

September 25, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading Tom Rife

One: Lord God, on this Sacred Day,
All: We lift up your name and humbly pray.
One: Be with us on the pathway of life,
All: And guide us when we encounter strife.
One: Stay near to us when our faith is shaken,
All: And restore for us a strong foundation.
One: Bless us with each step that we take.
All: And guide us in every decision we make.
One: Each time we gaze upon the sky above,
All: We give you thanks for your lasting love.

*Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" No. 213

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Tom Rife
Almighty God, apathy and indifference can cause us to drift from our faith, so we ask that you stoke the flame of passion within and allow the Holy Spirit to move freely about as we seek to do your will with renewed vigor, always and forever. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Tom Rife
Eternal Father, lead us to still waters and peaceful pastures where we can experience the serenity, security, and stability of your presence as we strengthen our covenant with you. Guide us also in our efforts to reach out to others and grow our church. This we pray from now until you return in glory. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John
Blessed Savior, we are indeed sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us as we confess all the we have done and all that we have failed to do. We also ask you to empower us to stand up to temptation and turn away from evil so that we might be forgiven as we also forgive others. In your Blessed Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for the Word Pastor John

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 3:18-26 Tom Rife
New Testament Reading: Revelation 3:14-20 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, Be Glorified" Video Screen

Message "Must, Mold, and Mildew" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts to God Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 577

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser
**=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit*



Bible Study on Revelation

Our Monday morning Bible Study on the Book of Revelation continues tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. We meet in the Gathering Grounds in the lower level of our educational wing. All are welcome!

Homecoming Celebration

We are planning a Homecoming celebration on Oct. 16. Invite a friend, neighbor, relative, or former member of Oak Chapel. Pastor Bohley and Linda, among others, are hoping to join us, and we hope you will, too. Our worship service will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by a hearty Fellowship Dinner at 11:30 a.m.

An Olde-Fashioned Christmas

Oak Chapel will host an Olde-Fashioned Christmas celebration on Dec. 10. Individuals and families in the church are invited to decorate a tree, set up a train, and display classic toys, memorable board games, vintage doll collections, and Nativity scenes. We also plan to have delicious Christmas cookies, cider, and other treats from years gone by. In addition, we are considering the sale of some hand-crafted toys and much more. If you would like to be involved. Please let us know.

Lay Leadership

After considerable thought and planning, a slate of lay leaders will be presented to the Nominations Team and ultimately to the Congregation in October. Our goal is to place people in positions that match their passions and their skill sets. The term of service will be for two years. If you would like to serve and have not been contacted, please let us know, and we will include you. No one with an interest in serving will be excluded.



All-Knowing and All-Loving God, we bow in your glory and kneel in your honor. Hear our prayers of thanksgiving as well as our petitions of concern as we lift up those in need with the full faith and assurance that you will watch over and care for them. In your Holy and Sacred Name, we pray. Amen!

Praises

For a safe return home for Becky Schlund’s son and his wife
 For John Hower and the prayers for his improving health
 For our beautiful and peaceful outdoor service last week
 For the wonderful servants in our church
 For our new sanctuary screens and those who installed them
 For former member Pat Schaffter on her 90th birthday

Prayers

For healing for Joyce Varns as she recovers from surgery
 For Rosie Troutman’s brother, Paul, who is in the hospital
 For Sandy Treece as she recovers from an illness

Upcoming Worship Services	
October 2.....	Coming Together at the Lord’s Table
October 9.....	Don’t Look Down
October 16.....	Welcome Home
October 23.....	Guest Pastor Dan Wingate
October 30.....	Scared to Life
November 6.....	Nickel and Dime

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 9/25	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult Bible Study	11:30 am
Monday 9/26	Bible Study	9:30 am
	UMW Exec Meeting	11:00 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 10/02	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Youth Group	6:30 pm
Monday 10/03	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Tuesday 10/04	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 am
	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Saturday 10/08	UMM Breakfast	7:30 am
	UMW Unit Meeting	10:30 am



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (August 2022): \$2,260

Received last month:	
08/07.....	\$1,011.00
08/14	\$3,702.86
08/21.....	\$1,740.00
08/28.....	\$2,494.00

As of 08/31/2022, we have received about 99% of our budgeted income for the month of August and 84% YTD. We are slightly ahead of last year at this time, which was 124% and 82%, respectively. The August fundraiser (Buy-Way Sale) contributed \$1,385.86 for our budgeted expenses. Thanks to all who helped. 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...
“Must, Mold, and Mildew”