

February 19, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (From Psalm 147) Stuart Mykrantz

One: Sing to the Lord with thanks;

All: Sing praises to our God with a lyre!

One: God covers the skies with clouds;

All: God makes rain for the earth;

One: God makes the mountains sprout green grass.

All: God gives food to the animals.

One: God doesn't prize the strength of a horse;

All: God doesn't treasure the legs of a runner.

One: No, the Lord treasures the people who honor him,

All: The people who wait for his faithful love.

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

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Stuart Mykrantz

Creator of all that is good, we give you thanks and praise for your church in this world, which brings us comfort and refuge from the storm. Help us to build on the foundation set in place by you and our ancestors so that we may grow and flourish and reach a new generation. This we pray with hopeful anticipation in your precious name. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Stuart Mykrantz

Now that we have seen the light, we can follow the pathway that has been set before us. Guide us, O Lord, as you also equip, encourage, and empower us to do your will, to grow our church, and to provide a place where others can grow in their faith from now until you come again in glory. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Great and Glorious Savior, you know of our many shortcomings, imperfections, and indiscretions, yet you invite us to confess and start anew. Once again we come forward to accept this gracious but undeserved invitation as we seek to flee from sin and be cleansed from our iniquities. In your kind, caring, and compassionate name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for God's Holy Word Pastor John

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 17:1-6 Pastor John

Second Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:17-22 Stuart Mykrantz

Third Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:8-13 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 "Have Thy Own Way, Lord" No. 382

Choir Anthem

Message "Brick-by-Brick" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "We Are the Church" No. 558

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

MCTV Playback Times

Oak Chapel is on the air! MCTV is replaying an abbreviated (30-minute) playback of our Sunday service each week. Feel free to tune in, or invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or family member to do likewise. Here is the schedule for each week...

Channel 22

- Sunday: 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m.
- Thursday: 4:30 p.m.
- Friday: 11:30 a.m.

Channel 621

- Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

We Gather Together

Join us after the service this morning for a delicious Fellowship Dinner. You need not have prepared a dish; just come and enjoy an excellent meal and an opportunity "Gather Together" and catch up with one another.

Lenten Schedule

We will begin the Lenten season with a brief but solemn service on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22) at 6 p.m. here at Oak Chapel. We will then join with other churches for a series of Lenten Services on Sunday afternoons (4-5 p.m.), according to the following schedule...

- ◇ Feb. 26 Wooster United Methodist Church
- ◇ Mar. 5 Oak Chapel United Methodist Church
- ◇ Mar. 12 New Pittsburg United Methodist Church
- ◇ Mar. 19 Church of the Cross United Methodist
- ◇ Mar. 26 Moreland United Methodist Church
- ◇ Apr. 2 Smithville United Methodist Church



Father, we gather again today with love in our heart and peace in our soul, comforted by the knowledge that you are always with us. Hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers with the full faith and assurance that you will hear and respond to our petitions...

Praises

- *For the Gossages that they were not injured in an accident
- *For the wonderful outreach at Eastbrook Mission Barn
- *For the love that God puts into our hearts

Prayers

- *For Wendy, who had surgery for a tumor this past week
- *For Aimeé, who had a biopsy this past week
- *For Sandy Treece that her spinal injection will bring comfort
- *For Kathy, who is facing a possible leg amputation
- *For Connie Garg's brother, Bob, who is undergoing tests
- *For Alison Flanagan as she prepares for future decisions
- *For Harmony, who has been diagnosed with pink eye
- *For all those affected by the Earthquake in Turkey and Syria
- *For the residents of East Palestine after the train derailment
- *For all people who are living with pain and discomfort
- *For safety for all who travel

Upcoming Worship Services

Feb 22.....Ash Wednesday

Feb 26.....Changing Lanes

March 5.....Mixed Bag

March 12.....Unfinished Business

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 2/19	Sunday School Classes	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Fellowship Dinner	11:30 am
	Youth Group	6:30 pm
Monday 2/20	Revelation Bible Study	9:30 am
	Trustees	6:30 pm
Tuesday 2/21	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Wednesday 2/22	Ash Wednesday Service	6:00 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 2/26	Sunday School Classes	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult Bible Study	11:30 am
Monday 2/27	Revelation Bible Study	9:30 am
	UWF Exec. Committee	10:30 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm
Wednesday 3/1	Choir	7:00 pm



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (January 2023): \$1,969

Received last month:

01/01.....	\$570.00
01/08.....	\$3,925.00
01/15.....	\$3,482.00
01/22.....	\$260.00
01/29.....	\$3,268.00

As of 1/31/2023, we received about 117% of our budgeted income for January. We are ahead of last year at this time, which was 70%. The positive bump is likely related to the weather over Christmas. The Food Pantry is in the black. 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...
"Brick-by-Brick"