

March 26, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (From Psalm 24) Rosie Troutman

One: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,

All: The world and its inhabitants, too.

One: Who can stand in his holy sanctuary?

All: Only the one with clean hands and a pure heart.

One: Who is this glorious king?

All: The Lord — strong and powerful!

One: Mighty Gates: lift up your heads!

All: Ancient doors: rise up high!

One: Who is this glorious king?

All: The Lord of heavenly forces!

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

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Rosie Troutman

Creator of the universe, we are in awe of your power and majesty. No one is greater than you, so we ask that you teach us to humble ourselves and surrender to you by honoring your splendor, revering your word, and worshiping your grandeur all the days of our life. In your Glorious Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Rosie Troutman

Great and Powerful God, you have dominion over all of creation. Show us the way to a better life by encouraging us to surrender to you, realizing that you are, indeed, the way, the truth, and the life, now and forever. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord God, we've run out of excuses for our sinful ways, so we once again return to the foot of the cross where your blood was shed, knowing that your sacrifice will cleanse our soul and strengthen our spirit. Have mercy on us as we move forward, attempting to turn away from evil and embrace all this is good. In your Holy Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for God's Holy Word Pastor John

First Scripture Reading: I Chronicles 29:10-13

Second Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4

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 "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" No. 176

Message "Purple Passion" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" No. 715

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Lenten Services Schedule

Our Sunday afternoon Lenten Services (4-5 p.m.) resume today and continue through Palm Sunday.

*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.)

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.

Easter Egg Hunt

Oak Chapel will sponsor 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 this week. We will fill the eggs on March 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

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. Registration information will be available soon.



Lord in Heaven, we often get caught up in the chaos of everyday life, but we know that in times of trouble, we can always turn to you, so we come before you, asking that you hear our voices as we lift up these praises and prayers...

Praises

- *For the church's support of the Geitgey Family
- *For Caroline Lilburn's family, who joined us in worship
- *For the prayerful support of the Mykrantz-Corbett Family
- *For the life of John Lilburn and his impact on our community

Prayers

- *For Connie Reed as she deals with vision concerns
- *For Diane Corbett following the passing of her husband
- *For Linda, who is dealing with intense back pain
- *For Kathy as she recovers from surgery on her leg
- *For Mike as he undergoes cancer treatments
- *For Joyce Varns brother, Dave, as he recovers from surgery
- *For safe travel for the Domers as the return home
- *For Michael, who was seriously injured in a farm accident
- *For Pastor Robin Dillon's mother who is hospitalized

Upcoming Worship Services

- April 2.....Palm Sunday
- April 6.....Maundy Thursday
- April 7.....Good Friday Cantata
- April 9.....Easter Sunday
- April 16.....Life and Death

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 3/26	Sunday School Classes	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Youth Fellowship	6:30 a.m.
Monday 3/27	Revelation Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 3/29	Choir	7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead...

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.
Wednesday 4/5	Retirees' Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Days for Girls	1:00 p.m.
	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.



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...

"Purple Passion"