

May 2, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

***Responsive Reading (Psalm 22:25-31)**

One: I offer praise in the great congregation because of you;

All: I will fulfill my promises in the presence of those who honor God.

One: Let all those who are suffering eat and be full!

All: Let all who seek the Lord praise him!

One: Because the right to rule belongs to the Lord,

All: He rules all nations.

One: Future descendants will serve him;

All: Generations to come will be told about my Lord.

*Hymn “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” No. 302
Verses 5 and 6

***Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Father of all creation, as the buds begin to blossom and the crops begin to surface, we are reminded that you are the vine and we are the branches. Without you, we can produce no fruit, but if we remain in you and you remain in us, we will produce much fruit. As we begin a new growing season, help us to grow and produce fruit through our relationship with you. May you bless us and fortify us so that as we grow, the fruits of our labor will touch the lives of many and draw others closer to you. This we pray in your Sacred Name. Amen!

***Unison Prayer**

Lord Jesus, our fears often overwhelm us and sometimes even consume us, but we know that there is no fear in love, and that perfect love drives out fear — of that we

can be assured — but we must first love our brothers and sisters because it is impossible for us to love You without also loving them. So we ask that through the Holy Spirit, we may drive out fear and welcome in love for all. This we pledge out of honor and reverence for You. 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

First Reading	1 John 4:16-21	CEB
Second Reading	John 15:1-8	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 “My Jesus, I Love Thee” No. 172
Verses 1 and 2

Message “Old School” 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.
anyone who loves Jesus is welcome at the table.*

Presentation to God of Our Gifts
*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn “Make Me a Captive, Lord“ No. 421
Verses 1 and 4

*Benediction and Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*

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.

Announcement: Grammy-nominated Christian music artist Crowder will perform at the Wayne County Fair on Monday, September 13. We can order tickets as a group through the church, or they can be ordered individually. If interested, contact Pastor John.

Now What?

If you are looking for some opportunities for service in and through the church, here are some options...

- ◇ Handy with your Hands? Trustees
- ◇ Like to work with Children? Sunday School Teacher
- ◇ Interested in Young People? Youth Group Facilitator
- ◇ Enjoy our Services? Worship Committee
- ◇ Love to Help Others? Outreach Committee
- ◇ Passion for the Underserved? Help with our Pantry
- ◇ Caring for Fellow Congregants Membership Care

Save the Date

We will once again participate in Community Impact Day, a day we set aside to be active in mission that impacts local, national and international communities. Please save the morning of June 26 for this important ministry.



Our Prayer List

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

Our church family

Esther Franks	Elsie Mykrantz
Jennifer Adair	Betty Princehorn
Elaine Sprinkle	Wayne Kahrig
Betsy Bower	Ann Kahrig
Arden Boyer	Bill Feldman
Bill Stewart	Ewing Giffin

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Bob Morris, who is recovering from surgery
Rusty, who is dealing with cancer, and his wife Linda
Ron's wife, Amy, who continues to deal with cancer
John Hower, whose health continues to improve
Darrell Moser's family following the loss of his father
Julie, who is experiencing personal issues
Tierany, following the loss of her mother
Rich Shall, who is undergoing treatment
Patrick's mother
Dan Marthy Family
Gale Greggor Family
Shootings and unrest

Today's Concerns

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless otherwise requested.

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 5/2	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 5/3	Retirees' Breakfast	8:00 am
	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Tuesday 5/4	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Wednesday 5/5	Morning Circle	9:30 am
Saturday 5/8	UMM Breakfast	7:30 am
	Church Workday	9:00 am

Looking Ahead

Sunday 5/9	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 5/10	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Finance	6:00 pm
	Administrative Council	6:30 pm
	Trustees	7:00 pm
Saturday 5/15	Acorn Deadline	



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/>

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through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship and Caring*