

April 2, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

\*Responsive Reading (Based on Psalm 31:1-4) Erica Boyer

One: We take refuge in you, Lord.

All: Please, never let us be put to shame.

One: Rescue us by your righteousness!

All: Listen closely to us, and deliver us quickly.

One: Be the rock that protects us;

All: Be the strong fortress that saves us!

One: You are definitely our rock and our fortress.

All: Lead us for the sake of your good name!

One: Free us from this net that has been set for us

All: Because you are our protective fortress.

\*Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 127

\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Erica Boyer

King of Kings and Lord of Lords, we exalt your Holy and Precious Name, especially during this sacred week. Help us to draw into an even deeper and more meaningful relationship with You so that our words and our actions may bring honor and glory to You, now and forever, Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Erica Boyer

God's limitless grace and infinite mercy provide a foundation for our faith and a pathway to everlasting life. May we continue to honor Him by pursuing holiness, discipline, and obedience through our reverence for His Word and His call to be loyal servants. In His Mighty Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord Jesus, we come before you in a spirit of reverence and repentance, acknowledging our sins and seeking to reconcile once again with you. Strengthen us in our times of weakness, particularly during this, the holiest of all weeks, so that we turn back temptation and eradicate evil. In your Holy Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for God's Holy Word Pastor John

First Scripture Reading: John 12:12-16 Erica Boyer

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 10:32-34 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 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Insert

Choral Anthem. "Jesus Wept"

Message "Trending Now..." Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Hymn "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood" No. 622

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Lenten Schedule

Our Sunday Lenten Series comes to an end this afternoon with our final service at Smithville United Methodist Church, beginning at 4 p.m. Pastor Jon Heavilin will deliver the message. Please consider joining us today and later in the week for our Sacred Holy Week Services.

\*Apr. 2 Smithville United Methodist Church 4 p.m.

\*Apr. 6 Maundy Thursday (Oak Chapel) 6:30 p.m.

\*Apr. 7 Good Friday Cantata (Oak Chapel) 7 p.m.

\*Apr. 9 Easter Sunday (Oak Chapel) 10:30 a.m.

### UMCOR Relief Opportunities

UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) is the humanitarian relief arm our denomination, providing assistance for natural or human-caused disasters, including famine, hurricane, war, flood, and fire. If you would like to provide assistance to our neighbors across the country and around the world, you can do so by visiting [umcmmission.org/umcor](http://umcmmission.org/umcor).

### Vacation Bible School

Oak Chapel will join with several area churches to host Vacation Bible School on June 2-3 at Church of the Cross. If you would like to help, please contact our Outreach Team. We also need to encourage young people (Kindergarten through 6th grade) to participate. Information sheets are available in the Narthex. Registration forms will be available soon.

### Oak Chapel Has Openings

Do you know anyone who is looking for a church home? If so, Oak Chapel has a number of openings! No experience necessary, and the compensation is out of this world! If you have someone in mind, just let our Evangelism team know by contacting Steve Moore at 330-317-7445.



Gracious and Loving God, we look forward to this Holy Week with great anticipation. Help us to draw closer to you as we seek to do your will and serve your people. We also ask that you hear our voices as we lift up our praises and prayers...

**Praises**

- \*For Jack Bardall’s encouraging health status
- \*For Avi and Laura, who were married last month
- \*For the restoration of power following the high winds

**Prayers**

- \*For Karen Cantrell’s sister, Debbie, who had surgery
- \*For comfort for Helen Henshaw and Marilyn Meigs
- \*For Pastor Robin’s mother, who has been hospitalized
- \*For Jay, who has a tumor on his hip
- \*For Mack Hufford, who is dealing with several health issues
- \*For Darrell Moser’s friend, Brian, who is on life support
- \*For the shooting victim at Muskingum University
- \*For Doug and Beth Patton’s granddaughter, who had surgery
- \*For Cindy Mykrantz, who is recovering from CoVid
- \*For Donna Garrett, who was hospitalized last week
- \*For Moses, who has entered into Hospice care
- \*For Joanne, who is in extreme pain and may need surgery
- \*For Christian, who has cystic fibrosis and is pregnant
- \*For Shelby, who is recovering from a head injury
- \*For John Hall, who had a heart procedure last week

**Upcoming Worship Services**

April 6.....Maundy Thursday

April 7.....Good Friday Cantata

April 9.....Easter Sunday

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

|               |                        |            |
|---------------|------------------------|------------|
| Sunday 4/2    | Sunday School Classes  | 9:30 a.m.  |
|               | Sunday Worship         | 10:30 a.m. |
| Monday 4/3    | Revelation Bible Study | 9:30 a.m.  |
|               | Art & Soul             | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Tuesday 4/4   | Retirees Breakfast     | 8:30 a.m.  |
| Wednesday 4/5 | Choir                  | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Thursday 4/6  | UWF Unit Meeting       | 6:00 p.m.  |
|               | Maundy Thursday        | 6:30 p.m.  |
| Friday 4/7    | Good Friday Cantata    | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Saturday 4/8  | UMM Breakfast          | 7:30 a.m.  |

**Looking Ahead...**

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|----------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Sunday 4/9     | Sunday School Classes   | 9:30 a.m.  |
|                | Sunday Worship          | 10:30 a.m. |
|                | Young Adult Bible Study | 11:30 a.m. |
| Monday 4/10    | Revelation Bible Study  | 9:30 a.m.  |
| Tuesday 4/11   | Days for Girls          | 2:00 p.m.  |
| Wednesday 4/12 | Choir                   | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Saturday 4/15  | Acorn Deadline          |            |



**Financial News:**

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (February 2023): \$3,029

**Received last month:**

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| 02/05..... | \$1,699.00 |
| 02/12..... | \$2,338.00 |
| 02/19..... | \$1,325.00 |
| 02/26..... | \$3,264.00 |

As of 2/28/2023, we received about 71% of our budgeted income for February and 92% YTD. We are ahead of last year at this time, which was 65% and 67%, respectively. Both Februarys had higher budgeted expenses than the preceding five-Sunday Januarys. We should see an upward trend starting in March. 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...

**“Trending Now...”**