

July 18, 2021  
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

**\*Responsive Reading**

One: Our faith is fortified by God's invincible Word.

**All: Our lives are strengthened by the Holy Spirit.**

One: Let us reflect His light and be a beacon for all to see

**All: So that others may forge a relationship with the Lord.**

One: Let us loyally and faithfully carry out His will...

**All: To know Christ and to make Him known.**

**\*Hymn** "Morning Has Broken" No.145

**\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Heavenly Father, we know the truth, and we seek to live by it in all that we say and do. Bless us with the wisdom, the integrity, the energy, and the strength to boldly proclaim our faith and our love for others, so that we may carry out your will and prepare ourselves and others for the day that you return in glory. Amen!

**\*Unison Prayer**

Lord God, the proof of our faith is revealed in the fruit that we bear. Help us to overcome the hypocrisy that so often hinders us and empower us to become the loyal, faithful, and dedicated disciples you called us to be. This we pray with great hope and anticipation, today and always. Amen!

Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession**

Lord Jesus, our sins are like stains that soil fine linen, but through your sacrifice on the cross and your resurrection from the tomb, we have been made clean and set free by your precious blood. We are deeply grateful for your unwavering grace and mercy, and we pledge to conduct ourselves in a more faithful and obedient manner in the days ahead as we seek to live, not by the flesh but by spirit in the weeks and months ahead. Amen!

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Scripture Reading: II Peter 1:16-18 CEB**

**Second Scripture Reading: John 20:24-31 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** "There's Something About That Name" No. 171

**Message** "Prove It" 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** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 57

**\*Benediction and Postlude**

*\*= please stand in body or spirit*

**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

**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.

On Tuesday, July 27 we will take a team to Eastbrook Mission Barn to help verify UMCOR kits. If you can spare a day this is a very rewarding mission trip. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.



### 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	Jordan Cline

### Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Rich Schall - Friend of Pastor John and Sheri  
Keith and Pam - Friend of the Varns  
John - Friend of Sandy Hower  
Jim Corbett—Father of Cindy Mykrantz

### 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 7/18	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 7/19	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Trustees	7:00 pm
Tuesday 7/20	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	Outreach	6:30 pm
Saturday 7/24	Habitat Build	9:00 am
	Mission u	

### Looking Ahead

Sunday 7/25	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 7/26	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm
Tuesday 7/27	Eastbrook Mission Barn	

### 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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*Serving God and Community  
through Love, Compassion,  
Fellowship and Caring*