

January 31, 2021  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

**\*Responsive Reading (Psalm 111:2-5)**

One: Great are the works of the Lord;

**All: They are pondered by all who delight in them.**

One: Glorious and majestic are his deeds,

**All: And his righteousness endures forever.**

One: He has caused his wonders to be remembered;

**All: The Lord is gracious and compassionate.**

One: He provides food for those who fear him;

**All: He remembers his covenant forever.**

\*Hymn "How Great Thou Art" No.77  
Verses 1 and 3

**\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance (Based on Psalm 111)**

Eternal God, we have witnessed the power of your works, the integrity of your precepts, the breadth of your compassion, and the depth of your love. You have provided redemption for your people. Through you we know that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Let us bow and praise His Holy Name! Amen!

**\*Unison Prayer**

Master of all creation, we pause from the chaos of everyday life to lift up your Holy Name. May you be praised from the mountaintops and hailed from the valleys. Wherever we go, whatever we do, we know that you are with us, and we give you thanks for this great gift, which brings comfort, peace, and joy all the days of our life. Amen!

\*Call to Confession

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Lord and Savior, you made the sacrifice because we couldn't; you endured the pain because we wouldn't. Now, after finally seeing the light, we bow down before you, confessing our sins and seeking your grace and mercy so that we may be cleansed and made whole again. This we pray with great faith and confidence in you. Now and forever, Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson Titus 3:1-8 CEB

New Testament Lesson 1 John 2:1-6 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 "Depth of Mercy" No. 355  
Verses 1 and 5

Message "Imitation, Repetition, Celebration" 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 "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" No. 351  
Verses 1, 3 and 4

\*Benediction and Postlude

*\*= please stand in body or spirit*

Pastor's Corner

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**Our Name in Lights:** Oak Chapel will appear on the new electronic billboard, near Fry Road, as you travel west on Route 30 this week. It's one more way to spread the word so that those looking for a church might consider joining us in worship. It is also intended to reach those outside of the area who pass by and might be inspired to reflect on their faith journey.

**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.

**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](http://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
Tom Bower	

#### Today's Concerns

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



#### Our Friends, Family and Neighbors (Prayer List cont.)

Ron and Amy Blosser - Friends of Bill Braucher  
 Melvin Mark - Friend of Jeff Burckhart  
 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  
 Linda - Sister-in-law of Sandy Hower  
 Jake Cassidy - Brother of Jennifer Adair  
 Betty Gossage and family  
 Family of Faith Houston  
 Family of Nancy Corbett  
 Family of Jonathan McCoy  
 Those who suffer in silence, are ill and in pain, are lost  
 lonely, and have given up hope

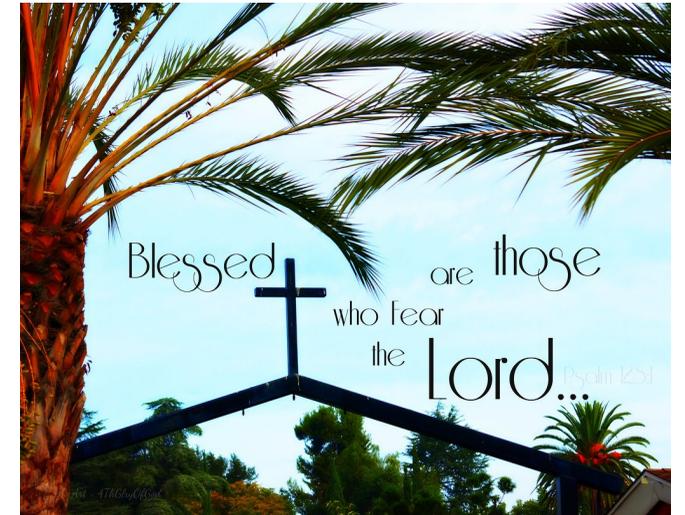
#### Opportunities for Ministry This Week

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

#### Looking Ahead

Sunday 2/7	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 2/8	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Finance	6:00 pm
	Ad Council	6:30 pm
	Trustees	7:30 pm
Saturday 2/13	UMM Breakfast	7:30 am

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