

January 16, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

***Responsive Reading (Psalm 36:5-9)** Cindy Mykrantz

One: Your loyal love, Lord, extends to the skies;

All: Your faithfulness reaches the clouds.

One: Your righteousness is like the strongest mountains;

All: Your justice is like the deepest sea.

One: Lord, you save both humans and animals.

All: Your faithful love is priceless, God!

One: Humanity finds refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: They feast on the bounty of your house;

One: You let them drink from your river of pure joy.

All: Within you is the spring of life. In your light, we see light.

***Hymn** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" No. 117

***Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Let us not be deceived. We are surrounded by those who perpetrate evil and seek to bring down all who exalt God. But we have the Spirit within, and through it, we are inspired, emboldened, and empowered to rise up and conquer the malice of this world so that we can triumph through His glory in the world that is to come. May this promise bring us strength, comfort, and joy, today and forevermore. Amen!

***Unison Prayer**

Faithful and Just God, even as we are surrounded by our enemies, we take time to lift them up and pray that your mercy and compassion will soften their hearts and lead them out of darkness and into the light, where they can see the truth and embrace the pathway to salvation. This we submit in surrender and supplication. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, once again we find ourselves on the outside looking in, having once again fallen short of your glory because of what we have done and what we have failed to do. May your healing grace fall freely upon us, cleansing us of our sins and purifying our soul. This we pray in Your Sacred Name, Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 62:1-5 CEB

New Testament Readings I John 2:24-27 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 Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" No. 480

Message 'Who Really Cares?' 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

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

***Doxology** No. 95

***Hymn** "The Church's One Foundation" No. 545

***Benediction and Postlude**

**= please stand in body or spirit*



Sunday School Classes

Please join us for Sunday School before and/or after our Worship Service. Our Adult Sunday School Class meets each week from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Sing-Mar Room. Our Young adult Sunday School Class meets on the second and fourth Sunday following the Worship Service from 11:30-12:15 in the Gathering Grounds.

Visioning Day/Fellowship Dinner

Join us for our monthly Fellowship Dinner, following today's worship service and stay with us for a brief presentation about our Vision for Church in 2022. Join us for the food and the fellowship!

Chili Cookoff

The highly popular Chili Cookoff returns to Oak Chapel next month. Dig out your favorite chili recipe and enter the contest, which brings out people from the church and the community. It will be held on Saturday, February 12, from 5-6 pm

Looking Ahead

As we look forward to spring (even though it is a long way off), our thoughts turn to the solemn Lenten season, which culminates with the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2, and concludes with Easter Sunday on April 17. Please plan to join us for these sacred services!

Outreach Opportunities

Our vibrant and ambitious Outreach Team met this past week and set forth an exciting schedule of activities and events for the coming year. There will be plenty of opportunities for everyone in the church to become actively involved. Stay tuned for the details and plan to join our efforts to reach out to the community.



Our Prayer List

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

Our Church Family

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| Jennifer Adair | Elsie Mykrantz |
| Betsy Bower | Christy Rickard |
| Bill Feldman | Elaine Sprinkle |
| Esther Franks | Sandy Treece |
| Ewing Giffin | Jen Moser |
| Mark Ritchey | Jim and Patti Pfander |
| Ann Kahrig | Cameron Boyer |

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Christy Rickard for her ongoing treatments
Don Reigh, who is recovering from a fall
Cam Boyer, who is recovering from leg surgery
The family of John Redick
Elizabeth Feldman, for travel mercies and her daughter's foot surgery
Melissa Davis, who is recovering from cardiac surgery
Miriam's cousin and those in the Philippines affected by the typhoon
Samantha, Jackson, and Selena for comfort and guidance
Sandy Treece who is recovering from COVID
Elsie Mykrantz who is recovering from COVID
Uta's husband, Jay, who is recovering from COVID
Dave Zech's cousin, Charlotte, who is dealing with COVID
All who are affected by COVID in our community and around the world
All those affected by tragic house and apartment fires

Today's Prayer Concerns

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

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| Sunday 1/16 | Sunday School | 9:30 am |
| | Worship | 10:30 am |
| | Fellowship Dinner | 11:30 am |
| Monday 1/17 | Bible Study | 9:30 am |
| | Trustees | 6:30 pm |
| Tuesday 1/18 | Days for Girls | 1:00 pm |

Looking Ahead

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| Sunday 1/23 | Sunday School | 9:30 am |
| | Worship | 10:30 am |
| Monday 1/24 | Bible Study | 9:30 am |
| | Prayer Shawl | 6:00 am |
| Tuesday 1/25 | Eastbrook Mission Barn | |

Tornado Relief

UMCOR continues to respond to the deadly tornadoes that ravaged several states to our South. Your response in prayer and financial support will lift up the victims of the devastating storm. Please **be there** for survivors by supporting UMCOR US Disaster Response with a gift today. To give by check, please send checks, payable to Advance GCFA, to:

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