

September 26, 2021  
Eighteenth 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 commands are perfect in every way!

**All: May we honor Him as we trust and obey!**

One: Let our lives be guided by His beacon of light,

**All: As we treat others in a way that is just and right!**

One: Lord of Hosts, guide us in all we do,

**All: So that our lives may bring honor and glory to You!**

**\*Hymn** "Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise" insert

**\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Father, you call on us to be holy and obedient, disciplined and forthright, and to live in accordance with your Sacred Word. Grant us the wisdom, the fortitude, and the piety to reject the temptations of the flesh and overcome evil so that our words and our actions will help to lead others to you. This we pray in solemn adoration. Amen!

**\*Unison Prayer**

Lord, we are so grateful for your presence in our lives and your careful guidance that keeps us on the pathway of righteousness. Help us to stay focused, disciplined, and true to your commandments so that we may live a life of faithful discipleship while encouraging others to seek and follow you. This we pray with great respect and reverence. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Majestic Redeemer, we are not worthy of your unconditional grace and mercy, and yet we are forever grateful for your gift that brings about salvation. Strengthen us and empower us whenever we encounter life's temptations, so that we may flee from the darkness and turn to the light that you have provided. This we pray with sincere repentance as we lift up your Holy and Precious Name. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 11:26-28 CEB  
New Testament Reading: John 14:15-17 CEB  
New Testament Reading: James 1:19-25 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** "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" No. 465

**Message** "Between the Lines" 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** "Trust and Obey" No. 467

**\*Benediction and Postlude**

*\*= please stand in body or spirit*

Back-to-Church and Back-to-School

Last week, we celebrated a wonderful outdoor service, courtesy of Rick and Julie Grossniklaus, as we focused on getting "Back-to-Church" — back into a routine of regular worship and service to the Lord through our service to others. We hope to see increasing numbers in our sanctuary throughout the fall and into the coming year.

In the meantime, we also want to focus on restarting Sunday School classes, beginning next week (Oct. 3) on World Communion Sunday. We hope to have at least one adult class, and we are looking to start classes for children and youth as well.

The Sunday School hour (actually 45 minutes) begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at about 10:15-10:20 a.m. The adult class will have a series of rotating leaders and will begin with Philip Yancey's compelling study on "Vanishing Grace" — a very appropriate topic for the time in which we are now living.

Please consider joining us and encouraging your children, grandchildren, and young teenagers and adults to become part of the process. You don't have to make a weekly commitment — just come when you are able — and be blessed by the extraordinary and sacred Word of God.

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.



### **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
Ewing Giffin	Christy Rickard
Esther Franks	Elaine Sprinkle

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

Chase Brian—Great Grandson of Carol Gasser  
Delilah Jane—Great Granddaughter of Becky Schlund  
Cody and Megan Brown—Cousin of Erica Boyer  
Mike Schenk and family  
Family of Mark Boutwell  
Jim—Father of Tina Braucher  
Lois and Bill  
Brad Moore  
Bill Mc Henry  
Pastor Kris Patt  
Jennifer  
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 9/26	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 9/27	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm
	Shoe Box Packing	6:00 pm

### **Looking Ahead**

Sunday 10/3	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 10/4	Retirees' Breakfast	8:00 am
	Candy Making	6:15 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

### **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*