

February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

***Responsive Reading (from Psalm 25)**

One: I offer my life to you, Lord.

All: My God, I trust in you.

One: Make your ways known to me, Lord,

All: Teach me your paths.

One: Lead me in your truth because you are the God who saves me.

All: I put my hope in you all day long.

One: Remember me only according to your faithful love

All: For the sake of your goodness, Lord.

One: The Lord is good and does the right thing;

All: He teaches sinners which way they should go.

One: God guides the weak to justice, teaching them his way.

All: All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful for those who keep his laws.

*Hymn "Lord, Speak to Me" No. 463
Verses 1 and 3

***Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

God of Power, God of Might, you are an omnipotent God — aware of and attentive to our every need. On this first Sunday of Lent, we bow down before you as we proclaim your majestic presence, and hail your many deeds. Watch over us and guide us so that we might continue to be faithful disciples, as we serve others and seek to bring them to you. This we pray in humility and devotion. Amen!

***Unison Prayer**

Father, we bow down before you in humble adoration as we lift up your Holy Name. We are grateful for your presence and thankful for your wisdom, which guides us on the pathway of righteousness. Bless all who have gathered today on this holy day. We thank you for the covenant that you have forged with us, and we ask you to continue to walk with us, now and forever. Amen!

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord God Almighty, it is you and only you who can wipe out our sins and make us whole again. Through the shedding of your precious blood, we have been reconciled, restored, and renewed. Grant us new life as we seek to turn away from the darkness, and toward the light all the days of our life. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 9:8-17 CEB

New Testament Lesson 1 Peter 3:18-22 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 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" No. 480
Verses 1 and 2

Message "Stronger Than Dirt" 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 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" No. 715
Verses 1 and 3

*Benediction and Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*

Financial News:

Thank you for your faithful giving! Oak Chapel is alive and well! The Food Pantry and Helping Hands Fund continue to be well supported.

Note: We have two other ongoing unbudgeted projects that are available for donations: \$2,300 for Sanctuary audio upgrade in conjunction with the theft replacements and \$1,400 for the surveillance cameras installation.

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 and Livestream: Just a reminder that you can worship from your car in the parking lot by tuning your radio to 97.9 FM. 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

Jennifer Adair	Jen Moser
Arden Boyer	Elsie Mykrantz
Betsy Bower	Betty Princehorn
Sheila Burckhart	Patti Ritchey
Esther Franks	Elaine Sprinkle
Connie Garg	Bill Stewart
Ewing Giffin	Phyllis Weaver
Wayne Kahrig	

Today's Concerns

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



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

Samantha and Jackson
Family of Josh
Patrick's mother
Nomads
Jake Cassidy - Brother of Jennifer Adair
The Johns Family
Ellie Stern
Tessa
Chris
Family of Melvin Mark
Family of Jim Robertson
Family of Tom Moranick

Children, Single Mothers, Imprisoned Fathers, Friends,
Neighbors, and Co-workers in need

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 2/21	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 2/22	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm
Thursday 2/25	4-H	7:00 pm

Looking Ahead

Sunday 2/28	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 3/1	Retiree's Breakfast	8:00 am
	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Girl Scout Leaders	7:30 pm
Wednesday 3/3	Morning Circle	9:30 am

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through Love, Compassion,
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