

May 16, 2021  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

**Responsive Reading (Psalm 47:6-8)**

One: Sing praises to God! Sing praises!

All: Sing praises to our King! Sing praises!

One: God is king of the whole world!

All: Sing praises with a song of instruction

One: God is king over the nations.

All: God sits on his holy throne.

\*Hymn "Come Thou Almighty King" No. 61  
Verses 1 and 3

**\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Like ancient mariners lost at sea, we look to the heavens for guidance in times of trouble. Show us the light so that we may see. Share with us the Word so that we may hear. Bless us with compassion so that we may feel. Just as you, Lord, were lifted up into heaven, so shall you return in glory from the heavens and provide a place for those who follow you in faith. Let us give thanks and praise as we glorify your Holy Name. Amen!

**\*Unison Prayer**

Father of the Universe, you have done wonderful things! Why do we still struggle in our efforts to follow you? Remove the scales from our eyes so that we may see clearly and obey with faith and trust and confidence in the foundation of our faith — your son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ — until He returns in glory. Amen!

Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession**

Precious Savior, your mission is complete. You have endured an agonizing crucifixion on the cross to atone for our sins, and then overcame sin and death to rise again from the tomb so that we would be saved. As we confess our sins, we also praise your name, giving you great thanks for the undeserved gift that brought us hope and the promise of eternal life in your Father's Kingdom. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Reading Luke 24:44-53 CEB

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23 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 "Amazing Grace" No. 378  
Verses 1 and 2

Message "Ascending to Greater Heights" 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

Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Hymn "Love Devine, All Loves Excelling" No. 384  
Verses 1 and 2

\*Benediction and Postlude

\*= please stand in body or spirit

**Sign up** to have your picture taken for the new church directory. The photographer will be here at the church on Tuesday, **June 22**. Sign up online or call Christy Rickard.

**Items needed for 40 UMCOR Hygiene Kits**

29 hand towels 27 bars of soap 14 wash cloths

40 toothbrushes 28 combs

Monetary donations are also appreciated.

**Pentecost May 23**

This Christian holiday is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus. We invite you to wear red on May 23—the traditional color of Pentecost—or a combination of bright flaming colors. This is also United Methodist Women Sunday, an opportunity to share the great work of women all over the world.

**United Methodist Women: Faith • Hope • Love in Action**

We are a supportive, inclusive Christian membership organization where women grow spiritually, develop as leaders and serve and work to create a world in which all women, children and youth thrive. United Methodist Women is celebrated as the women's ministry of The United Methodist Church.

**Memorial Day May 30**

Our annual tribute to our Veterans will be incorporated into our 10:30 worship service.

**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

Jennifer Adair	Elsie Mykrantz
Betsy Bower	Ann Kahrig
Sheila Burckhart	Wayne Kahrig
Esther Franks	Elaine Sprinkle
Ewing Giffin	

#### Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Steve Moore	Rich Shall
Mark Weist	Dan Marthy Family
Gale Greggor Family	
Cindy Mykrantz's Father	
Family of Bob Buehler	
Our brothers and sisters in India	
We speak out and condemn:	
Bigotry, bullying, callousness, and cruelty	

#### Today's Concerns

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



#### Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 5/16	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 5/17	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Trustees	6:30 pm
Tuesday 5/18	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	Outreach	6:30 pm

#### Looking Ahead

Sunday 5/23	Pentecost/UMW Sunday	10:30 am
Monday 5/24	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm
Wednesday 5/26	UMW Executive Cte.	6:00 pm

#### Choices for Worship on Sundays

- ◇ Come inside with mask and social distancing.
- ◇ Listen in the parking lot without leaving your car or on the lawn as the weather turns warmer 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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## Ascension Sunday

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