

March 12, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (Psalm 95:1-4,) Rosie Troutman

One: Come, let us sing out loud to the Lord!

All: Raise a joyful shout to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come before him with thanks!

All: Let us shout songs of joy to him!

One: The Lord is a great God!

All: The great king over all other gods!

One: The earth's depths are in his hands;

All: The mountain heights belong to him;

One: Come, let us worship and bow down!

All: Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker!

*Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" No. 64

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Rosie Troutman

Lord Jesus, in our journey on this earth, we seek to know you more deeply and worship you more completely. Help us to avoid the temporal trends and passing fads of this world so that we may focus exclusively on you and the world to come. In your Invincible Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Rosie Troutman

Almighty God, you created us in your image and likeness and commanded us to live with honor, integrity, and authenticity. Empower us to follow your commands and uphold your Word as we look past the fleeting nature of this world and embrace the everlasting glory of the world to come. In Your Blessed Name we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John
Merciful God, we are deeply sorry for all that we have done and all that we have failed to do. We ask that you forgive our sins and fill us with the Holy Spirit so that we will have the strength and discipline to turn away from temptation and stand strong in the face of evil. This we pray with humble and contrite hearts! Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for God's Holy Word Pastor John

First Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Second Scripture Reading: I Peter 2:9-12

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 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" No. 140

Choir Anthem "You Are My Life"

Message "Selection Sunday" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" No. 559

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Lenten Services Schedule

Once again this year, we are partnering with several area churches for a series of Sunday afternoon Lenten Services (4-5 p.m.). Please consider joining us.

*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

Holy Week Services

Enrich your Holy Week by joining us for the following services here at Oak Chapel.

*Apr. 6.....Maundy Thursday Service (6:30 p.m.)

*Apr. 7.....Good Friday Cantata (7:00 p.m.)

*Apr. 9.....Easter Sunday Service (10:30 a.m.)

Chili Cookoff

Oak Chapel will host its 14th annual Chili Cookoff on Saturday, March 25, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken. The competition is open to people of all ages. If you wish to enter, please prepare a crockpot filled with your favorite chili recipe and deliver it to the church no later than 4:30 p.m. that day. Those who attend will be given an opportunity to sample each of the entries and vote on your favorite. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers.

Easter Egg Hunt

Oak Chapel will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt at Ida Sue School on Friday, March 31, at 10 a.m. If you would like to donate candy, please bring it to the church and place it in the basket in the Narthex during the next few weeks. We will be filling the eggs on March 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the church. All are welcome!



Gracious God, we are in awe of your healing power and your unconditional love. We ask that you bring comfort to all who suffer as we also give thanks for your many blessings. Hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers...

Praises

- *For the beauty of spring and the promise of new growth
- *For Brad Moore and his girlfriend, Toni, who are cancer free
- *For the birth of Miriam Zech’s great niece
- *For Gene & Joyce Varns daughter, Megan, for her new job and her recent award
- *For Joy, one of our Girl Scouts, who receive the group’s highest honor, a Gold Award

Prayers

- *For Connie Reed’s friend, Charlie, who is hospitalized
- *For the family of Frieda, who passed last week
- *For Kathie Tisher after the passing of her husband, John
- *For Avi Garg, who is had an outpatient procedure last week
- *For the family of Raven, who died in a tragic car accident
- *For Wendy and her parents as Wendy deals with cancer
- *For Chelsea who suffered several injuries in a car accident
- *For the driver of the car when Chelsea was injured
- *For Alison Flanagan’s friend, Patty who has health concerns

Upcoming Worship Services

- March 19.....Not a Peep!
- March 26.....Make it Easy on Yourself
- April 2.....Palm Sunday
- April 6.....Maundy Thursday
- April 7.....Good Friday Cantata
- April 9.....Easter Sunday

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 3/12	Sunday School Classes	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Bible Study	11:30 a.m.
Monday 3/13	Revelation Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday 3/15	Choir	7:00 p.m.
	Acorn Deadline	

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 3/19	Sunday School Classes	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Dinner	11:30 a.m.
Monday 3/20	Revelation Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 3/21	Days for Girls	1:00 p.m.
	Outreach	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 3/22	Choir	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 3/25	Chili Cook-Off	5:00 p.m.



Financial News:

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 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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 United Methodist Church**

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

Today’s Message...

“Selection Sunday”