

February 20, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Stuart Mykrantz

***Responsive Call to Worship (From Psalm 37)**

One: Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will dwell in the land, and enjoy security.

All: Take delight in the Lord, who will give you the desires of your heart.

One: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in God.

All: Be still and wait patiently before the Lord.

*Hymn "How Great Thou Art" No. 77

*Prayer of Invocation Stuart Mykrantz

Gracious God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

Call to Confession Rev. Wilcox

Prayer of Confession Rev. Wilcox

O holy and merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves the yoke of obedience, nor been willing to seek and to do your perfect will. We have not loved you with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have called to us in the need of our sisters and brothers, and we have passed unheeding on

our way. In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ, and have grieved your holy spirit.

Words of Assurance and Pardon Rev. Wilcox

Children's Message Rev. Wilcox

Prayer of Illumination Stuart Mykrantz

All: Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord, and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain you with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen.

Scripture Reading Luke 6:27-38

One: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word!

All: For God's Word reigns us light, hope, and joy.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

*Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 140

Message "Seeing the Larger Picture" Rev. Wilcox
(Selected verses from Genesis 45)

Our Morning Prayer

Gathering of Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer—All

Stuart Mykrantz

Rev. Wilcox

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "He Leadeth Me" No. 128

*Benediction and Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*



Welcome Rev. Wilcox

We are pleased, honored, and blessed to welcome Rev. David Wilcox, who will lead us in worship this morning. The former senior pastor at Wooster United Methodist Church, Rev. Wilcox is no stranger to Oak Chapel, having preached here on several occasions since his retirement in 2014.

Rev. Wilcox grew up on a dairy farm south of Norwalk and graduated from South Central High School, where his wife, Marjorie, also attended. He was active in 4-H and has trophies for showmanship and grand champion hogs.

Rev. Wilcox also has impressive educational credentials, which include an undergraduate degree from Harvard University — the gold standard for academic excellence — where he learned alongside "Love Story" author Erich Segal, actor Tommy Lee Jones, and Vice President Al Gore.

He earned his bachelor's degree in history but long felt a calling to the ministry so he enrolled at the Methodist Theological School of Ohio, where he completed his seminary studies and served as a student assistant pastor. He later completed degrees at Yale and at Princeton Theological Seminary. He went on to serve at parishes in LaGrange, Louisville, Lexington, Hudson and Wooster. He also has participated in mission projects, including trips to Bolivia and Appalachia.

David and Marjorie have three daughters: Jennifer, Rebecca, and Elizabeth.

Fellowship Dinner

Join us for our monthly Fellowship Dinner following today's worship service. Come and enjoy the food and the fellowship!



Lord God of all creation, we take time from our busy schedule to pause for prayer and reflection. We lift up our brothers and sisters in our community and our nation as well as those around the world. Bless and comfort them. Bring them peace and consolation. We also lift up our church family and friends as listed below...

Praises

Sandy Hower in thanksgiving for good test results
 Helen Domer in celebration of her 91st birthday
 Cindy Mykrantz giving thanks for her father's successful treatments
 Arden Boyer, who continues to join us remotely for worship
 Fellowship and Outreach events sponsored by Oak Chapel

Prayer Concerns

Christy Rickard, who is continuing treatments
 Betsy Bower, who continues to recover from a fall
 Evelyn Silver, who continues to recover from an illness
 Josh Miller, who is undergoing spine/neck surgery
 Heidi Arnold, who is hospitalized in Columbus
 Homer, who is recovering from a fall
 Moreland United Methodist as it mourns the loss of its pastor

Today's Prayer Concerns

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 2/20	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Fellowship Dinner	11:30 am
Monday 2/21	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Trustees	6:30 pm
Wednesday 2/23	Choir	7:00 pm

Looking Ahead

Sunday 2/27	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult Class	11:30 am
Monday 2/28	Bible Study	9:30 am
	UMW Exec Meeting	10:00 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm
Tuesday 3/01	Shrove Tuesday	
	Outreach	9:30 am
	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Wednesday 3/02	Ash Wednesday	7:00 pm



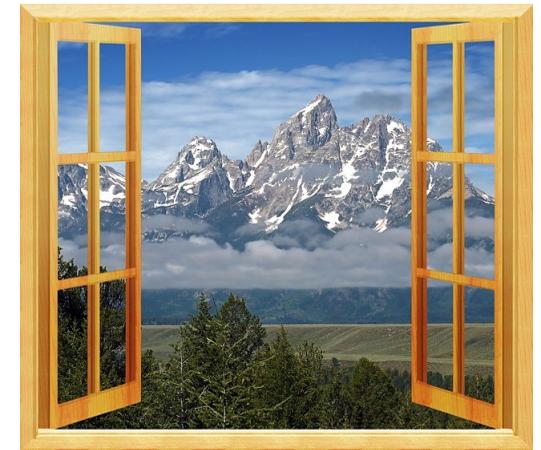
Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (January 2022): \$2,037
 Received last month:
 01/02 - \$689
 01/09 - \$750
 01/16 - \$3,435
 01/23 - \$927
 01/30 - \$1,319

As of 01/31/2022, we received about 70% of our budgeted income for the month of January and 70% YTD. The Food Pantry and Helping Hands Fund continue to be well supported. Thank you! Oak Chapel is alive and well!

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*Serving God and Community
 through Love, Compassion,
 Fellowship and Caring*

Today's Message...
"Seeing the Larger Picture"