

March 19, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (Psalm 95:2-4) Rosie Troutman

One: The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,

All: Making wise the simple.

One: The precepts of the Lord are right,

All: Giving joy to the heart.

One: The commands of the Lord are radiant,

All: Giving light to the eyes.

One: The fear of the Lord is pure,

All: Enduring forever.

One: The decrees of the Lord are firm,

All: And all of them are righteous.

*Hymn "How Great Thou Art" No. 77

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Rosie Troutman

Faithful and Forgiving Father, we are greatly blessed to know you and to walk with you through both triumph and turmoil. During this sacred and solemn season of Lent, give us clarity, wisdom, perspective, and grace to continue to be faithful, loving, obedient, and holy so that we may share in the blessings of your Great and Glorious Kingdom. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Rosie Troutman

Before the beginning of the world, there was only darkness, but the creator said, "Let there be light," and suddenly all that was unseen could now be seen.

Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being. The light now shines in the darkness, and the darkness is powerless to overcome it.

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord God, once again we have violated our covenant with you by allowing ourselves to fall victim to the temptations of this world. Have mercy on us, and cleanse us as we seek to turn away from evil and embrace all that is good. In your Holy Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for God's Holy Word Pastor John

First Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:26-28

Second Scripture Reading: II Corinthians 13:11-14

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 "Ten Thousands Reasons" (See Insert)

Choir Anthem "Live for the Lord"

Message "What's Your Story?" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" No. 156

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. 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 annual Chili Cookoff on Saturday, March 25, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken. If you wish to enter, please prepare a crockpot filled with your favorite chili recipe and deliver it to the church by 4:30 p.m. that day. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top finishers.

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.

We Have 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, please contact Steve Moore at 330-317-7445.



Holy and Mighty God, we call on you to intercede for us in times of uncertainty and turmoil. You are our rock and the foundation for stability in our lives. We ask that you hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers...

Praises and Prayers

- *For the Troutman’s wonderful trip and safe return home
- *For the family of Dave Grimwood following his passing
- *For Jacqueline Stroud following the passing of her husband
- *For Darrell Moser’s friend, who is undergoing treatments
- *For Joyce Varns’ brother, Dave, as he recovers from surgery
- *For Mike, who is undergoing cancer treatments
- *For Jack Bardall, who is recovering from surgery
- *For Kathy, who had a second surgery on her leg
- *For Greg Sellers, who is recovering from surgery
- *For the Boyers’ friend, Dan, who suffered a broken ankle
- *For Ted Zech’s girlfriend, whose grandmother passed
- *For Nova, who suffered a fall
- *For Jack, who is experiencing health issues
- *For Alice Ewing, who could benefit from a phone call or visit
- *For the young boy in Liberia, who drowned last week

Upcoming Worship Services

- 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 3/19	Sunday School Classes	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Dinner	11:30 a.m.
	Youth Fellowship	6:30 p.m.
Monday 3/20	Revelation Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Membership Care	11:00 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.

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 3/26	Sunday School Classes	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Bible Study	11:30 a.m.
Monday 3/27	Revelation Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 3/22	Choir	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 3/25	Chili Cook-Off	5:00 p.m.



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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 United Methodist Church**

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

Today’s Message...
“What’s Your Story?”