



## United Methodist Church At Shrub Oak

April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** All the beautiful Easter flowers on the altar were lovingly donated by various members and families. A complete list follows below.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Run from fear and darkness! Hope is on the move!

**P: Run to tell the world, Christ is risen!**

L: Do not be afraid. Jesus has conquered death!

**P: We can proclaim with great confidence that God's love rules.**

L: Christ is risen!

**P: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

**ALL: AMEN**

### **PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

### **PRAISE SHARING**

### **OPENING PRAYER:**

Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by serving others. In Christ's Name, we pray. AMEN.

**OPENING HYMN:** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" – UMH #302

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Acts 10:34-43 (NIV)  
Colossians 3:1-4 (NIV)

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:** “Up From the Grave He Arose” – UMH #322

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 28:1-10 (NIV)

**SERMON:** “Go and Tell!”

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

**OFFERTORY:** Special Music Selection

## **DOXOLOGY**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “Thine Be the Glory” – UMH #308

## **BENEDICTION:**

Alleluia! This is a day of new beginnings! This is the day of brightness and hope! For God has done wondrous things for us! Go in joyful peace and know that God’s peace and love go with you always. For Christ is Risen! Happy Easter! ALLELUIA! AMEN.

<https://ministrymatters.com/2021-09-02-worship-connection-easter-sunday-option-2/>

<https://ministrymatters.com/2020-03-01-worship-connection-easter-sunday-option-1/>

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Acts 10:34-43 (NIV)

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism

<sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.

<sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

<sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—

<sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross,

<sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.

<sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

<sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

<sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Colossians 3:1-4** (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

<sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

<sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

<sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **Matthew 28:1-10** (NIV)

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

<sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

<sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

<sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

<sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

<sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

<sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

<sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

## 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: Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm (Zoom)

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG:** Saturday Apr 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 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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*The Easter flowers adorning the  
Sanctuary were lovingly donated by the  
following members:*

**Kathy, Cory, and Lisa Casey**

***“In Memory of Rev. Frank Klausman, Jr., & John Daniel Casey, Sr.”***

**Bev Goodman**

***“In Honor of Hope & Lucas”***

***“In Memory of loved ones of the Harrington, Goodman, and O’Snodaigh Families”***

**Bob and Fran Davies**

***“In memory of loved ones”***

**Maxine Haigh**

***“In Memory of my beloved husband, Richard W. Haigh, Sr. and parents, Dr. and Mrs. Freid”***

**Lynne & Hank Schrot**

***“In Loving Memory of our Parents, Henry & Alma Schrot and Charles & Ingel Wallance”***

**Glen & Marilyn Bucher**

***“In Honor of Family and our Church Family”***

**Pat Watkins**

***“In Loving Memory of Lawrence Watkins and my parents and grandparents”***

***“In Honor of Jareath and JeTesia Watkins”***

**Glenda A. Rivera Geis**

***“In memory of William W. Geis Jr., William W. Geis Sr., Della Geis, Rose Mietzler, Andrew Rivera, Nori Rivera, Alfredo Rivera, and Teresa Dahl”***

**Yvonne Chung**

***“In memory of Emma Crichlow and Bernice Thorney”***

**Debbie Vesuvio**

***“In memory of loved ones and in honor of Grandsons,  
Roman and Jaxon”***

**Barbara and Curt Conklin**

***“In Honor of our 6 children and 12 grandchildren, and in Loving Memory of our  
parents, and in memory and gratitude to my transplant donor.”***

**Rachel Ward**

***“In Loving Memory of John Ward, beloved Dad and Grandpa”***

**The Mantz Family**

***“In loving memory of Wayne and Louise Mantz and Dr. Earle and Marie Biassey”***

**Pastor Sandy Mantz**

***“In honor of my beloved family; David, Emily, Izzy, and Wayne” and  
“In celebration of our risen Savior”***

**The Aryee Family**

***“In Loving Memory of Victor L. Tetteh”***

**Margaret (Pat) Reid**

***“In Loving Memory of my mother, Delma Ferguson”***

**Colette Carpenter**

***“For my sons; In Loving Memory of Major Clayton Orun Carpenter, and In Honor  
of Christian R. Carpenter.”***



**GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

**Prayer Vigil from 12-3 pm for quiet reflection and prayer.  
Tenebrae Service at 7 pm.**

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>:**

**Sunrise Service at 7 am. Traditional Service at 10:30 am followed by the annual Easter Egg Hunt! Don't forget to bring a bag or basket! (Invite a friend!)**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026: There will not be confirmation class on Easter Sunday. Classes will resume the following week.**

**BOWLING FELLOWSHIP: No Bowling Easter Sunday!**

**PLEASE BE AWARE: The April Chimes will be sent out the Monday after Easter, April 6<sup>th</sup>, so that we can focus on the Holy Week ahead and the ultimate celebration of Easter day.**

## Holy Week Schedule 2026



### **Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>:**

Traditional Service 10:30 am

Palm Parade

### **\*Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

7:00 pm Service

Holy Communion

### **\*Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

Prayer Vigil Hours 12:00pm – 3:00 pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service – 7:00 pm

### **\*Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>:**

Sunrise Service: 7:00 am

Traditional Service: 10:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt Following Service

(Don't forget your basket or bag, and a friend)

**\*All these services will be live streamed and can be viewed on our website: [UMCSO.com](http://UMCSO.com) and Select the Live Stream Worship Tab**

**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



**No Birthdays or Anniversaries This Week**