

May 23, 2021  
Pentecost

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements - Miriam Zech, UMW President

\*One: The winds of the Spirit are starting to move!

**All: The dry bones are beginning to rattle!**

One: Be ready to be amazed and astonished,

**All: for God's presence will fill this house of worship.**

One: The Spirit is here, speaking to us and through us,

**All: drawing us into God's praise.**

\*Hymn "Rejoice, The Lord is King" No. 715  
Verses 1 and 3

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O God, we have heard your Pentecost story: your Spirit is here, your church is born, and the day of the Lord is coming. You have gathered all people together in your Spirit, and you have brought life to all valleys of death. Still, O Lord, we cannot trust, for we fear our bones are beyond repair. Still, O Lord, we turn away, for we fear our hope is lost. Still, O Lord, we imagine isolation, for we fear we are cut off from your presence. Forgive us, Holy One. As you did for your first church, breathe the fire of life into us. As you did for your prophet Ezekiel, reveal to us your life-giving presence. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Readings Cindy Mykrantz, District Treasurer  
First Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14 CEB  
Second Reading Acts 2:1-8, 12-21 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 "Spirit of The Living God" No. 393

United Methodist Women's Purpose Phyllis Weaver

Message "Who Are We?" Sandra Hodge

Reading Program Awards Sandy Hower

Membership Invitation Sandy Treece

Praises and Concerns Pam Domer, Deaconess

**Our Morning Prayer** and District Social Action Mission

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

Prayer Ribbons and Explanation Miriam Zech

Presentation to God of Our Gifts  
\*Doxology No. 95

\*Hymn "We Are the Church" No. 558  
Verses 1, 2 and 5

\*Benediction and Postlude Evelyn Silver  
\* = please stand in body or spirit

**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 Guest Speaker, Sandra Hodge***

Over the course of more than forty years God has led Sandy on numerous journeys from Oberlin, Ohio to New York City, Chicago and back to Oberlin where she grew up. In this span of time, she was very fortunate to have had opportunities from starting up her own private consulting business, serving Fortune 500 companies, to executive-level positions with business think tanks, private and public education institutions, and national consortiums, composed of business, education, and labor.

Sandra has served the local church as vice president of the UMW, chair of finance and SPRC as well as a taskforce for the East Ohio Conference Bishop and the EOC Finance and Administration committee. For five years she was the EOC UMW Treasurer. Currently she is a member of the First UMC-UMW Circle in Oberlin, a part of the church strategic planning and SPRC committees. In addition, she belongs to the Firelands' District Committee on Ministry. This past January 2021, she was elected by UMW National Board of Directors as a Conference member to serve on the Program Advisory Group (PAG). The role provides programmatic recommendations to the Board and staff. Our theme is Dream It, Believe It, and Do It.

Professionally, she holds a BA from Concordia University in River Forest, Illinois and an Executive MBA from Cleveland State. Sandra has been married to Glenn Hodge for forty years and they have one son, Cory, and a granddaughter named Bella who you may have seen at Mission u.

**Financial News:**

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (April 2021): \$2,032

Received last month:

04/04 - \$4,068

04/11 - \$2,106

04/18 - \$2,415

04/25 - \$580

As of 04/30/2021, we received about 113% of our budgeted income for the month of April and 87% YTD; that's an uptick from last month. The Food Pantry continues to be well supported. Thank you Oak Chapel! We're alive and well!



### 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	Steve Moore

#### Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Dean Harris	Rich Shall
Mark Weist	Dan Marthy Family
Gale Greggor Family	Brad and Chris
Cindy Mykrantz's Father	Nick and Sarah
Evan, Corey and Stephanie	Steve

We speak out against:

- Unrest in the Middle East
- Bickering among our leaders
- Violence in our cities and our nation

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

#### Looking Ahead

Sunday 5/30	Memorial Day Worship	10:30 am
Monday 5/31	Bible Study	9:30 am
Tuesday 6/1	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Wednesday 6/2	Morning Circle	9:30 am

#### 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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## Pentecost Sunday



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