

March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

***Responsive Reading: (Psalm 51: 1-3, 7)**

One: Have mercy on me according to your faithful love.

All: Wipe away my wrongdoings through your great compassion!

One: Wash me completely clean of my guilt,

All: Purify me from my sin!

One: Because I know my wrongdoings,

All: My sin is always right in front of me.

One: Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean;

All: Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

*Hymn "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" No. 357
Verses 1 and 2

***Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Lord Jesus, we are so grateful for the relationship that you have forged with us. May we continue to build and strengthen this sacred covenant through a renewed commitment to discipline, selflessness, obedience, surrender, and love as we seek to become holy and pleasing in your sight. Amen!

***Unison Prayer**

Holy God, Mighty God, we bow down before you in humble adoration, giving you profound thanks and praise for the sacrifice of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and His glorious resurrection, which brought liberation from the burden of sin and assurance of eternal life. For this great and glorious gift, we proclaim the power and glory of your name, now and forever. Amen!

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession (Based on Psalm 51)**

Precious Savior, create in us a pure heart, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Instead, as we confess our sins and seek your forgiveness, we ask you to restore us, protect us, and sustain us as we encounter temptation in our daily journey. Grant us the discipline to reject that which is evil and embrace that which is good to the honor and glory of your hallowed name. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34 CEB

New Testament Lesson John 12:23-33 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 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" No. 358
Verses 4 and 5

Message "Conversation, Negotiation, Resolution"
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 "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" No. 128
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.

Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (February 2021): \$2,480

Received last month:

02/07 - \$3,238

02/14 - \$1,725

02/21 - \$1,714

02/28 - \$520

As of 2/28/2021, we received about 73% of our budgeted income for the month of February and 78% 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: \$1,300 for sanctuary audio upgrade in conjunction with the theft replacements and \$1,400 for installation of the external surveillance cameras.

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 oversee 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

Betsy Bower Arden Boyer
Tina Braucher Bill Feldman
Esther Franks Ewing Giffin
Joanne Jolliff Ann Kahrig
Elsie Mykrantz Elaine Sprinkle
Bill Stewart

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
Family of June Koontz—Kim Domer's Aunt
Our ancestors at Oak Chapel, our church, our fellow worshippers, and the future

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

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

Looking Ahead

Sunday 3/28	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 3/29	Bible Study on Prayer	9:30 am
Wednesday 4/2	Morning Circle	9:30 am

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