

August 2, 2020  
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Pastor John

Prelude Jen Moser

**\*Responsive Reading (Psalm 139:23-24)**

One: Search me, God, and know my heart

**All: Test me and know my anxious thoughts**

One: See if there is any offensive way in me

**All: And lead me in the way everlasting**

**\*Prayer of Assurance and Affirmation**

Lord God, we know that life has its share of disappointments, but we also know of your unfailing love and your unshakable promise to never leave us, so we call on you again today, to lift us up, give us strength, show us wisdom, and grant us peace as we continue our journey on the pathway of righteousness. This we pray with renewed commitment in your Holy and Sacred Name. Amen!

**\*Hymn** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" No. 382  
Verses 1 and 2

**Unison Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we come before you this morning as a gathering of disciples, a community of believers — imperfect in the flesh but determined in the spirit. We ask your blessings upon us that we might become more complete, more committed, and more obedient as we seek to follow you and answer your call to justice and righteousness in all that we say and do, from this day forward. Amen

Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy Lord, savior of all humankind, we thank you for the privilege of gathering in your Holy Sanctuary. We

acknowledge that our transgressions make us unworthy to receive you, but we also know that through your grace and mercy, we are forgiven, healed, purified, and made whole once again. May you forgive us as we forgive others. This we pray in your Most Holy Name. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading Revelation 3:14-18

Second Scripture Reading I Peter 5:1-11

Response One: Let us Rejoice in God's Holy Word!

**All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy!**

**\*Gloria Patri** No. 71

**\*Hymn** "Just As I Am" No. 357  
Verses 1 and 5

Sermon "Complacency's Consequences" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

As we gather today as a fellowship of believers, let us lift up our prayers and petitions at this time.

Pastoral Prayer  
Lord's Prayer No. 895

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** No. 15

**Presentation to God of Our Gifts**  
**\*Doxology** No. 95

**\*Hymn** "God Will Take Care of You" No. 130  
Verses 1 and 4

Benediction and Postlude

\*=please stand in body or spirit

**Announcements and Opportunities for Service in Ministry**

- **Faith in Five:** We are inviting everyone to share their testimony with the congregation in the coming months if they feel comfortable doing so. Tell us about your journey and how you came to the Lord. These five-minute testimonies will be featured each week during our worship service.
- **Outreach:** Now's the time to invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker, relative, or former member of the congregation to join us some Sunday for worship. Like the old Life cereal commercial, if they try it, they just might like it.
- **Youth Movement:** We are moving forward with our plans to develop a vibrant youth group here at Oak Chapel. If you know of someone in Grades 9-12 who might enjoy and benefit from the experience, please let us know, and we will contact them. We hope to get the group started late summer or early fall.
- **Serenity Garden:** We are still moving forward with our plans for a Serenity Garden and a possible outdoor chapel. *If you are interested in becoming involved, come to a short meeting after today's service. Or contact Cheryl Rastetter.*
- **Ideas Welcome:** If you have an idea for a form of outreach or ministry that we are currently not doing at Oak Chapel, please contact Pastor John (330-988-2577) to talk it over. No reasonable offer will be refused.

**Can You Donate?**

Cindy's Mykrantz's chorus is collecting used shoes for those in need. If you have shoes you no longer wear and are willing to donate you may drop them off at the church.

**Food Pantry**

Thank you for the support of our pantry. Please remember that items placed in that area for donation need to be nonperishable. We could use donations of ready-to-eat canned goods, paper and hygiene products at this time. Donations can be dropped off at the church during office hours.



### Our Prayer List

Our neighbors and our community  
Those serving in the armed forces  
Our country, its leaders

#### Our Church Family

Esther Franks	Elsie Mykrantz
Jennifer Adair	Betty Princehorn
Elaine Sprinkle	Wayne Kahrig
Betsy Bower	Dick O’Hearn
Bill Feldman	Arden Boyer
Mark and Patti Ritchey	Debi Cramer & family
John Hower	Ewing Giffen
Todd and Pat Bunt	Bill Stewart

#### Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Family of Warren Stover  
Dan (Miriam Zech’s nephew)  
Pat (Patrick Rickard’s aunt)  
Pastor of Oaks Church  
Mark Dalesandro  
Girl Scout families  
Steve Slone (friend of Cindy Mykrantz)  
Haley (neighbor of Sandy Treece)  
Joan and Fred Rex (friends of Carol Gossage)

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless otherwise requested.



### Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 8/2	Worship	10:30 am
	Serenity Garden mtg	11:30 am
Monday 8/3	Zoom Bible Study	9:30 am
	Girl Scout Leadership	7:30 pm
Tuesday 8/4	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Wednesday 8/5	Morning Circle	9:30 am

### Looking Ahead

Sunday 8/9	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 8/10	Zoom Bible Study	9:30 am
	Finance Committee	6:00 pm
	Ad Council	7:00 pm
	Trustees	7:30 pm
Tuesday 8/11	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Thursday 8/13	4-H	7:00 pm
Saturday 8/15	ACORN deadline	
	Shred Day and Buehler’s	

United Methodist Women is in the process of updating the white, three-ring binder cookbook. WE NEED RECIPES from EVERYONE! We are looking for items to add to existing sections and really want recipes for a **new section**—Crockpots, Instant Pots, Air Fryers and More. As these appliances have become a growing part of our kitchens, people are looking for tasty ideas. Recipes do not have to be complicated or “gourmet.” Please type or plainly print your recipes and make sure it has a title. You can give them to Miriam, put them in a marked mailbox in the Office, or email them to Bucki81@aol.com. Please type “recipes” in the subject line or something like that. September 1 is the deadline to see how many we can get before the Fair!

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