

March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

***Responsive Reading: (Psalm 107:1-3)**

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

All: His love endures forever.

One: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story

All: Those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

One: Those he gathered from the lands,

All: From east and west, from north and south.

*Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” No. 577
Verses 1 and 2

***Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Lord God Almighty, let us be reminded that you are always with us — to guide, protect, admonish, encourage, and inspire. Help us to be open and attentive to your call so that we may love, obey, honor, and serve you in all that we say and do. Amen!

***Unison Prayer**

Majestic God, be with us as we seek to follow you. We know that you are always attentive to our prayer, even though the answer is not always what we may have been seeking. Still, we remain faithful because we know that your judgment is just and that your plan is perfect, so we pledge to continue to be faithful as we honor and obey your commands. Amen!

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we continue to look inward for answers to our many outward flaws, but we know that the only true resolution comes through our relationship with you. In light of your sacrifice on the cross, we humbly confess our sins, and seek your forgiveness as we carry on in faith and obedience to you. This we pray with humble adoration. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson II Chronicles 7:12-16 CEB

New Testament Lesson James 5:7-11 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 “Be Still, My Soul” No. 534
Verses 1 and 2

Message “We’ll See” 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 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” No. 514
Verses 1 and 3

*Benediction and Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*

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.

UMCOR Sunday

For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special offering, laying the foundation for the United Methodist Committee on Relief’s ministry of relief and hope. UMCOR’s work of alleviating human suffering around the world includes disaster relief and supplies, disaster risk reduction, health, and humanitarian development.

Gifts to the UMCOR Sunday offering cover the costs of doing business. This helps UMCOR keep the promise that 100 percent of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs. UMCOR has no source of revenue for administration except from UMCOR Sunday.

We ask that you consider supporting this vital ministry of the United Methodist Church. You can donate by mailing a check, made out to Oak Chapel and designated UMCOR, or by placing your donation in the offering plate anytime this month.

Food Pantry

We want to thank Cindy Mykrantz for getting our food pantry up and running. It has become a vital outreach ministry of our church. It is time to let someone else over see this ministry. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity please contact the church office. God truly blesses us through our service to others.



Our Prayer List

Our neighbors and our community
Those serving in the armed forces
Our country, its leaders

Our church family

Arden Boyer
Betsy Bower
Esther Franks
Ewing Giffin
Ann Kahrig
Wayne Kahrig
Elaine Sprinkle
Bill Stewart
Elsie Mykrantz

Today's Concerns

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.)

Brooklyn, Connie Reed's niece
Jean, Sheri Finn's Mother, who fell and broke her leg
Annali, Chaplain at UCLA Medical Center and former student athlete of Pastor John
Shelby and Samantha as they mourn
Patrick Rickard's daughter as she mourns the death of her mother
For the people of Texas dealing with winter storms and loss of power
West Virginia flood victims
Children and Staff of Carpenter's Way Boys Ranch

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 3/14	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 3/15	Bible Study on Prayer	9:30 am
	UMW assemble goodie bags	10:00 am
	Trustees (via Zoom)	6:30 pm
	April Acorn Deadline	
Wednesday 3/17	Outreach (via Zoom)	9:30 am

Looking Ahead

Sunday 3/21	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 3/22	Bible Study on Prayer	9:30 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm
	UMW Executive	6:00 pm
Wednesday 3/24		
Thursday 3/25	4-H	7:00 pm

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