

July 11, 2021
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

***Responsive Reading (Psalm 24)**

One: Mighty gates: lift up your heads!

All: Ancient doors: rise up high!

One: So the glorious king can enter!

All: Who is this glorious king?

One: The Lord — strong and powerful!

All: The Lord — powerful in battle!

One: The Lord of heavenly forces

All: He is the glorious king

***Hymn** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates“ No. 213

***Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Mighty and Majestic God, we ask your blessings upon those gathered here today as well as those who are not able to attend. Watch over us and protect us from the danger and the evil that lurk. Shield us from temptation and deliver us from the darkness so that we might be holy and pleasing in your sight. This we pray in your precious name. Amen!

***Unison Prayer**

Lord in Heaven, you have promised a great inheritance. Grant us the vision to see and follow your perfect plan. Guide us, direct us, and counsel us so that our paths will be straight, and that we might lead others to you. Give us the wisdom and discernment necessary in all situations so that our faith will remain firm with you as our foundation. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, have mercy on us. We have fallen far short of your glory, and we continue to stumble, yet our desire to remain faithful never waivers. Forgive us for our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us and shower us with your abundant grace so that we might have the wisdom to respect, revere, honor, and obey your Holy Word and follow your Sacred Commandments, today and always. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 24:3-6 CEB

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 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** “Sanctuary” insert

Message “Son Screen” 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** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” No. 327

***Benediction and Postlude**

**= please stand in body or spirit*

Opportunities for Service

As we look toward fall and our strategic plans for 2022, we encourage all of you to consider your role in the church. Each of you have been blessed with a range of talents, and we would be honored to apply those talents in service to the Lord. We are looking to restructure our organization so that committees can function at peak productivity and efficiency. In the coming year, we will have opportunities for service in a variety of areas, including Christian Education, Worship, and Outreach. If you feel a call to service in these or other areas, please contact Pastor John, and he will be happy to find a place for you.

Christian Education

The COVID crisis certainly took its toll on Christian Education, but brighter days are ahead. We plan to restart our Sunday School classes this fall, although those who wish to start sooner are certainly welcome to do so. We would also like to re-establish Sunday School options for our youth and our children. If you feel called to help in either of these two areas, please let us know.

Lend a Hand

On Saturday, July 24 Oak Chapel will once again take a team to assist Habitat for Humanity with a house build they are working on in Wooster. This is an opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in need locally. No particular skill is required. We will meet at the job site at 9:00 am and work until noon. Please contact the church office if you are able to help as there is a Volunteer Construction Waiver that will need to be filled out and brought with you to the worksite.



Our Prayer List

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

Our church family

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

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Ron Blosser - following the passing of his wife Amy
Harriet - Friend of Connie Garg
Frank - Friend of Ewing Giffin
Gary - Friend of Steve Moore
Les - Friend of Phyllis Weaver
Andy - Wendy Rife
Rich Schall - Friend of Pastor John and Sheri

Today's Concerns

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

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 7/11	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 7/12	Retirees' Breakfast	8:00 am
Thursday 7/15	Acorn Deadline	

Looking Ahead

Sunday 7/18	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 7/19	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Trustees	6:30 pm
Tuesday 7/20	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	Outreach	6:30 pm
Saturday 7/24	Habit Build	9:00 am
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Choices for Worship on Sundays

- ◇ Come inside with social distancing.
- ◇ Listen in the parking lot without leaving your car or on the lawn 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*