

August 22, 2021  
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

**\*Responsive Reading (Psalm 84:5,7,8)**

One: Those who put their strength in the Lord are truly happy;

**All: Pilgrimage is in their hearts.**

One: They go from strength to strength,

**All: Until they see the supreme God in Zion.**

One: Lord God of heavenly forces,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**\*Hymn** "Soldiers of Christ, Arise" No. 513

**\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

God of all creation, amidst great trial and tribulation, we look to you for guidance, comfort, hope, and assurance. There is so much pain and suffering, so much death and destruction in our world today that it becomes almost too much to bear, but then we are reminded that you are our rock. Your love and compassion are renewed each day. Therefore, we wait for you because we know that you bless those who seek you. Through you, with you, and in you, we shall never fail. Amen!

**\*Unison Prayer**

Almighty God, let us be on guard, ever mindful and always watchful of our surroundings, aware of the evil that stalks us. May your armor shield and strengthen us so that we can stand up to and against all forms of repression and injustice. This we pray with unwavering hope and faith in your Blessed Name. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy, Mighty, and Merciful God, we confess our sins and seek your forgiveness while pledging to forgive others. As we reflect on the error of our ways, we pursue your light, which was given freely to us through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whose death on the cross and resurrection from the grave conquered sin and death and provided a pathway to salvation. For this great and glorious gift, we offer our sincere thanks and praise, now and forever. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading: Lamentations 3:22-26 CEB  
Second Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20 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** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" No. 526

**Message** "Don't Give Up on Me" 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** "Lead On, O King Eternal" No. 580

**\*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.

**What's the Big Idea?**

Thoughtful ideas help organizations broaden their horizons and grow in unexpected ways. Our church is no different. New and creative ideas, even if they might initially be considered "off the wall," are often the most fruitful. Do you have an idea that you think might benefit the church? Is there something you are passionate about that could help us extend our reach in the community? If so, give me a call, or send me a text (330-988-2577). I would be happy to chat with you.

**Habitat for Humanity**

As you know, Oak Chapel has been helping with the Habitat Faith Build here in Wooster. We are scheduled to help again on Saturday, August 28 from 9:00 am—noon. We could use your help if you are available that morning. If you are unable to help on site please consider making a donation to their Faith Build Projects. We hope to join other local churches with a donation goal of \$500 which will be matched by Thrivent Financial.



### 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**

Debbie Pletcher—friend of Pastor John  
Marion Hochstetler—Kim Domer’s cousin  
Jen Moser’s sister  
Avi—Connie Garg’s son  
Tina Braucher’s father  
Jean—Sheri Finn’s mother  
The people of Afghanistan and Haiti  
Wildfire and storm victims  
Children and staff returning to school  
Gary and Margot  
Nick—Alison Flanagan’s friend

#### **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 8/22	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 8/23	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm
Saturday 8/28	Habitat Build	9:00 am

#### **Looking Ahead**

Sunday 8/29	Worship	10:30 am
Wednesday 9/1	Morning Circle	9:30 am

#### **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*