

February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

***Responsive Reading (Psalm 147:7-11)**

One: Sing to the Lord with thanks;

All: Sing praises to our God with a harp!

One: God covers the skies with clouds;

All: God makes rain for the earth;

One: God makes the mountains sprout green grass.

All: God gives food to the animals.

One: Even to the baby ravens when they cry out.

All: God doesn't prize the strength of a horse;

One: God doesn't treasure the legs of a runner;

All: No. The Lord treasures the people who honor him.

*Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" No. 157
Verses 1, 4, and 5

***Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Precious Savior, we are so grateful for your ever-present companionship. You are always there to sustain us when we struggle, to comfort us when we mourn, to strengthen us when we are weak, to encourage us in times of doubt, and to guide us when we walk in darkness. For these and your many other wondrous deeds, we lift up and praise your Holy Name all the days of our life. Amen!

***Unison Prayer**

Gracious God, let us be ever mindful of your many blessings, and let us be inspired by your call to lift up and serve others, particularly the least among us. May others see your light through our acts of kindness, compassion, faith, and love. This, we pray in your sacred name. Amen!

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

Loving, Compassionate, and Forgiving Savior, we humbly confess our words and actions from the past week that have failed to honor our covenant with you. Likewise, we acknowledge all that we have failed to do. And so, we come together seeking your forgiveness while pledging to forgive others so that we may all be healed through your wondrous grace and mercy. This we pray in humble contrition. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 40:26-29 CEB

New Testament Lesson I Corinthians 9:16-23 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 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" No. 479
Verses 1 and 2

Message "Souper Sunday" 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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion No.15

Jesus is the host at the Communion table.

At Oak Chapel, anyone who loves Jesus

is welcome at the table.

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord" No.438
Verses 1 and 4

*Benediction and Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*

Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (January 2021): \$2,079

Received last month:

01/03 - \$2,769.00

01/08 - \$2,480.00

01/15 - \$1,863.54

01/22 - \$945.00

01/29 - \$669.00

As of 01/31/2021, we received about 84% of our budgeted income for the month of January and 84% YTD. The Food Pantry and Helping Hands Fund continue to be well supported. Thank you! Oak Chapel is alive and well!

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.

