

August 23, 2020

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Pastor John

Prelude Jen Moser

***Responsive Reading (Psalm 133)**

One: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

All: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

One: Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

All: **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High Dwells.**

***Prayer of Assurance and Affirmation**

Lord God, we call upon you today to bring us strength, wisdom, peace, comfort, clarity, and contentment. As we navigate the ways of this world, we seek to keep the commands of your kingdom. Guide us and enlighten us so that we may live, not according to the flesh, but rather according to the spirit as we seek to promote truth, justice, love, holiness, and obedience from this day forward. Amen!

***Hymn** "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" No. 110
Verses 1 and 2

Unison Prayer

Let us be reminded to rest in the Lord and place our full faith and trust in him. Let us cast out anger and turn aside our wrath. Let us not be anxious or fearful about anything, but rather confident and fearless in all we do. Let us humble ourselves before the Lord and receive his generous blessings and his transformational peace. This we pray in God's Holy Name. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Great and Powerful God, we bow before you this morning acknowledging our transgressions, our oversights, our carelessness, and our thoughtlessness. May your grace and mercy surround us, cleanse us, and transform us, as we seek to take a closer walk with thee, on the pathway of righteousness from now until you call us home again. This we pray with reverence and humility. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Scripture Psalm 1

New Testament Scripture Matthew 8:23-27

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

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

***Gloria Patri** No. 70

***Hymn** "Stand By Me" No. 512
verses 1 and 4

Sermon "Don't Miss the Boat" 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

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

*Doxology No. 95

***Hymn** "Hymn of Promise" No. 707

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.
- **Youth Movement:** The new youth group room has been carefully designed and put together in the past few months with the intentions to create a modern, and comfortable atmosphere for not only youth but other groups searching for a place to meet. The coffee bar feature was picked as a focal point that a majority of people all ages could appreciate. This room overall was created with the intent to house the newly invited youth program and offer a sanctuary for the young, but it is not limited! If you know someone in Grades 9-12 who might enjoy and benefit from this 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 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.
- **School Kits:** Items are being collected to help families in need of school supplies for this coming school year. Pencils, spiral notebooks, rulers, scissors, erasers, pencil sharpeners and crayons are all needed. You can drop off your donations in the narthex or the church office. Items will be put in the Outdoor Pantry.



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	Bill Stewart
Jen Moser	John Hower

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Family of Rick Connelly
Roger, Carol and family (friends of Cindy Mykrantz)
Deb (daughter of Tom Silver)

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



Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 8/23	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 8/24	Zoom Bible Study	9:30 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm
Tuesday 8/25	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Thursday 8/27	4-H	7:00 pm
	Bookworms	7:00 pm

Looking Ahead

Sunday 8/30	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 9/1	Zoom Bible Study	9:30 am
Tuesday 9/2	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Wednesday 9/3	Morning Circle	9:30 am

Please share your recipes!

New categories such as Crockpots, Instant Pots and Air Fryers.

Updated Classics Easy, good for you Any category

United Methodist Women is in the process of updating our cookbook. When the project is complete, a packet made to fit your white, three-ring binder will be available.

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. Thanks in advance for your contributions.



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