

April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser
Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Pastor John

***Responsive Reading - 23rd Psalm**

One: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
All: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
One: He leadeth me beside the still waters; He restoreth my soul.
All: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
One: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
All: For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
One: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.
All: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
One: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
All: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

***Hymn** "Close to Thee" No. 407
verses 1, 2

***Prayer of Assurance and Affirmation**

Father God, you know our thoughts before we think them. You hear our words before we speak them. You see our actions before we carry them out. Help us to be ever mindful of your will so that when we think, speak, and act, we do so in obedience to your Holy Word and you mighty Commandments. This we pray with deep respect and devout reverence. Amen!

***Unison Prayer**

Lord Jesus, your love for us is no act, but rather an indication of your sincere and genuine passion for and commitment to us. We are, indeed, grateful for your grace and mercy, and we seek to serve you with loyalty and dedication in accordance with your sacred Word. Mold us and shape us so that we might become equally loyal and dedicated to you. This we pray in earnest. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God in Heaven, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. You knew us before we knew you. You called us before we came to you. Now, we stand before you, confessing our sins and seeking your healing grace, your compassionate mercy, and your generous forgiveness so that we might strengthen our covenant with you, now and forever more. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading Acts 4:5-13 CEB
Second Scripture Reading I John 3:16-24 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** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" No. 454
verses 1, 2

Sermon "Red Carpet Treatment" 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** "Precious Name" No. 536
verses 1, 2

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

Individual and family photos will be taken for a new pictorial directory on the afternoon and evening of June 22. Details will follow in the May ACORN.

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
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
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
Those who hate, discriminate, seek violence and those caught in the crossfire and those who mourn.
Patrick's mother
The families of the Indianapolis shooting victims

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

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

Looking Ahead

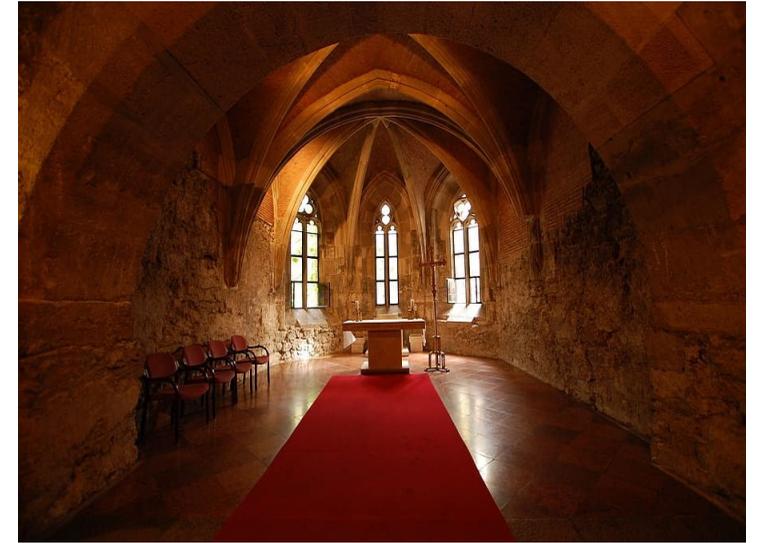
Sunday 5/2	Worship	10:30 am
	Youth	6:30 pm
Monday 5/3	Retirees' Breakfast	8:00 am
	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Tuesday 5/4	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Wednesday 5/5	Morning Circle	9:30 am
Saturday 5/8	UMM Breakfast	7:30 am
	Church Workday	9:00 am

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*