

May 22, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (From Psalm 84) Pastor John

One: How lovely is your dwelling place

All: Lord of Heavenly forces!

One: My very being longs for the Lord's courtyards.

All: My heart and my body will rejoice to the living God!

One: Yes, the sparrow has found a home there;

All: The swallow has found herself a nest.

One: Those who live in your house are truly happy.

All: They praise you constantly.

*Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 384

*Prayer of Assurance Pastor John

Father, we are so grateful for all who enter your sacred House of Worship. This sanctuary is your shrine on earth, and we are the appointed stewards. We believe that you have guided all of us here, and we welcome others as you have welcomed us. May we all work together in harmony to serve your church and do your will to advance the glory of your Kingdom here on earth, now and forever, Amen!

Prayer of Affirmation Pastor John

Responsive Prayer of Dedication

One: Do you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

All: We do!

One: Will you honor His Word and carry out His will?

All: We will!

One: Will you participate in the ministry of this church by spreading the Good News and serving others?

All: We will!

Words of Welcome and Introductions Pastor John

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Merciful God, as we continue to navigate the uncertain terrain of this world, we admit to having fallen to life's pervasive temptation. Once again, we come before you repenting of our sins and seeking the strength and discipline provided by the Holy Spirit to flee from evil wherever and whenever we encounter it. This we pray with humility and contrition. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for the Word Pastor John

Scripture Passages

- Romans 12:10-18

CEB

- Romans 15:2-7

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 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 557

Choral Anthem "It is Well with My Soul"

Message "This is the Place to Be" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts to God Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "We Are the Church" No. 558

*Benediction Pastor John

Postlude

*= please stand in body or spirit



A Special Welcome

Today we are so blessed to welcome a group of dear friends who have been worshipping with us for a number of months. Some will be joining our church; others will be maintaining an association with us. The purpose of today's service is to officially introduce them to the congregation. Following the service, we will have a brief reception with light refreshments in the Narthex. Please consider joining us for a few minutes before you head home so that you can meet and greet our new friends.

Shoe Drive Recap

Thanks so much to all who participated in the Heartfelt Radio/Buckner Shoe Drive. We were one of only eight churches in Northeast Ohio that participated, but the drive still produced close to 600 pairs of shoes, including nearly 40 from Oak Chapel. We are so grateful that a child as far away as Guatemala and as close as Galion received a brand new pair of shoes to wear this summer and on into the new school year.

Golden Agers Luncheon

The annual Golden Agers Luncheon returns to Oak Chapel after a two-year hiatus. The event, which honors our neighbors, age 60 and over, will be held on Tuesday, June 14, in our Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP on or before June 7 by calling the church office at 330-264-2537 or by contacting Elizabeth Feldman at 330-465-5782.



Great and Glorious God, we come to you seeking comfort, healing, assurance, and peace. Hear our prayers as we lift up our loved ones as well as our friends and neighbors...

Praises

- * Maddy from Lifeline Christian Mission, who is getting married this summer
- * The Community Impact Day projects here at Oak Chapel that prepared 2,160 meals for the people of Ukraine, and completed a project for Habitat for Humanity
- * The beautiful spring weather

Prayers

- * Tony from Habitat, who is recovering from a stroke
- * The Habitat Family as they mourn the loss of an employee
- * Christy Rickard as she prepares for new chemo treatments
- * The family of Lynn who is mourning his passing
- * The people of Buffalo following the tragic mass shooting
- * Sheri Finn's mother as she recovers from a heart attack
- * Sheri Finn's brother, who is preparing for spinal surgery
- * Patrick Finn's mother-in-law who is dealing with CoVid
- * Traveling mercies for all who will be in transit this summer

Memorial Day Weekend Service

Please join us next Sunday as we pay tribute to all who served our country in the Armed Forces. We will have a special worship service honoring all members of the military, particularly those who gave their lives to preserve the freedoms we so greatly cherish to this very day.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 5/22	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult Bible Study	11:30 am
Monday 5/23	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Prayer Shawl Ministry	6:00 pm
Thursday 5/26	4-H Meeting	6:30 pm

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 5/29	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Memorial Worship	10:30 am
Monday 5/30	Bible Study	9:30 am



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...
"This is the Place to Be"