

**United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak**

**May 3, 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar are given by the Casey Family, “In honor of Kathy and Lisa’s Birthdays, and all who are celebrating in April! All the glory to God for all our blessings and our church family!”

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: In you, Lord, I have taken refuge.

**P: Let me never be put to shame. Deliver me in your righteousness.**

L: Turn your ear to me. Come quickly to my rescue.

**P: Be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.**

L: Since you are my rock and my fortress,

**P: lead and guide me, for the sake of your name.**

L: Let your face shine upon your servant.

**P: Save me in your unfailing love! Amen**

**PRAISE and WORSHIP:**

**PRAISE SHARING**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

O God of all creation, become for us once again the solid foundation upon which we build our daily lives. We gather before you, this first day of the week, to align our lives to the strong teaching and life of Jesus Christ, our Cornerstone. Receive our praise and thanksgiving as expressions of faith and love. We come to you, O Lord, as people who desire to learn and serve like Christ. We are ready to receive your blessing and direction today. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN:** “How Great Thou Art” – UMH #77

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (NRSVue)

1 Peter 2:2-10 (NRSVue)

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**HOLY COMMUNION** *(Children will be dismissed right after)*

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:** “My Hope is Built” – UMH #368

**GOSPEL:** John 14:1-14 (NRSVue)

**SERMON:** Hope for the Troubled Heart!

1. Believe and Trust
2. Prepare Well
3. Build on a Solid Rock

**RESPONSE HYMN:** “My Tribute” – UMH #99 (2X)

**OFFERTORY:** “Special Music Selection”

**DOXOLOGY**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “When We all get to Heaven” – UMH #701

**BENEDICTION:**

May the love of God take away your millstones and place you high up on the Rock, that you may see more clearly the calling of God in your life. Into the hands of God, commit your spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16** (NRSVue)

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.

<sup>2</sup> Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.

<sup>3</sup> You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me  
and guide me;

<sup>4</sup> take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

<sup>5</sup> Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD,  
faithful God.

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and  
persecutors.

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

## **1 Peter 2:2-10** (NRSVue)

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—

<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and

<sup>5</sup> like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup> This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

<sup>8</sup> and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall. "They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## GOSPEL READING

### John 14:1-14 (NRSVue)

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

<sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

<sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

<sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?

<sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

<sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

<sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

## 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: May 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: May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG: Next meetings:** Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<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=MXVIUGgvOFRrS3RZNVB2a0pIRi8rUT09>

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**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING:** This Sunday, May 3, 2026 following worship.

**TRUSTEES MEETING:** Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm (Zoom)

**AD COUNCIL MEETING:** May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the GP Room.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026:** Meets every Sunday following worship, upstairs in classroom #21 unless otherwise specified.

**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: (of greatest need are items in red)

**Men's dark colored 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:** The "UMCSO Holy Rollers" meets on Sundays from 2:00 – 5:00 pm at JV Lanes. (1:45 if you want some practice time). All are welcome!

**SUMMER 2026 YOUTH MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES:** UM Army trip dates this year are July 5<sup>th</sup> – July 11<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in participating 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**

Lisa Casey	5/3
Logan Gaylor	5/3
Sundee Thomas	5/3
Brent Horton	5/7
Laura DeMartino	5/8
Eric Coleman	5/9

**No Anniversaries this week**