

September 12, 2021
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

***Responsive Reading (Psalm 19:7-9)**

One: The Lord's instruction is perfect,

All: Reviving one's very being.

One: The Lord's laws are faithful,

All: Making naive people wise.

One: The Lord's regulations are right,

All: Gladdening the heart.

One: The Lord's commands are pure,

All: Giving light to the eyes.

One: Honoring the Lord is correct, lasting forever.

All: The Lord's judgments are true.

***Hymn** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" No. 152

***Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance (From Selected Scripture)**

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the ones who seek him. It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. Therefore, be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, or when they carry out their wicked schemes, for the Lord is with us, always and forever. Amen!

***Unison Prayer (The Serenity Prayer and More)**

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. May we be completely humble and gentle, patient and kind, caring and compassionate, always bearing with one another in love. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, you are the hallmark of compassion, benevolence, kindness, and reconciliation. As we confess our sins before you this morning, we seek to be forgiven, even though we are unworthy to even make that plea. It is only because of you that we still have hope. Have mercy on us; cleanse us; and purify us so that when the day of judgment comes, your Father will welcome us into His Heavenly Kingdom. This we pray with humble and contrite hearts. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 14:10-14 CEB
New Testament Reading: Hebrews 10:32-36 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** "Be Still, My Soul" No. 534

Message "Why Wait?" 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** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 127

***Benediction and Postlude**

**= please stand in body or spirit*

Financial News

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (August 2021): \$1,674

Received last month:

08/01 - \$1,779.00

08/08 - \$3,868.00

08/15 - \$2,977.15

08/22 - \$805.00

08/29 - \$971.00

As of 08/31/2021, we received about 124% of our budgeted income for the month of August and 82% YTD, which is an increase of 5% above July's YTD. Thank you Oak Chapel!

Back to Church Sunday

Next Sunday Oak Chapel will join churches across the country and around the world in this exciting endeavor to reconnect and re-invigorate our church. Our service will be held at Grossniklaus Lake, which is located at 185 Cherry Lane, just off West Old Lincoln Way (a.k.a. Warner Hill), less than a mile from the church. We look forward to a spirit-filled worship service followed by an enjoyable time of fellowship during a picnic lunch. The men will coordinate a cookout, the church will provide utensils and beverages, and we will ask everyone else to bring a lawn chair and covered dish to share. We invite you to join us as we kick off the 210th consecutive year of faithful discipleship at Oak Chapel. Bring your family and a friend or neighbor as we celebrate our heritage and reimagine our future as an active, vibrant, caring, and compassionate church where all are welcome.





Our Prayer List

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

Our church family

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

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Chase Brian—Great Grandson of Carol Gasser
Delila Jane—Great Granddaughter of Becky Schlund
Jim—Father of Tina Braucher
Pastor Kris Patt
Cody and Megan Brown—Cousin of Erica Boyer
Our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan
Victims of Hurricane Ida

Today's Concerns

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

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 9/12	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 9/13	Retirees' Breakfast (at Towne Market Café)	8:00 am
Wednesday 9/15	Acorn Articles Due	

Looking Ahead

Sunday 9/19	Worship and Picnic (at Grossniklaus Lake)	10:30 am
Monday 9/20	Trustees	6:30 pm
Tuesday 9/21	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Wednesday 9/22	UMW Executive Outreach	6:00 pm 6:30 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,
Fellowship and Caring*