

March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

***Responsive Reading: (Psalm 118:19-24)**

One: Open the gates of righteousness for me,
All: So I can come in and give thanks to the Lord!
One: This is the Lord's gate;
All: Those who are righteous enter through it.
One: I thank you because you answered me,
All: Because you were my saving help.
One: The stone rejected by the builders
All: Is now the main foundation stone!
One: This has happened because of the Lord;
All: It is astounding in our sight!
One: This is the day the Lord acted;
All: We will rejoice and celebrate in it!

*Hymn "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" No. 160
Verses 1 and 2

***Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Lord Jesus, we pause to honor you on this Palm Sunday, acknowledging your glory and majesty, and giving thanks for what would come next — your sacrifice on the cross and your glorious resurrection from the tomb. Because of you and only you we are saved, and for this great gift we express our eternal gratitude. Amen!

***Unison Prayer**

Almighty, Eternal, and Everlasting God, be with us as we prepare for the holiest week of the year. We stand with you as you stand with us, proclaiming our faith and our dedication to you as you did for us, wiping out our sins and cleansing us through your death and resurrection. May we show the appropriate reverence,

respect, and gratitude in the week ahead and throughout the weeks that follow until you come again in glory. This we pray as we exalt your Holy Name. Amen!

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, Mighty God, God of Power and Might, you have dominion over all of creation, and yet you take time to love and watch over each of us individually, even in our times of disobedience. Forgive us for our transgressions and strengthen us when we face temptation so that we can walk with you from this world into the glory of your Father's Kingdom. This we pray with humble adoration. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson	Psalm 31:9-16	CEB
New Testament Lesson	Matthew 31:1-11	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 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" No. 280
Verses 3 and 5

Message "The Rest of the Story" 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 Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" No. 427
Verses 1 and 6

*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	As of 2/28/2021, we received about
02/14 - \$1,725	73% of our budgeted income for the
02/21 - \$1,714	month of February and 78% YTD.
02/28 - \$520	

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.

Blood Drive:

St. Peter Lutheran Church in New Pittsburg will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, April 13, from 2:30-7:00 p.m. All are welcome to donate.



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	Kate 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.)

Bob Morris—Friend of Bob and Rosie Troutman
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
Those who hate, discriminate, seek violence and those
caught in the crossfire and those who mourn

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 3/28	Palm Sunday Worship	10:30 am
Monday 3/29	Bible Study on Prayer	9:30 am
Thursday 4/1	Holy Thursday Worship	7:00 pm
Friday 4/2	Good Friday	(online cantata)

Looking Ahead

Sunday 4/4	Easter Sunday Worship	10:30 am
Monday 4/5	Retirees' Breakfast	8:00 am
	Bible Study on Prayer	9:30 am
Wednesday 4/7	Morning Circle	9:30 am
Saturday 4/10	UMM Breakfast	7:30 am



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through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship and Caring*