

August 21, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light
Prelude

Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Miriam Zech

Opening Prayer with Song

Leader: I invite you to take a series of deep breaths with me as we journey through a time of healing and renewal as we sing "Breathe on Me, Breath of God."

All: sing vs. 1 "Breathe on me, Breath of God" No. 420

Leader: Great God of love and life, breathe new life into all of us in this place. May every breath we take be a prayer of praise, receiving your Spirit and releasing our pains into your loving hand.

All: sing vs. 2

Leader: Bring into our minds boldness, the insight to trust you with our hearts. In every breath, we receive, trusting your provision. May our exhale be a release of control and investment in our relationship with you.

All: sing vs. 3

Leader: Sustaining and divine in all things, hold fast as the soil in which we are planted. Nurture us through your people, your ways. Grow us with a cycle of letting go of ourselves for the sake of Jesus Christ.

All: sing vs. 4

Prayer of Confession

We confess. Impatience floods the heart and mind when we forget to wait on your time. Receive our words of confession as we seek forgiveness on this day, which we share quietly or aloud. Forgive us for trying to change your story to our story. Forgive us for creating division where relationship was needed. Forgive us for doing more than you asked. Forgive us for doing less than your will. Please

bring to the front of our minds those things that press on our hearts. Receive our words of petition for ourselves or others this day, which we share quietly or aloud.

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Connie Garg

Scripture Reading:

Luke 13: 31-35

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

"Hymn of Promise"

No. 707

Message

"Who Can We Be Together"

Our Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts to God

*Doxology

No. 94

*Closing Song

"Oh, Susannah"

On the screen

Benediction

Joyce Varns

Postlude

Jen Moser

**=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit*

In our scripture, Jesus expresses his desire to gather Jerusalem as a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings. But, unfortunately, the people of Jerusalem were not willing. Think about our own church. Consider these questions.

In what ways are we willing to follow Jesus?

In what ways are we unwilling to follow Jesus?

What do you long for from a church or other faith community?

What frustrates you about our church or church in general?



Coming Up...

Oak Chapel Youth Fellowship.....Sept. 4
Eastbrook Mission Barn Trip.....Oct. 19
Oak Chapel Bazaar.....Oct. 22
Old-Fashioned Christmas.....Dec. 3-4 and 10-11

Highway-BuyWay a Drive-Through Success!

Oak Chapel's participation in the annual Highway-BuyWay Sale was a great success again this year. A total of \$1,380.86 was raised through the project. Thanks to all who volunteered and donated items! A special thanks to our core-group of organizers, who spent countless hours to ensure that the sale would be a success!

An Old-Fashioned Christmas

The Outreach Committee is hoping to organize an Old-Fashioned Christmas celebration for the church and the community in early December. Plans call for displays of classic toys and board games, vintage doll collections, and a series of miniature train displays. We are also looking into tree trimming and other festive holiday decorations as well as delicious Christmas cookies, cider, and other treats from years gone by. In addition, we are considering the sale of some hand-crafted toys and the possibility of a children's store where young people could buy inexpensive gifts for their parents and siblings so they can experience the joy of giving on Christmas morning. In order to make this happen, we will need a large volunteer group effort and people willing to display some of their classic Christmas items. If you are interested in the project, please contact Phyllis Weaver, who has graciously agreed to help coordinate the event.



God of all creation, as we prepare to bid farewell to summer and welcome the season of harvest, we once again pause to give you thanks for the beauty of your creation, the divine interdependence of nature, and your many generous blessings. May we yield to your perfect plan as we also take time to lift our praises and prayers before you...

Praises

- *For goodwill and fellowship at family gatherings
- *For renewal of relationships at reunions
- *For the appreciation for the life and legacy of Arden Boyer
- *For the first birthday of Phyllis Weaver's great grandson
- *For the continued health of Cindy Mykrantz's father

Prayers

- *For Cindy and Hallie Mykrantz as they visit Cindy's Father
- *For Miriam Zech's brother and his family as they travel
- *For Cameron Boyer as he returns home from Oregon
- *For students, teachers, and administrators as schools open
- *For travel mercies for relatives of the Weaver Family

Upcoming Worship Services	
August 28.....	All Mixed Up
September 4.....	Labor of Love
September 11.....	Fair Thee Well
September 18	Quizzes, Tests, Final Exams
September 25.....	Must, Mold, and Mildew

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 8/21	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
Monday 8/22	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 8/27	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult Bible Study	11:30 am

The new United Women in Faith logo on the cover represents the past, present and future of our organization. The symbol refers to our Christian roots. The multicolored pieces of the cross coming together represent the diversity we aim for and the inward and outward reflection we engage in as women of faith. The typography is solid, modern and bold, showcasing our power to support the causes in which we invest.



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (July 2022): \$2,329
 Received last month:
 07/03 - \$1,938 07/10 - \$3,517 07/17 - \$1,811
 07/24 - \$1,303 07/31 - \$1,316

As of 07/31/2022, we received about 85% of our budgeted income for the month of July and 82% YTD. We are ahead of last year at this time, which was 64% and 77%, 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...

"Who Can We Be Together"