

July 24, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

\*Responsive Reading (Psalm 103: 1, 2, 6, 8) Pastor John

One: Praise the Lord, my soul;

All: All my inmost being, praise his holy name.

One: Praise the Lord, my soul,

All: And forget not all his benefits.

One: The Lord works righteousness,

All: And does justice for all the oppressed.

One: The Lord is compassionate and gracious,

All: Slow to anger, abounding in love.

\*Hymn "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" No. 66

\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Pastor John

Great and Powerful God, your grace, mercy, love, and compassion are far beyond our comprehension, but we know that even when we stray, you continue to watch over us and bring us back into the safety of your protective care. We are exceedingly grateful for the covenant that you have forged with us, and we pray that through the Holy Spirit we may continue to abide in you all the days of our life. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Pastor John

Like a shining star in a distant sky, the Light of the Lord is always present — glowing brightly in both prosperous times and difficult times. Help us, Lord, to focus on your star and follow it so that despite the obstacles we may encounter, we can remain on the pathway of righteousness, now and forever, Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Merciful Savior, we seem to find ourselves in the same predicament once again — caught in the clutches of temptation. Forgive us for our transgressions, free us from our bondage, and help us to escape to the spiritual protection that comes with you, through you, and in you whenever we seek it. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for the Word Pastor John

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 103:9-11 Pastor John

Second Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:5-9 Pastor John

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 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" No. 462

Message "Despicable Me" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts to God Pastor John

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" No. 545

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

\* = An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit



Who is My Neighbor?

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus addresses a question posed by an expert in the law about who is our neighbor. Through "The Parable of the Good Samaritan" Jesus very eloquently describes a neighbor as "one who shows mercy."

Neighbors are not defined by proximity or friendships or common interests, but rather by the grace, mercy, and love that we show to others, even those whom we do not really know.

Last Sunday, because of your enormous generosity, we delivered a love offering to Dustin Geitgey, who was badly burned in an accident on his property last month.

Through your love and your commitment to loving one's neighbor, we were able to present a check for just over \$1,500 to the Geitgey Family to help with some bills as Dustin recuperates because both he and his wife, Courtney, are self-employed.

You have answered God's call, and there is no doubt that He is well pleased with your wonderful gesture of support. May God Bless all of you!

Highway-Buyway Event

Before we know it, the Highway-Buyway will be here. Help us to plan and prepare for this annual event, which brings a wide range of visitors into our church. The event is scheduled for August 11-13. If you would like to be involved, please contact Elizabeth Feldman.

Bookworms are Back

United Women of Faith will start Bookworms again this fall. Would you be interested in reading a common book and then getting together for discussion and fellowship? If so, please fill out the bottom of our attendance insert in the bulletin.



Gracious God, we continue to praise your name for your many wonderous deeds as well as you unconditional love and abundant grace and mercy. Be with us today as we lift up the following praises and prayers before you...

**Praises**

- \*For Cathy Shallenberger’s mother, who fell but is recovering quite nicely
- \*For Dustin Geitgey, who is rapidly recovering from the burns he suffered in an accident

**Prayers**

- \*For the family and friends of Dr. Jim Howard who passed recently
- \*For Brad Moore’s girlfriend, Toni, who is suffering with cancer
- \*For Dave Goodrich, who is hospitalized with cancer
- \*For Tina Braucher’s father, Jim Shrader, who remains in Hospice care
- \* For Arden Boyer, who is now in Hospice care, May his transition to life eternal be painless and peaceful

Upcoming Worship Services	
July 31.....	Snap Judgment
August 7.....	No Easy Answers
August 14.....	Word of Mouth
August 21.....	United Women in Faith
August 28.....	All Mixed Up
September 4.....	Labor of Love

**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...**

Sunday 7/24	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult Bible Study	11:30 am
Monday 7/25	Prayer Shawl	6:00 am
Tuesday 7/26	Eastbrook Mission Barn	

**Looking Ahead...**

Sunday 7/31	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
Monday 8/01	Election Day Setup	
	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Tuesday 8/02	Election Day	
	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 am
	Days for Girls	1:00 pm



**Financial News:**

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (June 2022): \$2,452

Received last month:

- 06/05 - \$1,403.00
- 06/12 - \$1,969.86
- 06/19 - \$3,101.00
- 06/26 - \$709.00

As of 06/30/2022, we received about 73% of our budgeted income for the month of June and 81% YTD. We are slightly ahead of last year at this time, which was 50% and 80%, respectively. The Food Pantry is in the black, but the funds do not purchase as much food as a year ago. We're still making a difference. Thank you, Oak Chapel!

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

Today’s Message...  
**“Despicable Me”**