

January 30, 2022

## Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

**\*Responsive Reading (Psalm 71:1-3)** Cindy Mykrantz

One: I've taken refuge in you, Lord.

**All: Don't let me ever be put to shame!**

One: Deliver me and rescue me by your righteousness!

**All: Bend your ear toward me and save me!**

One: Be my rock of refuge

**All: Where I can always escape.**

One: You commanded that my life be saved

**All: Because you are my rock and my fortress.**

**\*Hymn** "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" No. 129

**\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Lord God, you are the ultimate in grace, mercy, and compassion. You have not only instructed us to accept those who are different from us, but you have also shown us how to do so. Continue to guide us in our journey so that we may answer your call to love all people unconditionally as you have loved us. In your precious name, we pray. Amen!

**\*Unison Prayer**

Lord of the Highest Heavens, grant us the grace to accept those who differ *from* us as well as those who differ *with* us. Let us not harbor any resentment or ill will, but instead let us share the grace and mercy that you have shown to us so that we can lift up your name in a spirit of love and harmony. Amen!

Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession**

Lord Jesus, Forgive us for our arrogance, our anger, our vindictiveness, and all of the other things that bring about bitterness, conflict, and acrimony that separate us from you and from one another. Cleanse our souls and soften our hearts so that we may show love and compassion for one another. This we pray with renewed hope. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen!

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** Jeremiah 4:5-9 CEB

**New Testament Readings** Romans 1 5:1-7 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** "Help Us Accept Each Other" No. 560

**Message** "No Terms or Conditions" 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** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" No. 671

**\*Benediction and Postlude**

*\*= please stand in body or spirit*



**Chili Cookoff**

The highly popular Chili Cookoff returns to Oak Chapel next month. Dig out your favorite chili recipe and enter the contest, or just come to sample the variety of mouthwatering chili concoctions. Join us on Saturday, Feb. 12, from 5-6 p.m.

**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.



If you are looking for some spiritual companionship during the week, be sure to tune into Heartfelt Radio (91.9 FM). The ministry of Heartfelt Radio reaches nine counties in Northeast Ohio and the reception in Wayne County is especially clear, thanks to a tower in nearby Creston. The station features programming for every member of the family, including Bible teachers who bring the Word of God to life. There is also uplifting music that glorifies the Lord, and exciting, relevant programs for children. You can listen on your radio or online at [heartfeltradio.org](http://heartfeltradio.org), and on Alexa when you say, "Alexa, open Heartfelt Radio."



### 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             |
| Ann Kahrig     | Jim and Patti Pfander |
| David Houser   | Cameron Boyer         |



### Our Friends, Family, and Neighbors

Stuart Mykrantz's co-worker, whose wife passed suddenly  
Rosie and Bob Troutman's friend Barb Jeffers, health issues  
Jim Corbett as he continues cancer treatments  
The family of Miriam's cousin, Charlotte  
Melissa Davis, who is recovering from cardiac surgery  
Samantha, Jackson, and Selena for comfort and guidance  
Cindy Henshaw's mother as she transitions to assisted living  
Families grieving the loss of a loved one  
All who are affected by COVID

### Today's Prayer Concerns

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

### Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 1/30	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 1/31	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Tuesday 2/1	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Wednesday 2/2	Choir	7:00 pm

### Looking Ahead

Sunday 2/6	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 2/7	Retirees' Breakfast	8:00 am
	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Tuesday 2/8	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Saturday 2/12	UMM Breakfast	7:30 am

### Opportunities for Mentorship

If you happen to have some spare time, and you would like to provide some guidance for young people in our community, consider becoming a mentor with OHuddle. Just 30 minutes a week can reshape and even transform the life of a young person. You can also become a sponsor with a monthly gift of \$15, which covers the cost of supplies. OHuddle is a nonprofit organization serving more than 400 students in Orrville, Smithville, Triway, Waynedale, and Wooster, as well as the Wayne County Career Center. It's mission is to awaken each child to his or her unique value through hope-filled relationships and one-to-one mentorship. For more information, visit [www.ohuddle.org](http://www.ohuddle.org) or [www.facebook.com/ohuddle.org](http://www.facebook.com/ohuddle.org).



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through Love, Compassion,  
Fellowship and Caring*