

April 18, 2021  
Third Sunday of Easter

### Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser  
Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Pastor John

### \*Responsive Reading (Selections from Psalm 4)

One: Answer me when I cry out, my righteous God!

**All: Set me free from my troubles!**

One: Have mercy on me!

**All: Listen to my prayer!**

One: Know this: the Lord takes personal care of the faithful.

**All: The Lord will hear me when I cry out to him.**

One: So be afraid, and don't sin!

**All Think hard about it in your bed and weep over it!**

One: Bring righteous offerings, and trust the Lord!

**All: You have filled my heart with joy**

One: I will lie down and fall asleep in peace

**All: Because you alone, Lord, let me live in safety.**

\*Hymn "In Thee Is Gladness" No. 169  
verses 1

### \*Prayer of Assurance and Affirmation

Righteous God, we know that you walk with us even in times of darkness and disobedience. We come before you today confessing our sin and seeking forgiveness and reconciliation, because we know that you lead us to a place of rest and refuge ,where we will find peace and joy in your Heavenly Kingdom. Amen!

### Unison Prayer

Lord Jesus, we celebrate our life with you, and we give you thanks for your unfailing loyalty and unconditional love. May we continue to strengthen and fortify our walk with you, as we seek to honor you through our faithfulness and service to you and to others, particularly those with the greatest need. This we pray with solemn adoration. Amen!

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Father, you have called us as Children of God, to turn our backs on the evil of the flesh and to pursue the purity of the Spirit. Guide us, enlighten us, and strengthen us so that we might become the holy and faithful people you created us to be. This we pray with great reverence and thanksgiving. Amen!

### Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading Acts 3:13-19 CEB

Second Scripture Reading I John 3:1-7 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 "Abide with Me " No. 700  
verses 3, 4

Sermon "Excess Baggage" 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 "Nothing but the Blood" No. 362  
verses 1, 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 Assistant
- \* 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

### 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)*

### 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	Patti and Jim Pfander
Esther Franks	Betty Princehorn
Connie Garg	Elaine Sprinkle
Ewing Giffin	Bill Stewart

### Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Family in Smithville who lost their house  
 Bob Morris who is recovering from surgery  
 Family, friends, and parishioners of José Santiago in Cuba, who passed away recently  
 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.

### Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 4/18	Worship	10:30 am
	Soup to Go	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	
Pam Domer is the speaker (see below) 9:30 am via Zoom		

### Looking Ahead

Sunday 4/25	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 4/26	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm

The Canal District United Methodist Women's Spring Gathering will meet this Saturday, April 24 at 9:30 via Facebook Live. A Facebook account is not necessary. Let Elizabeth know if you would like to attend and she will send a direct link.

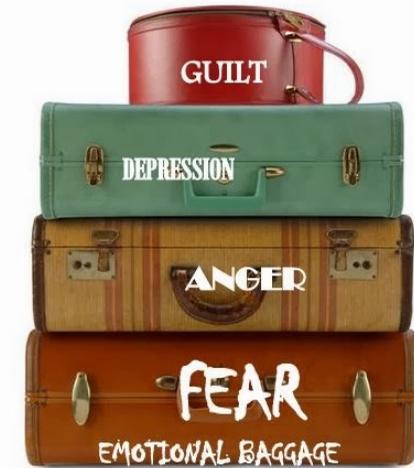
Our speaker is Oak Chapel's very own Pam Domer who is a UM Deaconess, and Canal District UMW Social Action Coordinator. She will talk about the Deaconess program which was designed and is supported by United Methodist Women.

Deaconesses and Home Missioners are laywomen and laymen who are called by God to be in a lifetime relationship in The United Methodist Church for engagement with a full-time vocation in ministries of love, justice, and service. Together they form a covenant community that is rooted in Scripture, informed by history, driven by mission, ecumenical in scope, and global in outreach.



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