

**United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak**  
**June 28th, 2026 – Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar are given by the Church, “In praise and gratitude for a wonderful year and prayers that you have a safe and blessed summer.”

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: When our way seems unclear, and we are surrounded by loud and conflicting voices...

**P: God will provide.**

L: When we, like Abraham, are trying to be faithful and seem to have no good choices available to us...

**P: God will provide.**

L: When we, like Isaac, are led by those we trust into unjust and harmful situations...

**P: God will provide.**

L: Family in Christ, we gather today to worship God, who meets us in places of fear, confusion, and despair.

**P: We gather to worship God, who provides a way toward abundant life when no way can be found. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**PRAISE and WORSHIP:** “How Great is our God”

**PRAISE SHARING**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Lord, the hearts of all turn to You in hope; and You give them what they need. You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled — to eat of the Bread of Life, to drink from Your life-giving streams, to taste Your goodness and live. May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with You, and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples. For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**OPENING HYMN:** “He has Made me Glad” – FWS #2270

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Comforter, draw near. For You have waited and watched as we have stumbled through the tasks of life. Our ears have not been open to the sound of Your gentleness, and so, with frustration and anger we have turned on those we love and cherish and brought hurt and division to life. Our eyes have not noticed the beauty of our surroundings, and in resentment of being restrained from living, we have played our part in the changing pattern of creation, forgetting to steward all You have made. In prayer we remember, You invite us to choose between the path of darkness and the path of light and, laying our sorrow and failure on the ground, we long for Your forgiveness to call us towards life with You. We wait to be reshaped by the fire of Your Holy Spirit, as new vigor spurs us to walk with You. Amen

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

God's gift of eternal life has been given in Jesus Christ, who offers us forgiveness from our sins and welcomes us to the way of holiness. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Genesis 22:1-14 (NIV)  
Romans 6:12-23 (NIV)

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

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:** "Breathe on me, Breath of God" - UMH #420

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 10:40-42 (NIV)

**SERMON:** Trust and Obey, Living out God's Plan for Your Life

1. Say Yes to God
2. God Will Provide
3. Accept the Gift

**RESPONSE HYMN:** "Whatsoever You Do"

**OFFERTORY:** "I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me" – FWS #2153

**DOXOLOGY**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” – FWS #2129

**BENEDICTION:**

May God go with you, blessing you with divine provision, making paths where there were none before, and leading you into flourishing in the most impossible of places. Amen.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/forming-a-family-preparing-a-people/week-4-fifth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a/week-4-fifth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-liturgical-resources>

Opening Prayer: *Written by Christine Longhurs*

Prayer of Confession: *Written by Rev MaryAnn Rennie, [Church of Scotland](#)*

Call to worship & Benediction: *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Genesis 22:1-14 (NIV)

**22** Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied.

<sup>2</sup> Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

<sup>3</sup> Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

<sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

<sup>5</sup> He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

<sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together,

<sup>7</sup> Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

<sup>8</sup> Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

<sup>9</sup> When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

<sup>10</sup> Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

<sup>11</sup> But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied.

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<sup>12</sup> “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

<sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

<sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

### **Romans 6:12-23 (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

<sup>13</sup> Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

<sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!

<sup>16</sup> Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

<sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance.

<sup>18</sup> You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

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<sup>19</sup> I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness.

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.

<sup>21</sup> What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!

<sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **Matthew 10:40-42** (NIV)

<sup>40</sup> “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

<sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward.

<sup>42</sup> And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

## 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:** Meets once a month at 7:00 pm on Zoom.  
Next meeting: July 13<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). **Thursday night Bible Study is on hiatus for the summer and will meet again in Sept.**

**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: TBD

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG:** Next meetings: Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am (Zoom)

### Pastor Sandy Mantz invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bible Study (**No meetings for the summer, resumes in Sept**)

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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**SMALL GROUPS SUMMER SCHEDULE:** Please note that the Thursday evening Bible Study will be on hiatus for the summer and will resume in September. If any other groups plan to break for the summer please let the office know.

**SUMMER 2026 YOUTH MISSION TRIPS:** Please pray for our mission teams who have accepted the call and soon go out into the world as beacons of hope and help:

The ASP team: (June 27 -July 5): Cory and Lisa Casey, Jamen Cervini, and Leo Gutowski.

The UM ARMY team (July 5 - July 11): Doug Gaylor, Peter Hoernes, Lisa Grace, Beth Gilleo, James Horton, Wesley Battle Jr.

**YOUNG ADULT GATHERING AND PICNIC:** Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Parsonage following coffee hour.

**ALSO ON JULY 12<sup>th</sup>:** Grace UMC will be joining us for worship as Pastor Sandy officiates at the Baptism of two of their members.

**NEXT COMMUNION SERVICE:** Will be July 12<sup>th</sup> when Pastor returns.

**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!

## **REACH US ON FACEBOOK**

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

<https://www.facebook.com/Blessedassurance.today>

There is a link to the Church's website  
Pastor Sandy will post inspirational verses regularly

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### **Birthdays**

Lila Ryder	6/28
Jack Casey	6/30
Al Fennell	7/02
Kelley Horton	7/03
Felicia Robcke	7/03

### **Anniversaries this week**

Margaret and Norman Reid	6/28
Pastors Iwy and Enock Yatri	6/28
Linda and Jay Drisko	6/30