

October 3, 2021  
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

Responsive Reading (Psalm 25:8-10)

One: The Lord is good and does the right thing;  
All: He teaches sinners which way they should go.

One: God guides the weak to justice,  
All: Teaching them his way.

One: All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful  
All: For those who keep his covenant and laws.

\*Hymn "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood" No. 622

\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the savior of the entire world! There are no exceptions and no exclusions for those who proclaim their belief in and love for you. As your disciples, we must follow your commandments while accepting, embracing, and loving all people, even those who persecute us. Give us the strength to emulate your grace and mercy so that we may forgive and reconcile with others in the same way that you have forgiven and reconciled with us. May your precious name be glorified, today and always. Amen!

\*Unison Prayer

Great and Glorious God, we cry out to you from this divided and divisive world to the greatness and glory of heaven above. Hear our prayer, fill our spirit with grace and mercy, and help us to reach out to others so that we may one day all come together and celebrate the life you have promised for your faithful followers. This we pray with hopeful expectation. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord of Hosts, on this World Communion Sunday, when we come together as one, we first must repent of our sins, seek reconciliation with you, and rejoice in your abundant grace and mercy. We are forever grateful for your sacrifice on the cross and your resurrection from the tomb, which conquered sin and death and brought about a pathway to salvation for all who would accept and believe in you. We are forever grateful and we praise your glorious name. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Selected Scripture Passages from the Book of Romans

Romans 12:4-5; 12:16; 14:19; 15:5-6

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 "Bread of the World" No. 624

Message "All Together Now" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion Pg. 15

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 "Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love" No. 566

\*Benediction and Postlude

*\*= please stand in body or spirit*

Sunday School Begins

Back in my day, September marked the beginning of the school year. Now, of course, schools open in the middle of August, which is unfortunate for students and teachers because it robs them of the end of their summer vacation.

In the church, we also celebrate the beginning of autumn with a return to school — Sunday School.

Sunday School at Oak Chapel is back. Our classes began this morning, but if you missed it, don't worry, we are making a commitment for the long haul. In addition to at least one adult class, we are hoping to implement classes for children, youth, and young adults.

You can bolster this initiative simply by joining one of the classes. No prerequisites or advance knowledge is necessary — just a thirst for the Word of God! If you have young children or teenagers, bring them along, too. Right now, we have teachers in place, but if you feel a call to help teach or facilitate a class, we would certainly like to hear from you.

As we get back into the routine of regular in-person Sunday worship, let us also consider becoming part of a Sunday School class. Sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude between 10:15-10:20.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor John at 330-988-2577 or [jfynn@wooster.edu](mailto:jfynn@wooster.edu). Enliven your spirit and illuminate your mind with a provocative study of God's Holy Word.

Why do we celebrate Special Sundays such as World Communion Sunday?

United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. Read more in *The Acorn*.



### **Our Prayer List**

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

#### **Our church family**

Jennifer Adair	Elsie Mykrantz
Betsy Bower	Christy Rickard
Bill Feldman	Elaine Sprinkle
Ewing Giffin	Sandy Treece
Esther Franks	

#### **Our Friends, Family and Neighbors**

Joyce Varns as she recovers from foot surgery  
 Shelby Burckhart and her engagement to Noah  
 Becky Schlund as she recovers from an illness  
 Christy Rickard as she prepares for treatments  
 Rev. Stephanie Lee as she deals with cancer  
 Bill Feldman, recovering from wrist surgery.  
 The families who mourn the passing of these loved ones.  
 Melvin Browning, Marilyn Reith, Ken Stiffler, David DeJong, Mark Boutwell, Debbie Pletcher  
 Cindy and Stuart Mykrantz, Pam and Kim Domer, and all  
 Nomads working in mission in Pennsylvania.  
 Mike Schenk and family  
 Jim—Father of Tina Braucher  
 Lois and Bill Brad Moore  
 Bill McHenry Pastor Kris Patt  
 JoAnn Troyer

#### **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 10/3	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 10/4	Retirees' Breakfast	8:00 am
	Candy Making	6:30 pm
Tuesday 10/5	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Wednesday 10/6	Morning Circle	9:30 am
Saturday 10/9	Men's Breakfast	7:30 am

#### **Looking Ahead**

Sunday 10/10	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 10/11	Candy Making	6:30 pm
Friday 10/15	ACORN Deadline	
Tuesday 10/26	Eastbrook Mission Barn trip	
Sunday 10/31	Trunk or Treat	2—4 pm

#### **A Call to Service**

Now that autumn is upon us, it's time to "turn over a new leaf" and consider becoming involved in one (or more) of our church's vast opportunities for service. It doesn't have to be a major commitment on your part, just a little bit of participation.

We have a particular need in the vital area of Christian Education, but we can also use your help in other areas. If you have a yearning to serve, or if the Spirit is moving you in that direction, please contact Pastor John, and we'll figure out a role for you to bless and be blessed.

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 through Love, Compassion,  
 Fellowship and Caring*