. God is here with you, right now and walks with you into the world. Do not fear! Peace be with you all. AMEN.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (NIV)

1 Peter 1:17-23 (NIV)

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

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:** "Blessed Assurance" – UMH #369

**GOSPEL:** Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)

**SERMON:** The Ultimate Road Trip!

1. Preparation
2. Hitting the Road
3. The Journey

**RESPONSE HYMN:** "Walk With Me" – FWS #2242

**OFFERTORY:** Special Music Selection

**DOXOLOGY**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" – FWS #2158

**BENEDICTION:**

It's time to go, friends! Set your foot on the path of service and reconciliation. Look for the many ways in which God has blessed your journey. Go in confidence that Christ walks with you, each step of the way. AMEN.

<https://ministrymatters.com/2020-03-27-worship-connection-third-sunday-of-easter-a/>

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

<sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

<sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

**1 Peter 1:17-23** (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.

<sup>18</sup> For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors,

<sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

<sup>20</sup> He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

<sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.

<sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **Luke 24:13-35** (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.

<sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them;

<sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast.

<sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup> "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.

<sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him;

<sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.

<sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning

<sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive.

<sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

<sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?”

<sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther.

<sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.

<sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

<sup>32</sup> They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together

<sup>34</sup> and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.”

<sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

## **UMCSO WEEKLY 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.**

**WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 7:00 pm, (ZOOM) Next: April 20<sup>th</sup>

**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: To be determined

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG:** Saturday Apr. 18th, 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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**CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026:** Will Continue to meet while Pastor Sandy is away, and each Sunday following worship, upstairs in High School room #21, unless otherwise specified.

**TRES DIAS SECUELA:** Here at UMCSO, Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 1- 4 pm.

**EDUCATION MEETING:** Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> following worship

**BREAKFAST RUN:** On Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, our youth and teachers will make their way to NYC with provisions for the those in need. The following list are the requested items, and the collection box is in the breezeway, please donate as you are able:

**Men's summer t-shirts: (Med, Lg, X-Lg)**

**Men's black socks**

**Wash cloths**

**Bar Soap**

**Tooth paste and Toothbrushes**

**Trial size Shampoo and Deodorant**

**BOWLING FELLOWSHIP:** Bowling will resume this week for anyone interested at JV Lanes from 1:45 – 5:00

## **Summer 2026 Youth Mission Trip Opportunities**

***"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"***

***Isaiah 6:8***



ASP trip dates for this year are June 27<sup>th</sup> - July 5<sup>th</sup>

Anyone interested in going on this rewarding and worthwhile mission trip should contact Cory Casey.



UM Army trip dates this year are July 5<sup>th</sup> – July 11<sup>th</sup>

Anyone interested in participating in the work of blessing others with their service should contact Doug Gaylor.

## **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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### **Birthdays**

Pastor Sandy Mantz 4/24

Lydia Aryee 4/25

**No Anniversaries this week**