

March 7, 2021
Third Sunday in Lent

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Responsive Reading: (Psalm 19:1-3)

One: Heaven is declaring God's glory;

All: The sky is proclaiming his handiwork.

One: One day gushes the news to the next,

All: And one night informs another what needs to be known.

One: There's no speech, no words — their voices can't be heard

All: But their sound extends throughout the world.

*Hymn "This is My Father's World" No. 144
Verses 1 and 2

Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance (Based on Psalm 19)

Lord, we know that your instruction is perfect. It revives every being. Your laws are faithful, making even the naive among us wise. Your regulations are right and just; they gladden our heart. Your commands are pure; they give light to the eyes. Honoring you is the right thing to do, and so we pledge on this day and every day to respect, revere, and respond to your commands with loyalty, dedication, and faithfulness, now and forever, Amen!

Unison Prayer (Based on Psalm 19)

Lord, your judgments are true and righteous in every way. They are more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey, even that which drips off the honeycomb! There is no doubt that we are enlightened by them, and we now realize that there is great reward in keeping them. So we ask that you help us to strengthen our resolve, fortify our discipline, and undergird our faith, so that we may walk with confidence in your light, today and always. Amen!

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession (Based on Psalm 19)**

Lord Jesus, there is no doubt about our human failing, but because of your willingness to take on the sins of the world as you hung on the cross, and then defeat evil through your glorious resurrection, we have been redeemed in your glory and provided a pathway to salvation. Cleanse us of any unknown sin and save us from our willful sins. Don't let them rule our lives. Instead, empower us to turn them aside so that we may become blameless in your sight. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 20:1-6 CEB

New Testament Lesson I Corinthians 1:18-25 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 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" No. 152
Verses 1 and 2

Message "Fool for Christ" 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 "Lift High the Cross" No. 159
Verses 1 and 4

*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.

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.

- ◇ Pick one day during the week of March 8.
- ◇ Eat soup for one meal and then drink only water the rest of the day.
- ◇ Read your Bible; 2 Corinthians 8:13-15
- ◇ Spend time in prayer, thanking God for all the blessings He has given us.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 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



Our Prayer List

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

Our church family

Jennifer Adair	Wayne Kahrig
Arden Boyer	Jen Moser
Betsy Bower	Elsie Mykrantz
Bill Braucher	Betty Princehorn
Sheila Burckhart	Christy Rickard
Esther Franks	Patti Ritchey
Connie Garg	Elaine Sprinkle
Ewing Giffin	Bill Stewart
Ann Kahrig	Phyllis Weaver

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.)

Tina Braucher, foot surgery this week
 Jean, Sheri Finn's Mother, who fell and broke her leg
 Annali, Chaplain at UCLA Medical Center and former student athlete of Pastor John
 Jennifer Adair's brother
 Country of Syria and its' children and all people
 Shelby and Samantha as they mourn
 For the people of Texas dealing with winter storms and loss of power

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 3/7	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 3/8	New—Bible Study on Prayer	9:30 am
Saturday 3/13	UMM Breakfast	7:30 am

Looking Ahead

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	6:30 pm
	April Acorn Deadline	
Wednesday 3/17	Outreach	9:30 am

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