

August 15, 2021
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

***Responsive Reading (Psalm 111:2-5)**

One: The works of the Lord are magnificent;

All: They are treasured by all who desire them.

One: God's deeds are majestic and glorious.

All: God's righteousness stands forever.

One: God is famous for his wondrous works.

All: The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.

One: God gives food to those who honor him.

All: God remembers his covenant forever.

***Hymn** "How Great Thou Art" No. 77

***Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Lord God, we take time this morning to listen intently for your instruction. As faithful disciples, we know that you call us to serve the underserved, to stand up and speak out against injustice, and to live a life of obedience, compassion, and love. Lift us up and empower us so that through our actions your name will be honored and glorified, always and forever. Amen

***Unison Prayer**

Creator of all that is good, Provider of all that is needed, Originator of all that is true, we seek your guidance and instruction as we look to make a difference in our world through actions that proclaim our faith. Strengthen and fortify us in our journey so that all that we say and do will give hope and encouragement to those who follow. This we pray with joyful expectation. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy, Mighty, and Merciful God, we acknowledge our sinful nature and ask that our struggles in the flesh give way to renewed strength in the spirit — the Holy Spirit — who helps us eradicate evil and inspires us to live a life of service to the Lord. Forgive us and cleanse so that we might be purified and made holy and pleasing in your sight. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-13 CEB
Second Scripture Reading James 2:14-17 CEB
Third Scripture Reading: I John 3:18-24 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** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" No. 140

Message "A Call to Action" 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** "Faith of Our Fathers" No. 710

***Benediction and Postlude**

**= please stand in body or spirit*

Financial News

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (July 2021): \$2,709

Received last month:

07/04 - \$1,445

07/11 - \$3,747

07/18 - \$594

07/25 - \$1,170

As of 07/31/2021, we received about 64% of our budgeted income for the month of July and 77% YTD. As the dog days of summer wane, we look for the attendance and offering to increase. Thank you Oak Chapel!

From the Pastor's Desk...

Just a thought to consider on this sacred day of worship.

Make or Break a Habit

Whenever we talk about habits, we often do so in a negative sort of way — as in those we would like to break. We even devote a portion of our worship service confessing the habits that cause harm to us and others. Today, however, I would like to suggest that we take a look at some positive habits that we can put into practice, which will have noteworthy spiritual benefits. For example, if you are not already doing so, consider setting time aside each day for prayer and devotions. You can also think about active involvement in church endeavors or engagement in outreach activities, and, of course, regular worship attendance on Sunday. For most of us, our secular life is all about a regular routine, so why not structure our spiritual life in the same fashion? This will make us a more active, vibrant, and fruitful church. Don't wait until tomorrow, start a new habit today!



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	Sandy Treece
Esther Franks	Elsie Mykrantz
Ewing Giffin	Christy Rickard
Elaine Sprinkle	Connie Reed

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Jim Corbett—father of Cindy Mykrantz
Chase Brian - grandson of Carol Gasser
Linda and Jim Silver
The family of Bill Stewart
Dick Gasser
The family of Crystal Mackey
Debbie Pletcher—friend of Pastor John
Marion Hochstetler—Kim Domer’s cousin
Jen Moser’s sister

Today’s Concerns

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

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 8/15	Acorn Deadline	
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 8/16	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Trustees	6:30 pm
Tuesday 8/17	Days for Girls	1:00 pm

Looking Ahead

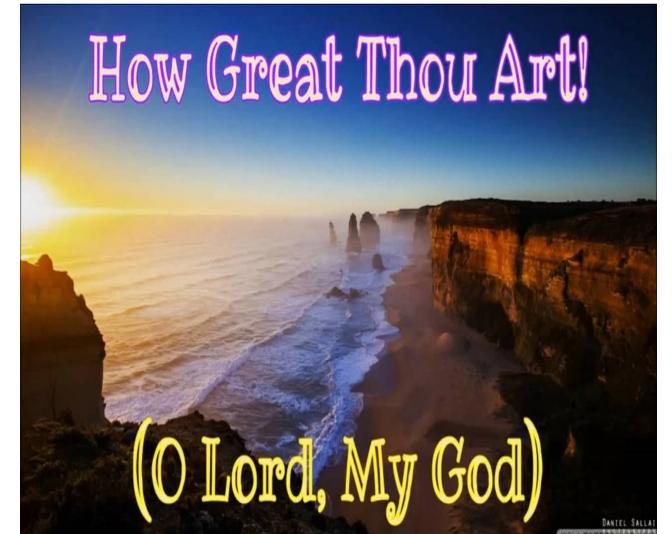
Sunday 8/22	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 8/23	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm

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,
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