

August 29, 2021
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

***Responsive Reading (Based on Selected Scripture Passages)**

One: Let not your hearts be troubled!

All: Believe in God and in His Son Jesus Christ!

One: For God so loved the world,

All: That He gave His only Son.

One: That whoever believes in Him,

All: Shall not perish but have everlasting life.

One: Go and proclaim the gospel to all of creation.

All: So that all who believe and are baptized will be saved.

***Hymn** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" No. 173

***Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Lord God Almighty, our journey of faith requires both surrender and obedience to you. We stand firmly in our beliefs and we affirm our faith in you. May you continue to walk with us and provide us with clarity in the decisions we make and protection from the evil that we face. This we pray with complete confidence and assurance in your Holy Name. Amen!

***Unison Prayer (Based on The Apostles Creed)**

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, who created heaven and earth; in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who died as an atonement for our sins and then rose again to provide a pathway for our salvation; and in the Holy Spirit, who was given to us as a gift to guide, direct, protect, and inspire us from this world into the next. May the Blessed Trinity be with us, now and forever. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, even as we glorify your name, we continue to fall victim to the temptations of this world. With sincere and contrite hearts, we once again acknowledge our many human failings, while continuing to aspire to the holy and obedient lives you have called on us to live. May your blessings cleanse us and may your armor empower us to reject evil whenever and wherever we encounter it. This we pray with sincere reverence and devotion. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 4:1-5 CEB
New Testament Reading: John 1:6-13 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** "O Gladsome Light" No. 686

Message "Believe It or Not" 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** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 103

***Benediction and Postlude**

**= please stand in body or spirit*

From the Pastor's Desk...

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

Service with a Smile!

It's almost impossible to greet everyone before or after the worship service, but you can certainly smile and wave to those that you can't catch up with.

A warm smile is essential for a church that wishes to become that "kind, caring, compassionate church in the country" — the one that everyone wants to be part of.

Likewise, out in the community, greeting others with a smile, whether at the store, or the bank, or on a mission trip, just might be a catalyst for a friendly conversation, and possibly even a friendship.

Smiles are contagious and healthy. Be intentional, and put yours on display for all to see.

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 soon as tickets are going quickly.

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



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
Arden Boyer and family	Wendy Rife

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Debbie Pletcher—friend of Pastor John
Donna Bell—friend of Janice Kaser
Randy Worrell—friend of Steve Moore
John—friend of Sandy Treece
Brad Moore—Friend of Gene Varns
Family of Hunter Smith
Patrick Rickard’s mother

Today’s Concerns

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

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

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

Looking Ahead

Sunday 9/5	Worship	10:30 am
Tuesday 9/7	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	District Consultation	8:00 pm
	with SPRC	
Saturday 9/11	Men’s Breakfast	7:30 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*