

January 17, 2021  
Human Relations Day

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

**\*Responsive Reading** (Selections from Proverbs)

One: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due.

**All: A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.**

One: Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

**All: Speak up and judge fairly.**

One: Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,

**All: And he will reward them for what they have done.**

\*Hymn "Rock of Ages" No. 361  
Verses 1 and 3

**Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

We are all one people, created by one sovereign God. As we continue to experience the pain and suffering that come with endless conflict, let us be assured that there is a promise of peace and harmony through the God we serve. May our faith be strengthened as we reach out to our neighbor in love, grace, and mercy, so that we may live together as a body of believers. This we pray in the name of the Triune God we serve, always and forever. Amen.

**\*Unison Prayer**

Heavenly Father, our faith and our hope in you remain strong despite the tumult and turmoil that surround us. Lift us up so that we might lift up others, giving encouragement to all as we proclaim our faith and invite others to share in it with joy and thanksgiving. Amen!

\*Call to Confession

**\*Prayer of Confession**

While darkness surrounds us, there is a light that shines, and as that light grows, it swallows up the darkness. Lord, we have spent time in both the darkness and the light, and so we ask you to guide and protect us as we seek to escape the darkness and walk stridently in the light. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson Zechariah 7:9-10 CEB  
New Testament Lesson I Corinthians 6:12-20 CEB

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

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

\*Gloria Patri No. 70

\*Hymn "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" No. 348  
Verses 2 and 4

Message "What Would You Do?" 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 "Only Trust Him" No. 337  
Verses 1 and 4

\*Benediction and Postlude

*\*= please stand in body or spirit*

**Pastor's Corner**

**Pause for Prayer:** Prayer has always been an important part of our spiritual life at Oak Chapel, and later this spring, we plan to take an even deeper dive into the concept of prayer as our weekly Bible Study prepares to explore that subject. Why do we pray? Where do we pray? When do we pray? How do we pray? We will explore these questions and many others in this study via Zoom. We get together virtually Monday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m. All are welcome to join us.

**Looking on the Bright Side:** One of my high school teachers used to say, "When anything bad happens to my wife and I, it always seems to happen in January or February." These two months are, indeed, dark, dreary, and often bitterly cold, but the temperature that really matters is not the one registers on your outdoor thermometer. Instead, it is the temperature in your heart and soul that is most consequential. So I invite you to "turn up the heat" and warm yourself as you also reach out and warm others who are shivering — both literally and figuratively.

**Bulletin Notes**

**Masking Reminder:** With the delivery of several vaccines designed to battle the coronavirus, there is a light at the end of the tunnel, but please keep in mind that **masks must be worn in the church at all times** to prevent any further spread while protecting ourselves and our fellow congregants.

**On the Air:** Just a reminder that you can worship from your car in the parking lot by turning your radio to 97.9 FM.

**Livestream:** Oak Chapel is now livestreaming its worship services. Simply go to the Oak Chapel homepage (oakchapelumc.com) and click on the link anytime of the day or night.



### 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	Clevidence Family
Patti Ritchey	Christy Rickard
April Aten	Arden Boyer
Bill Stewart	

#### Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Quinn Hildebrandt - Granddaughter of Pastor John and Sheri  
Carolyn Freisthler - Sister of Pam Domer  
Susan and Kay - Friends of Connie Reed  
Amy Blosser - Friend of Bill Braucher  
Faye and Bruce English

#### Today's Concerns

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

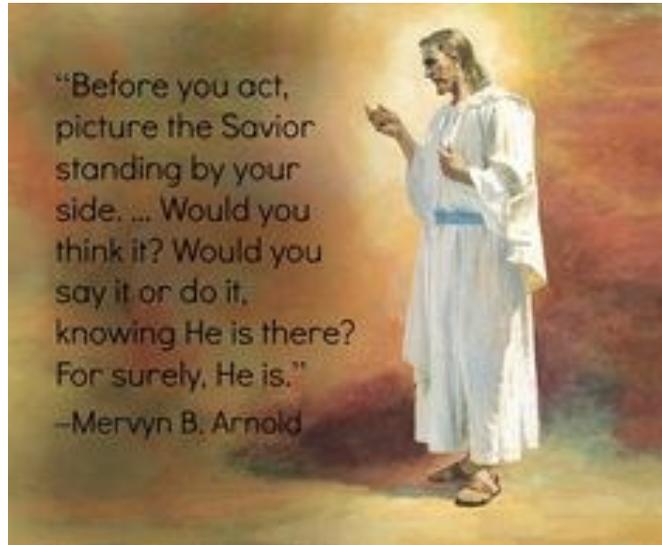


#### Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 1/17	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 1/18	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Trustees (via Zoom)	7:00 pm
Wednesday 1/20	Outreach (via Zoom)	9:30 am

#### Looking Ahead

Sunday 1/24	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 1/25	Bible Study	9:30 am
Tuesday 1/26	UMW Executive	7:00 pm
Thursday 1/28	4-H	



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