

May 9, 2021  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Responsive Reading (Proverbs 3:5-7)

One: Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

**All: And do not lean on your own understanding.**

One: In all your ways acknowledge him,

**All: And he will make straight your paths.**

One: Be not wise in your own eyes;

**All: Fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.**

\*Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" No. 133  
Verses 1 and 2

**\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Father God, you have set forth a pathway for us to follow, one that will produce great fruit and fulfillment, but not one without occasional obstacles and detours. Guide us and protect us, empower and enlighten us, bless us and sanctify us so that we may always follow you and do your will as we seek to bring honor and glory to your Sacred Name. Amen!

**\*Unison Prayer**

Lord Jesus, you are our majestic Savior. You have freed us from the bondage of sin, equipped us to be obedient servants, and blessed us to be faithful disciples. May our efforts — humble though they may be — exalt your Holy and Precious Name, and may others discover, accept, embrace, and love you as you have loved us. This we pray with great joy. Amen!

Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession**

Creator of the Universe, we gather with humble and contrite hearts. You know all about what we have done and what we have failed to do that goes against your teaching. However, we know that you are a loving, caring, and compassionate God, and so we come before you, confessing our sins and seeking your forgiveness as well as your abundant grace and mercy, as we promise to renounce evil and embrace all of the good that is in You. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Reading Jeremiah 7:1-7 CEB

Second Reading Luke 1:46-55 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 God, Descend upon My Heart" No. 500  
Verses 4 and 5

Message "Paving the Way" 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 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" No. 90  
Verses 1 and 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 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**

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.

**Reminders:**

Don't forget to sign up to have your picture taken for the new church directory. The photographer will be here at the church on Tuesday, June 22.

Items needed for UMCOR Hygiene Kits

29 hand towels    35 bars of soap    32 wash cloths  
40 toothbrushes    28 combs



### Our Prayer List

Our neighbors and our community  
Those serving in the armed forces  
Our country, its leaders

#### Our church family

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

#### Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

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 5/9	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 5/10	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Finance	6:00 pm
	Administrative Council	6:30 pm
Saturday 5/15	Acorn Deadline	

#### Looking Ahead

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

#### 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*