

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak
July 19th, 2026 – Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Pat Watkins, “In honor of Jareath Watkins!”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: The Lord knows each and every one of us and loves each one dearly.

P: Sometimes it feels as though God has drifted away from us.

L: Be strong! Look for the ways in which God is present to you.

P: Given all the troubles of the day, we often look more closely at them.

L: Come, open your hearts and spirits to God’s love and presence.

P: Lord, help us to see your presence in all of life’s circumstances. AMEN.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, give us the grace to worship you not only in spirit but also in truth. Help us honestly look at ourselves and thereby celebrate and give thanks for the depth of your mercy in loving us and choosing us to serve you. We are grateful that your realm has room even for the likes of us. AMEN.

https://ministrymatters.com/2017-05-09_july_23_2017_i_the_weed/

OPENING HYMN: “The Church’s One Foundation” – UMH #545

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 (NIV)

Romans 8:12-25 (NIV)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



Cooper Valerio Brown

Born: April 9, 2026 to parents

Patrícia and Darien Brown

Sponsors: Taylor and William Munsell

BAPTISMAL COVENANT II: UMH #39

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION: “Come, Share the Lord” - FWS #2269

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NIV)

SERMON: Living Among the Weeds

1. God Knows Our Heart
2. Persevere
3. Shine Like the Sun

RESPONSE HYMN: “Spirit of the Living God...” – UMH #393 (2x)

OFFERTORY: Special Music Selection

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” – UMH #694

BENEDICTION:

Go into God’s world with confidence and hope. God’s presence is with you in all that you do. Be those people who plant seeds of comfort and hope. God will bring about the harvest in due time. AMEN.

https://ministrymatters.com/2020-06-05_worship_connection_proper_11_a/

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 (NIV)

- ¹ You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.
- ² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- ³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
- ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
- ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"
- ¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.
- ²³ Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
- ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Romans 8:12-25 (NIV)

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it.

¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.”

¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NIV)

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

²⁸ “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

²⁹ “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them.

³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

³⁷ He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.

³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one,

³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.

⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.

⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.
Whoever has ears, let them hear.

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: August 17th

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: **Breaks for the Summer after 7/21, resumes Sept.**
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, resumes 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: **On Summer break, resumes Sept.** 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 18th, 9:30 am
(Zoom)

Pastor Sandy Mantz invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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

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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NEXT COMMUNION SERVICE: We will celebrate Communion this Sunday, July 19th as well as the Baptism of Cooper Brown.

SMALL GROUPS SUMMER SCHEDULE: Please see the above Weekly Meetings Schedule for groups that are breaking for the summer.

AD COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, July 22nd at 7 pm in the GP Room

THE YOUNG ADULT GATHERING AND PICNIC: Has been rescheduled for Sunday, July 26th at 1:00 pm at the Parsonage.

BOWLING FELLOWSHIP: Bowling group will be on hiatus until Sept.

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

Joya Chakravarty	7/18
Jacqueline Arias	7/24

No Anniversaries this week