

April 3, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading

One: Lord God in Heaven,

All: Have mercy on us.

One: Forgive our many transgressions,

All: As we also forgive one another.

One: Teach us to remain faithful,

All: And empower us to lead others to you.

One: May we all be witnesses to your glory,

All: And may you deliver us into your father's kingdom.

*Hymn "To God Be The Glory" No. 98

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance

God of all Creation, as we move closer to commemorating the events that changed history and transformed each of us, we offer sincere thanks for the gift of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whose death on the cross and resurrection from the tomb brought forth the promise of salvation for all who would believe. May we continue to honor you by loving and serving our neighbor as you have commanded. In your name we pray. Amen!

Time of Reflection

Prayer of Illumination

Lord Jesus, even though the darkness sometimes obstructs the light, it cannot overcome it. May we continue to seek and follow your light so that we can remain on the pathway of righteousness that leads to a reunification with you. This we pray with great adoration and expectation. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Dear Lord, the route to eternal life remains open, even to our very last breath. Let us not delay, however, but instead act swiftly to confess our sins so that we may transform our lives and walk in harmony with you from this day forward. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

First Scripture — Luke 23:39-43 CEB

Second Scripture — Mark 15:33-39 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 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" No. 297

Choir Anthem "I Am His, and He is Mine"

Message "One Last Chance" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion No 15.

Anyone who loves Jesus is welcome at the table.

Our Morning Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts to God

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Take Up Thy Cross" No. 415

*Benediction

Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*

Sunday Evening Lenten Series

Our Sunday Evening Lenten Series concludes tonight at Church of the Cross United Methodist. Pastor Mike Law will bring the message. Please consider joining us for this final night of worship and fellowship.

Date	Location	Message
April 3	Church of the Cross UMC 5100 Cleveland Road, Wooster	Mike Law

Building Leadership Teams: Under Construction

Copies of our new Leadership teams will be printed next week. If you would like to serve on one of the teams, please let us know. If you would like a break from your current service, please let us know that as well.

Daily Bread

Copies of the March-April edition of Our Daily Bread devotional are now available in the Narthex. Pick yours up this week as we make our way through the Lenten Season and prepare to celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday Speaker

Pastor Dan Wingate will lead our worship service next Sunday. He will share a message, titled, "Christ's Entry Into Jerusalem," based on Luke 19:29-30 and Matthew 21:1-11. Please join us for this inspiring lesson on Palm Sunday.

Lenten Services and Events
(All at Oak Chapel)

April 10	Palm Sunday	10:30 am
April 14	Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm
April 15	Good Friday	7:00 pm
April 16	Easter Egg Hunt	2:00 pm
April 17	Easter Sunday	10:30 am



Great and powerful God, we give you thanks for your presence in our lives, and we look to you for continued guidance and clarity. As we rejoice in our many blessings, we also take time to share our concerns and burdens, as we lift up the following in prayer...

Praises

- * A safe return home for those who have been traveling
- * The new banner in the Narthex welcoming all to our church
- * The continued outreach of our Food Pantry ministry
- * A robust schedule of services for Holy Week

Prayers

- * Christy Rickard as she recovers from a blood clot
- * Tina's father for successful surgery and subsequent healing
- * Dee's grandson as he deals with a variety of issues
- * Debbie Bloch following her surgery
- * Heidi Arnold as she continues to undergo treatments
- * The people of Ukraine for safety and an end to the conflict

Today's Prayer Concerns

United with Ukraine — In Prayers For Peace

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made...

By check made out to: Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written in the memo line.

Mailed and addressed to: Global Ministries /UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York NY 10087

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week

Sunday 4/3	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Evening Lenten Service	7:00 pm
Monday 4/4	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Tuesday 4/5	Retirees Breakfast	9:00 am
	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Wednesday 4/6	Choir	7:00 pm
Thursday 4/7	Call to Prayer/Self Denial	6:00 pm
Saturday 4/9	Men's Breakfast	7:30 am

Looking Ahead

Sunday 4/10	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Palm Sunday Worship	10:30 am
Monday 4/11	Bible Study	9:30 am
Wednesday 4/13	Choir	7:00 pm
Thursday 4/14	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 pm
Friday 4/15	Good Friday Service	7:00 pm
Saturday 4/16	Easter Egg Hunt	2:00 pm
Sunday 4/17	Easter Sunday Worship	10:30 am



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (March 2022): \$2,662

Received last month:

- 03/06 - \$3,629
- 03/13 - \$2,276
- 03/20 - \$2,810
- 03/27 - \$1,177

As of 03/31/2022, we received about 93% of our budgeted income for March and 76% YTD. The Food Pantry continues to be well supported. Thank you Oak Chapel!

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

Today's Message...

"One Last Chance"