

March 6, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading Rosie Troutman

One: The Lord calls out to us,
All: But we often fail to hear His Voice.

One: The Lord goes before us each day,
All: But we often lose sight of His Footprints.

One: The Lord lays out His Commandments,
All: But we often refuse to obey His Holy Word.

One: Lord, soften our hearts and sharpen our senses,
All: So that we may see, hear, accept, and obey!

*Hymn "Heralds of Christ" No. 567

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Rosie Troutman

Lord Jesus, as we begin this Lenten journey, we are reminded of the scope of your sacrifice and depth of your suffering. You endured unspeakable agony so that we could be rescued from the evil of this world and find respite in the glory of the world to come. For this great gift, we offer humble praise and sincere thanksgiving, along with a pledge to live more holy and obedient lives. Amen!

Time of Reflection Rosie Troutman

Prayer of Elucidation Rosie Troutman

Father in Heaven, may the light of your Word and the power of your presence smooth out the rough edges in our lives, clearing away the dross and perfecting that which you intended for us to be. Let us see the light, feel its warmth, and be drawn to it. With hopeful expectation we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Mighty God, despite our transgressions, you continue to forgive us through your divine grace and mercy. Once again we come before you in humble contrition, seeking your forgiveness as we forgive others and leading us away from the evil that surrounds us. This we pray with great admiration and adoration. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination Pastor John

Old Testament Scripture — Isaiah 40:3-5 CEB

First New Testament Scripture — Luke 3:3-6 CEB

Second New Testament Scripture — I John 2:1-6 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 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 420

Message "Blurred Lines, Rough Edges" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts to God

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" No. 361

*Benediction

Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*

Sunday Evening Lenten Series Begins Tonight

Our Sunday Evening Lenten Series returns after a two-absence beginning this evening. Tonight's service will be held here at Oak Chapel at 7 p.m. Rev. Kris Patt from Church of the Cross will deliver the message.

The Sunday Lenten Series provides an opportunity for fellowship among area churches. In addition to Oak Chapel and Church of the Cross, we will be joined by United Methodist Churches from Moreland, New Pittsburg, and Wooster.

Please consider joining us as we seek to enrich our Lenten experience and expand our preparation for the Blessed Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. Each service presents a different message, so you need not feel obligated to attend all five (although you are most welcome to do so).

Date	Location	Preacher
March 6	Oak Chapel UMC 4203 W. Old Lincoln Way	Kris Patt
March 13	Wooster UMC 243 N. Market Street, Wooster	Jon Heavilin
March 20	Moreland UMC 138 Moreland Road, Wooster	John Finn
March 27	New Pittsburg UMC 9670 Ashland Road, Wooster	Jim Cooper
April 3	Church of the Cross UMC 5100 Cleveland Road, Wooster	Mike Law

Lenten Services

April 10	Palm Sunday	10:30 am
April 14	Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm
April 17	Easter Sunday	10:30 am



Almighty God, we gather again to praise your name and to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer. We ask that you bring comfort and assurance to those who suffer and those who mourn. We also give you thanks for your many blessings and for your presence in our lives...

Praises

The return of our Choir after almost two years of silence
The Young Adult Class that is growing and prospering at Oak Chapel
The upcoming wedding of Tom Rife’s son, Mitchell, and fiancé Abigail Elizabeth Feldman’s successful surgery
Evelyn Silver and her steady return to good health

Prayers

Karla Krichbaum as she recovers from a broken arm
J.J. and Jordan Cline as they recover from injury and illness
Brothers Danny and Jeff as they work through conflict
Nick as he continues to endure the pain of a kidney stone
Kim & Pam Domer for safety as they travel to a Nomads Project in Georgia
Tom & Wendy Rife for safety as they travel to Tom’s son’s wedding
The wife of Doug Henshaw’s former co-worker as she enters Hospice care
The family of Cindy Mykrantz’s friend, Bobbie, following her passing
Heidi Arnold, as she recovers from neurosurgery
Betsy Bower as she continues to recover at Smithville-Western Care Center
The people of Ukraine caught in the crossfire of war

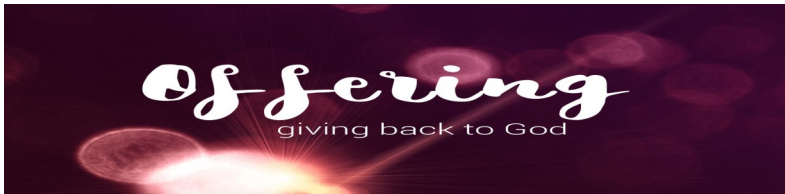
Today’s Prayer Concerns

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 3/6	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 3/7	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:00 am
	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Wednesday 3/9	Choir	7:00 pm
Saturday 3/12	UMM Breakfast	7:30 pm

Looking Ahead

Sunday 3/13	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult Bible Study	11:30 am
Monday 3/14	Bible Study	9:30 am
Tuesday 3/15	Acorn Deadline	
	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Wednesday 3/16	Choir	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...
“Blurred Lines, Rough Edges”