

May 15, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

\*Responsive Reading (From Psalm 67) Pastor John

One: Let God grant us grace and bless us;

All: Let God make his face shine upon us,

One: So that your way becomes known on earth,

All: And that your salvation becomes known among nations.

One: Let the people thank you, God!

All: Let all the people thank you!

One: Let the people celebrate and shout with joy

All: Because you judge the nations fairly

One: Let God continue to bless us;

All: Let the far ends of the earth honor him.

\*Hymn "Come Christians, Join to Sing No. 158

\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Pastor John

Holy God, we come before you today in search of reconciliation, restoration, and renewal. Help us to refresh our Spirit and revitalize our soul as you also lift us up and equip us for the journey ahead. May our words and actions spread the Good News and advance your Kingdom on Earth, today and forever more. Amen!

Time of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Pastor John

Creator of all living things, including the brilliant stars that illuminate the night sky, help us to see the light and to reflect it so that others may also recognize the brilliance of your radiance and choose to commit their lives to you. This we pray with great devotion and dedication in your Holy Name. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

O Great Messiah, your death and resurrection served as an atonement for our sins and a promise of salvation. While we gratefully acknowledge your glorious triumph over sin and death, we also admit to our many imperfections, which have once again led us astray. Forgive us for our transgressions, purify us with your grace, and lead us into a life of obedience, as we bow in humble contrition. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for the Word Pastor John

Scripture Passages

- Isaiah 58:8 CEB

- Jeremiah 33:6 CEB

- Luke 9:11 CEB

- II Corinthians 5:19 CEB

- Revelation 22:2 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 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" No. 140

Choral Anthem "God Will Be Exalted"

Message "Gimme a Break" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts to God Pastor John

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Hymn "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" No. 480

\*Benediction (See panel to the right) Pastor John

Postlude

\*= please stand in body or spirit



Benediction: Responsive Reading of the 23rd Psalm

One: The Lord is my Shepherd

All: I shall not want

One: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures

All: He leadeth me beside the still waters

One: He restoreth my soul

All: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake

One: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

All: I will fear no evil.

One: Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

All: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.

One: Thou anointest my head with oil;

All: My cup runneth over

One: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life;

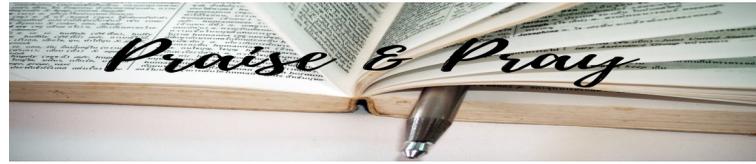
All: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

All-Daughter Dinner

Oak Chapel's All-Daughter Dinner returns after a two-year hiatus this Thursday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m. If you have not yet made your reservations, please contact Phyllis Weaver at phylbyw@gmail.com.

Egg Cartons Needed

Oak Chapel is expanding its food ministry to include eggs on a trial basis. A very generous local farmer has offered to donate two dozen eggs each week. This ministry is not part of the food pantry, and will be overseen by Pastor John on a trial basis. If you have empty egg cartons that you could donate to the cause, we would be very grateful.



Almighty God, we seek rest, refuge, restoration, and reconciliation through you, with you, and in you. Hear our prayers as we lift them before you while we also praise your great and glorious name...

**Praises**

- \* The beauty of nature and all of God’s creatures
- \* The ministry of motherhood and the many faithful women who serve God by serving children
- \* The many nurses who look after and care for those who are hospitalized
- \* Connie Reed’s encouraging test results
- \* Oak Chapel’s very successful shoe drive for children in need

**Prayers**

- \* The people of Ukraine who are caught in the violence of war

**Welcome Sunday**

Next Sunday (May 22), we will officially welcome those who have been worshipping with us in recent months. Please join us for a special introduction and then stay with us for a reception with light refreshments in the Narthex following the Worship Service.

**Take Me Out to the Ballgame**

Oak Chapel will hold its annual night at the ballpark when we travel to Canal Park for a game between the Akron Rubber Ducks and the Erie SeaWolves on Friday, July 22, at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased through Stuart Mykrantz. Join us for a great evening of fun and fellowship.

**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week**

Sunday 5/15	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
Monday 5/16	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Trustees’ Meeting	6:30 pm
Tuesday 5/17	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	Outreach	6:30 pm
Thursday 5/19	All-Daughter Dinner	6:00 pm

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 5/22	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Welcome Reception	11:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Bible Study	11:30 pm
Monday 5/23	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 p.m.



**Financial News:**

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (April 2022): \$2,259  
 Received last month:  
 04/03 - \$2,799  
 04/10 - \$2,314  
 04/17 - \$2,544  
 04/24 - \$1,390

As of 04/30/2022, we received about 100% of our budgeted income for the month of April and 81% YTD. We are on track with previous years (beginning of the year is normally slow). The Food Pantry continues to be well supported. Thank you Oak Chapel! We’re in good hands!

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

Today’s Message...  
**“Gimme a Break”**