

October 23, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements April Aten

\*Responsive Reading (Psalm 145:13-18) April Aten

One: The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises,

All: And faithful in all he does.

One: The Lord upholds all who fall,

All: And lifts up all who are bowed down.

One: The eyes of all look to you,

All: And you give them their food at the proper time.

One: You open your hand,

All: And satisfy the desires of every living thing.

One: The Lord is righteous in all his ways,

All: And faithful in all he does.

One: The Lord is near to all who call on him,

All: To all who call on him in truth.

\*Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 139

\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance April Aten

Father God, you call on us to pray in earnest and with great passion. Help us to become an even more devout church that stands together in prayer for all people with the full faith and assurance that you will hear our pleas and guide us on the pathway of righteousness. In your Sacred Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor Dan

Prayer of Illumination April Aten

In our prayers to you, O God, we seek the light of life that only you can provide. Guide us, strengthen us, and inspire us to embrace our role as disciples so that all that we say and do may bring honor and glory to your Hallowed Name, today and always. Amen!

Call to Confession April Aten

Prayer of Confession April Aten

Resplendent Redeemer, we are in awe of your presence and so thankful for your sacrifice on the cross, where you took on the sins of all the world, including ours, and cast them into oblivion so that we would have an opportunity to reside in your Father's Kingdom for eternity. Hear our words of repentance as we seek to reconcile with you from this day forward, in your Mighty Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for the Word Pastor Dan

First Scripture Reading: Acts 12:1-10 April Aten

Second Scripture Reading: Acts 12:11-23 Pastor Dan

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 "In His Time" Insert/Screen

Message "The Praying Church" Pastor Dan

Our Morning Prayer April Aten

The Lord's Prayer April Aten

Presentation of Our Gifts to God April Aten

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Hymn "This is My Song" No. 437

Benediction Pastor Dan

Postlude Jen Moser

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



Welcome Pastor Wingate

Please welcome Pastor Dan Wingate and his wife, Karen, back to Oak Chapel this morning. Pastor Dan will lift us up with an inspiring message about "The Praying Church."

Memorial Service for Debbie Bloch

Debbie Bloch's Celebration-of-Life Service will be held this coming Saturday (Oct. 29) at 2 p.m. here at Oak Chapel. All are welcome to express their condolences at the service and/or beforehand at a reception at 1 p.m.

Candy-Making Continues

Our candy-making sessions continue tomorrow evening at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. We could use a few extra hands this week, so if you are available, please join us!

Youth Fellowship Tonight

Let's continue to build on the momentum of our Youth Fellowship program tonight when the group meets at 6:30 in the Gathering Grounds. J.J. Cline and Jen Moser will lead the session. All middle school students (Grades 5-9) are welcome,

Bible Study on Revelation

Our Monday morning Bible Study continues tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. with an in-depth study of The Book of Revelation. We will meet in the Gathering Grounds in the lower level of our educational wing.

An Old-Fashioned Christmas

Christmas is coming — sooner than we think. Sign up for a display table or to help with Christmas cookies and other treats. Contact Phyllis Weaver or Pastor John for more information.



Dear Lord Jesus, we bow before you in prayer, giving you thanks for your unconditional love and ever-present support and encouragement. Be with us as we journey into the week ahead, and hear our Praises and Prayers as we lift them before your Divine Name...

**Praises**

- \*For Dave & Miriam Zech celebrating their 40th anniversary
- \*For friends and lasting relationships
- \*For the wonderful people at Oak Chapel

**Prayers**

- \*For the Zech Family following the passing of Dave’s mother
- \*For 2-year old Jack Alexander Baker following cancer surgery
- \*For Randy Worrell following emergency foot surgery
- \*For John Hower following surgery this past week
- \*For Alex Merwin’s grandmother following pelvic surgery
- \*For Ruth who had surgery last week
- \*For Mike who is battling cancer
- \*For Connie Garg as she recovers from Covid
- \*For Kim and Pam Domer as they travel to a Nomads Project
- \*For Becky Schlund’s son for safe travel
- \*For Jenny who is in need of a kidney transplant
- \*For Judy who is dealing with blood clots
- \*For Howard who has health concerns
- \*For the Family of Carol DeVito who passed last week
- \*For Jim, whose son is struggling with his faith
- \*For Terry who is dealing with cancer

**Upcoming Worship Services**

October 30.....Scared to Life  
 November 6.....Nickel and Dime

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

Sunday 10/23	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult Bible Study	11:30 am
	Youth Group	6:30 pm
Monday 10/24	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm
	Candy Making	6:30 pm
	Bookworms	7:00 pm
Tuesday 10/25		
<b>Looking Ahead...</b>		
Sunday 10/30	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Trunk or Treat	2:00 pm
Monday 10/31	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Candy Making	6:30 pm
Tuesday 11/01	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 am
	Days for Girls	1:00 pm



**Financial News:**

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

09/04.....	\$1,113.00
09/11 .....	\$3,101.00
09/18.....	\$790.00
09/25.....	\$2,294.00

As of 09/30/2022, we have received about 77% of our budgeted income for the month of August and 83% YTD. We are slightly ahead of last year at this time, which was 124% and 82%, respectively. The Food Pantry is in the black, but the funds do not purchase as much food as a year ago. We're making a difference. Thank you, Oak Chapel!

**Oak Chapel  
 United Methodist Church**



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

Today’s Message...  
***‘The Praying Church’***