

September 4, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (Psalm 73:24-26) Tom Rife

One: You guide me with your counsel,
All: And afterward you will take me into glory.
One: Whom have I in heaven but you?
All: And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
One: My flesh and my heart may fail,
All: But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

*Hymn "Nearer, My God, to Thee" No. 528

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Tom Rife
Lord, we seek to grow closer in our walk with you. Help us to avoid the obstacles and overcome the barriers that conspire to separate us from you. Instead, we ask you to strengthen our covenant so that nothing in this world can disrupt our relationship. This we pray with great reverence and hopeful expectation. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Tom Rife
Magnificent Creator, we are in awe of your power and might. Illuminate our pathway, bring clarity to our vision, inspire our soul, and warm our heart so that we may be equipped to do your will by living a life of service and obedience as we share our faith and spread the good news to others in an effort to help them to see and believe. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John
God of Mercy, God of Grace, we seek to do right and to honor your commands, but we continue to stumble and fall, so we ask you to forgive us as you also strengthen us to stand up to temptation and avoid evil. This we pray in heartfelt reverence and everlasting hope. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for the Word Pastor John

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 11:1-9 Tom Rife

Second Scripture Reading: James 4:1-10 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 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Insert

Message "Nearer to God" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts to God Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "I am Thine, O Lord" No. 419

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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



Coming Up...

Oak Chapel Youth Fellowship.....Tonight at 6:30 p.m.
Eastbrook Mission Barn TripOct. 19
Oak Chapel BazaarOct. 22
Old-Fashioned Christmas..... Dec. 3-4, 10-11

Sanctuary Video Screens

The Sanctuary video screen project continues this week, and the second screen should be mounted by next Sunday. The screens will be used for announcements, Scripture passages, videos, and a variety of other visual aids. We hope you will enjoy this new addition.

Rally Day Service and Picnic

Oak Chapel will celebrate its annual Rally Day Service and Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 18. This is the traditional kickoff to a new church year. Once again, Rick and Julie Grossniklaus have graciously allowed us to hold the event at their beautiful lake and pavilion, located at 185 Cherry Lane, less than a mile east of the church off of West Old Lincoln Way. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages will be provided. If each family could bring a covered dish or dessert, that would be great. Reservations are not necessary, but we would like to have a rough count, so please indicate whether you plan to attend on the enclosed attendance slip.

Bible Study on Revelation

Our Monday morning Bible Study resumes on Sept. 19 with an in-depth study of The Book of Revelation. Join us as we journey through this mysterious but promising book that reveals Jesus Christ to the world. We will return to in-person gatherings, but we may have an online component as well. If you are interested in becoming part of the study, just let us know.



Heavenly Father, we thank you for your many blessings and for the guidance you provide for us through the Holy Spirit and your Sacred Word. Hear our prayers as we lift them before you today. May those who are sick be healed; may those who are anxious be comforted; and may those who are lost find their way to you. This we pray with great faith and confidence. Amen!

Praises

- *For Hallie Mykrantz in her recovery from COVID
- *For Doug Henshaw’s mother as she celebrates her 101st birthday

Prayers

- *For our Youth Fellowship program as it begins anew tonight
- *For the family of Logan Buzzard, who lost his life in a traffic accident at age 22

Upcoming Worship Services	
September 11.....	Sowing God’s Seeds
September 18.....	Fair Thee Well
September 25	Quizzes, Tests, Final Exams
October 2.....	Must, Mold, and Mildew
October 9.....	Don’t Look Down
October 16.....	Planting Seeds
October 23.....	Nickel and Dime

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 9/4	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Youth Fellowship	6:30 pm
Monday 9/5	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Tuesday 9/6	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 am
	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Saturday 9/10	Wayne County Fair Begins	
	UMM Breakfast	7:30 am

Looking Ahead...

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



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...
“Nearer to God”