

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak
October 18, 2026 - Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Beverly R. and Joseph W. Emsley, “In celebration of the late Stewart J. Reynolds’ Birthday, and in remembrance of his parents, Bertha A. Holmes and Newman Lounsberry Reynolds; and grandparents Sarah J. Lounsberry and Samuel H. Reynolds.”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: We belong to God.

P: God’s stamp is on our lives.

L: God’s love and compassion is built into us.

P: God’s mercy and hope flow through us.

L: Let’s celebrate the powerful presence of God.

P: Let’s rejoice in all the opportunities God gives us to serve. AMEN.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

Majestic God, help us to feel and see your presence in our lives. Help us to recognize the imprint of your love and mercy in our lives. Open our hearts to that love that we may grow in our faith and be strengthened in our witness to you. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” – UMH #103

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Patient and Loving God, we are so easily distracted from what you would have us be and what you would have us do. We allow ourselves to be claimed by the angry and hurting world as though we bore a stamp reflecting the hostility. You remind us that, from the beginning, your love has been available to us. Forgive us when we so easily turn toward ignorance and greed as ways of living in the world. Heal our wounded souls. Challenge us to be your people — not owned by false promises of instant wealth and status — but strengthened and empowered to be those who bring hope through our words and actions. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the Good News: In our words, smiles, compassionate living we bear the image of our God. In our willingness to serve the voiceless and alienated, the lost and alone, God's presence abide with us. Rejoice! You are called "Beloved of God" and given God's own stamp in your lives. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 33:12-23 NIV
Psalm 99 NIV

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" - UMH #361

GOSPEL READING: John 1:14-18 NIV

SERMON: "Resting in God's Glory"

1. God's Presence is With Us
2. God's Glory
3. God Will Cover Us

RESPONSE HYMN: "He Hideth My Soul" (Video)

OFFERTORY: Special Music Selection

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "Lead on, O Cloud of Presence" – FWS #2234

BENEDICTION:

Beloved of the Lord, go forth in peace to joyfully serve God with love and Courage. Share your lives and your blessings with others in need. Go in peace. AMEN.

https://ministrymatters.com/2020-08-14_worship_connection_october_18_2020/

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 33:12-23 (NIV)

¹² Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’

¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”

¹⁴ The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.

¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”

¹⁸ Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”

¹⁹ And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”

²¹ Then the LORD said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock.

²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

²³ Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”

Psalm 99 (NIV)

¹ The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

² Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.

⁴ The King is mighty, he loves justice—you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

⁵ Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the LORD and he answered them.

⁷ He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

⁸ LORD our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds.

⁹ Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

GOSPEL READING

John 1:14-18 (NIV)

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”)

¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

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: October 19th.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday 10:00 am (In Person)

PRAYER GROUP: Thursday, 11:00 am (Chapel)

SMALL GROUP 1: Thursday, 12:30 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

TRUSTEE'S MEETING: First Monday of every month. Next: Nov. 2nd (Zoom)

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG: Next meeting: Saturday Oct. 17th, 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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**ANNOUNCEMENTS
and
UPCOMING EVENTS**



WOMEN'S FALL TEA: This Saturday, Oct. 17th, From 2-5 pm in the GP Room. Join us for a ladies' day out with a variety of teas, finger sandwiches, pastries and tea cakes, games, and fellowship.

CRAFT GROUP: Is meeting again in preparation for our annual craft fair in November. Meeting dates are:

Sat. 10/17 at 10 am

Sat. 11/7 at 10 am

PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, Oct. 18th following worship.

TRUNK OR TREAT/PUMPKIN PATCH: Sunday, Oct. 25th from 1-3 pm. Pastor Sandy will also do a "Blessing of the Animals" for anyone who wants to bring their pets.

AD COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, October 26th at 7 pm on Zoom.

ANNUAL ASP WALK: Sign up to come walk, run, or stroll with us. Saturday, Oct. 31st at FDR Park, 9:30 am. You can sign up at www.runsignup.com/Katonahasp or register there.

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR: Saturday, November 14th, 9 am-3 pm.

PUTNAM VALLEY FOOD PANTRY: Is experiencing a great need for women's feminine products. There will be a collection box for supplies in the breezeway that will be delivered to Grace UMC every Wednesday. Please donate as you're able.

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

Glory Dharmaraj	10/19
Wesley Battle	10/20
Maureen Magley	10/21
James Pinto	10/21
Alexandra Shkoda-Beliakovich	10/22
Cassie Gaylor	10/23

Anniversaries This Week

Meridith and Brandon Kersten	10/18
Mary and Nigel Ferreira	10/22