

April 24, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

\*Responsive Reading (Psalm 150) Erica Boyer

One: Praise God in his sanctuary!

All: Praise God in his fortress, the sky!

One: Praise God in his mighty acts!

All: Praise God as suits his incredible greatness!

One: Praise God with the blast of the ram's horn!

All: Praise God with lute and lyre!

One: Praise God with drum and dance!

All: Praise God with strings and pipe!

One: Praise God with loud cymbals!

All: Let every living thing praise the Lord!

\*Hymn "The Day of Resurrection" No. 303

\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Erica Boyer

Lord Jesus, having celebrated your glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday, we now set our sights on further affirming our faith and strengthening our relationship with you. Bless us as we move forward, ever mindful of the fact that you provide us with guidance, inspiration, courage, and purpose. May we continue to do your will with reverence and respect, now and forever. Amen!

Time of Reflection Erica Boyer

Prayer of Illumination Erica Boyer

Lord God, your light is never dim. It is only when we turn away that darkness rolls in. Give us the wisdom, the strength, and the encouragement to remain focused on the glow of your countenance, which illuminates our path and protects us from the enemy's traps that seek to ensnare us. This we pray in your Sacred Name. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Merciful God, despite our best efforts, we have not lived in accordance with your Sacred Word. Please accept our desire to repent as we also seek to obey your commandments and pursue a life that is holy and reverent. This we pray with humble contrition. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for the Word Pastor John

Old Testament Reading — Deuteronomy 4:9-17 CEB

New Testament Reading — Acts 5:27-32 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 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 298

Choral Anthem "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Message "Back to Basics" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts to God Pastor John

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Hymn "Thine Be the Glory" No. 308

\*Benediction Pastor John

Postlude

*\*= please stand in body or spirit*



Goodwill Fundraiser

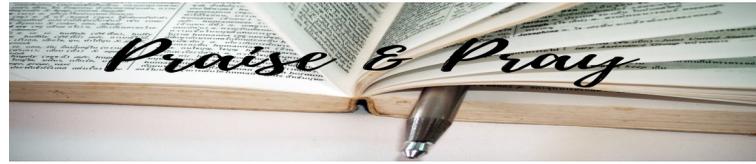
Tomorrow is the last day to donate items for our Goodwill fundraiser. If you have anything that you would like to donate, particularly clothing, we can provide much-needed items for Goodwill and also raise some funds for Oak Chapel. There are bins in the Narthex through the end of the day on Monday

Shoes for Orphan Souls

Oak Chapel will participate in Shoes for Orphan Souls, an international humanitarian aid project that provides **NEW** shoes and socks to orphans and vulnerable children in the United States and throughout the world. From April 25 through May 6, you can donate **NEW** shoes through this program, and they will be received by the world's neediest children.

Evangelism Sunday

Evangelism is defined as "spreading the Gospel by public preaching or personal witness." It is a fundamental responsibility passed down to us through Scripture from Jesus himself in the Gospel of Matthew, in which he encourages us to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." As disciples of Christ here at Oak Chapel, our call to invite others into active engagement with the church is ongoing. Next Sunday (May 1) has been designated as Evangelism Sunday. Steve Moore, who will be coordinating our effort, will speak briefly about his testimony as well as the church's vision and plan for witnessing to others in the coming months.



Almighty God, we are so blessed to be able to bring our prayers of concern and thanksgiving to you with the full assurance that you will hear us and bless us with your grace and mercy. May these praises and prayers be granted according to your will...

**Praises**

- \*Sharing in worship with Arden Boyer and Paul & Janet Kauffman
- \*Lifting up Elaine Sprinkle and Ewing & Alice Giffin
- \*Dick Gasser's improving health
- \*Chase's continued growth and development
- \*The study Bibles available to the Young Adult Class

**Prayers**

- \*The family of Phil Wigal following his tragic death
- \*The families of the young boys killed last week and the driver of the other vehicle
- \*Lauren Cline's co-worker, Patty, who had surgery
- \*The family of Betty Princehorn following her passing
- \*Alison's stepbrother, Jeff
- \*Nancy Miller, who had foot surgery last week
- \*Connie Garg, who had two procedures last week

**Community Impact Day**

Saturday, May 14, is Community Impact Day. Please join us between 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon for a series of projects, including international relief and possible work on a local Habitat for Humanity site. Additional details will follow next week.

**Video of Good Friday Service**

The recording of our Good Friday service and dramatic reading is now available online. You can access the video at <https://youtu.be/Cb0dX0n6u1Y>

**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week**

|                |                         |          |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Sunday 4/24    | Sunday School           | 9:30 am  |
|                | Sunday Worship          | 10:30 am |
|                | Young Adult Bible Study | 11:30 am |
| Monday 4/25    | Bible Study             | 9:30 am  |
|                | Prayer Shawl            | 6:30 pm  |
| Tuesday 4/26   | Eastbrook Mission Barn  |          |
| Wednesday 4/27 | Choir                   | 7:00 pm  |

**Looking Ahead**

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|---------------|---------------------|----------|
| Sunday 5/1    | Sunday School       | 9:30 am  |
|               | Sunday Worship      | 10:30 am |
| Monday 5/2    | Bible Study         | 9:30 am  |
|               | Art & Soul          | 7:00 pm  |
| Tuesday 5/3   | Retirees' Breakfast | 8:30 am  |
|               | Days for Girls      | 1:00 pm  |
| Wednesday 5/4 | Choir               | 7:00 pm  |



**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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through Love, Compassion,  
Fellowship and Caring*

Today's Message...  
**"Back to Basics"**