

January 24, 2021
Third Sunday after Epiphany

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

***Responsive Reading (Psalm 62:5-8)**

One: Yes, my soul, find rest in God;

All: My hope comes from him.

One: Truly he is my rock and my salvation;

All: He is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

One: My salvation and my honor depend on God;

All: He is my mighty rock, my refuge.

One: Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him,

All: For God is our refuge.

*Hymn "Morning Has Broken" No. 145
Verses 1 and 3

***Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Great and Glorious God, we are so blessed. Having once been lost, we have now been found by you. May we forever walk in the light and under your watchful eye. Bless us and guide us as we seek to do your will and provide a pathway for others so that they may also find their way to you. This we pray with praise and thanksgiving. Amen!

***Unison Prayer**

Father God, we cry out to you — morning, noon, and night. Hear our prayer, and grant us peace so that we may reinforce our everlasting hope in you. Lead us in all that we say and do, so that through our words and our actions, we may bring honor and glory to your great and powerful name. Amen!

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty, Eternal, and Everlasting God, we seek your grace and mercy as we confess our many failures to be obedient to your commandments. Forgive us for our sins as we forgive others, and protect us from the pitfalls of temptation and evil so that we might forever walk in your light, today and always. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 4:29-31 CEB

New Testament Lesson Luke 15:3-7 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 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Verse 1 No. 140

Message "Lost and Found" 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 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" Verses 1 and 2 No. 75

*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.

Count Your Blessings: How many times have you heard that before? It is intended to be a phrase of encouragement, but it can also be unsettling because it often comes during a time of disappointment and despair. Nevertheless, it is important for all of us to consider the many ways we have been blessed, especially during periods of darkness. God is always there, walking beside us and willing to lift us up and give us hope, and that, in and of itself, is a true blessing

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	Sheila Burckhart

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Quinn Hildebrandt - Granddaughter of Pastor John and Sheri
 Ron and Amy Blosser - Friends of Bill Braucher
 Melvin Mark - Friend of Jeff Burckhart
 Faye and Bruce English - Friends of Tonya Houser
 Chelsea—Niece of Evelyn Silver
 Jennifer Burnham - Friend of Allison Flanagan
 Melissa Klein - Friend of Allison Flanagan
 Susie Novy - Friend of Allison Flanagan
 Marcello Hildebrandt
 Tom and Sue Quinn
 Family of Faith Houston
 Family of Nancy Corbett
 Family of Jonathan McCoy
 Our country and our world

Today's Concerns

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

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

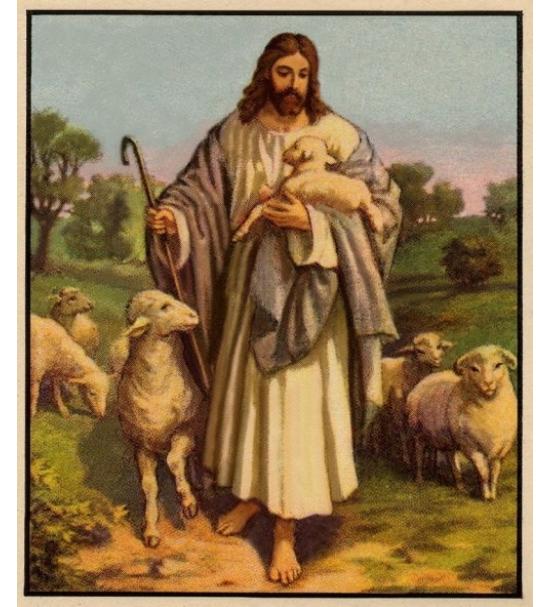
Sunday 1/24	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 1/25	Bible Study	9:30 am
Tuesday 1/26	UMW Executive	7:00 pm
Thursday 1/28	4-H	

Looking Ahead

Sunday 1/31	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 2/1	Retirees' Breakfast	8:00 am
	Bible Study	9:30 am
Wednesday 2/3	Morning Circle	9:30 am



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*Serving God and Community
 through Love, Compassion,
 Fellowship and Caring*