

February 28, 2021  
Second Sunday of Lent

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

**\*Responsive Reading: (Excerpts from Psalm 22)**

**One: All of you who revere the Lord — praise him!**

All: All of you who are Jacob's descendants — honor him!

**One: All of you who are all Israel's offspring — stand in awe of him!**

All: He didn't hide his face from me.

**One: No, he listened when I cried out to him for help.**

All: Let all who seek the Lord praise him!

\*Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" No. 64  
Verses 1 and 4

**\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

**Great and Powerful God, we are in awe of your grace and majesty. You guide us on the pathway of righteousness, inspire us to do your will, and lift us up when we struggle. Be with us during this Lenten journey so that we can forge an even deeper and more substantive relationship with you. This we pray with great resolve to keep your commands and do your will. Amen!**

**\*Unison Prayer**

**Heavenly Father, we are so blessed to know you and to embrace the truth that you proclaim. Help us to understand that there are many things in this world that we cannot fully comprehend, but also to accept that through faith, we will be guided to act according to your will. Amen!**

\*Call to Confession

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Lord God, Almighty, it is during this Lenten season that we become keenly aware of your pain and suffering — the wicked lashes, the piercing nails, and the crushing thorns. The agony you endured causes us to be even more ashamed of our actions, but even more grateful for your redeeming sacrifice. So we come before you on bended knee, confessing our sins and seeking your forgiveness.**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

New Testament Lesson Mark 8:31-38 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 "Take Up Thy Cross" No. 415  
Verses 1 and 2

Message "Saving Face or Saving Grace" 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 "Where He Leads Me" No. 338  
Verses 1 and 4

\*Benediction and Postlude

*\*= please stand in body or spirit*

Usually in March we have a "very light" meal at Oak Chapel as part of the ***Call to Prayer and Self-Denial*** celebration. Because of COVID, we WILL NOT be having a meal together. Instead, this year we extend an invitation to everyone to do the following.

1. Pick one day during the week of March 8.
2. Eat soup for one meal and then drink only water the rest of the day.
3. Read your Bible; 2 Corinthians 8:13-15
4. Spend time in prayer, thanking God for all the blessings He has given us.
5. After your prayer, please consider all the people in the world, our country, our state, and our county that are struggling to have just the basics to survive.
6. Then please, I ask you to consider giving a local Prayer and Self-denial offering. You can put your offering in the plate on Sunday March 14, 21, or 28. or mail to the church attn. Pam Domer. Please make your check to Oak Chapel UMW and on the memo line write PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL.

Thank you and God bless you,  
Connie Reed, UMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator

**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: \$1,300 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.



### 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
Wayne Kahrig	Phyllis Weaver

### Today's Concerns

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

### Choices for Worship on Sundays

- ◇ Come inside with mask and social distancing.
- ◇ Listen in the parking lot without leaving your car, by tuning in to 97.9 FM on your radio.
- ◇ Live stream on YouTube.com at 10:30 am.
- ◇ Links to Pastor John's sermon are posted on our website to view on YouTube or to listen as a podcast. <https://oakchapelumc.com/worship/sermons/>

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

Shelby and Samantha as they mourn  
Sheila Burckhart as she continues to recover from bronchitis  
Tessa who is dealing with cancer  
Bill Braucher who is having tests this week  
Ewing Giffin who is having tests this week  
Connie Garg - praise for encouraging test results  
For the people of Texas dealing with winter storms and loss of power  
Samantha and Jackson  
Family of Josh  
Patrick's mother  
Nomads  
Chris  
Family of Tom Moranick

We also lift up those in pain, those struggling with doubt, those in need of hope, and those who are lonely.

### Opportunities for Ministry This Week

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
<b>Looking Ahead</b>		
Sunday 3/7	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 3/8	Bible Study	9:30 am
Saturday 3/13	Men's Breakfast	7:30 am

# Oak Chapel United Methodist Church

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through Love, Compassion,  
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