

April 11, 2021
First Sunday of Easter

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser
Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Pastor John

***Responsive Reading**

(Taken from 'This is the Day that the Lord has Made')

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: Oh what a Mighty God we serve!

All: Oh let us sing and praise the Lord!

One: Alive, Alive, Alive Forevermore!

All: My Jesus is Alive Forevermore!

***Hymn** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" No. 66
verses 1, 2

***Prayer of Assurance and Affirmation**

Lord God Almighty, as we gather today, we pray for unity because we know that there is strength in numbers. We are believers of one heart and one mind, willing to surrender all that we own and share the joy of our faith with others. It is through your power and might that we are able come together and minister to others, particularly those in need. So we ask that you enlighten and empower us to do your will and advance your kingdom on earth, from now until you come again in glory. Amen!

Unison Prayer

Gracious Heavenly Father, give us strength and wisdom as we ride the wave of your Son's glorious resurrection into a period of what we hope will be dynamic growth within the church. Guide us and bless us as we seek to expand our reach and inspire others to join us as faithful servants committed to advancing your Kingdom here on Earth. This we pray with great joy and anticipation. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, the depth of your sacrifice and the power of your resurrection remind us that the truth which was from the beginning remains the same today and will continue that way until you return in glory. So, let us be ever watchful, wary of the traps before us that we may be vigilant in our efforts to proclaim the truth regarding your precious Word. May our fellowship with the Father, with you His faithful Son, and with the Holy Spirit be complete so that we may live a life of holiness and obedience from this day forward. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading Acts 4:32-35 CEB
Second Scripture Reading 1 John 1:1-4 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** "Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee" No. 562
verses 1, 2

Sermon "Now What?" 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 Lord's Prayer No. 821

Presentation to God of Our Gifts
*Doxology No. 95

***Hymn** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 557
verses 1, 2

Benediction and Postlude

*=please stand in body or spirit

United Methodist Women is offering **Soup to Go** on Sunday April 18. Please place your orders TODAY (forms are in the Narthex.) Call Elizabeth or Miriam. Thanks in advance for your support.

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

Our Prayer List

Our neighbors and our community, those serving in the armed forces, law enforcement, our country, and its leaders

Our Church Family

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

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Bob Morris who is recovering from surgery
Family, friends, and parishioners of José Santiago in Cuba, who passed away last week
Wendy Rife's daughter, Samantha; grandson, Jackson; and Samantha's boyfriend, Andy, as they transition to their new apartment. Also, prayers for Andy following an injury to his spinal cord
Rusty, who is dealing with cancer, and his wife Linda
Ron's wife, Amy, who continues to deal with cancer
Cheryl, whose brother Randy was killed in an auto accident several weeks ago
Mark and Patti Ritchey in praise for Patti's improved health
John Hower, whose health continues to improve
Jeff Long who is having cardiac issues
Those who hate, discriminate, seek violence and those caught in the crossfire and those who mourn.

Word of Inspiration (Galatian 5:22-25)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit as well. (CEB)

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 4/11	Worship	10:30 am
	Deadline for <i>Soup to Go</i>	
Monday 4/12	Bible Study	9:30 am
Thursday 4/15	ACORN deadline	9:00 pm

Looking Ahead

Sunday 4/18	Worship	10:30 am
	<i>Soup to Go</i>	11:30 am
Monday 4/19	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Trustees	6:30 pm
Saturday 4/24	Girl Scouts	8:00 am
	UMW District Gathering via Zoom	9:30 am
	Pam Domer is the speaker	

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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