

April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

\*Responsive Reading (Psalm 118:19-22, 24) Erica Boyer

One: Open the gates of righteousness for me,

All: So I can come in and give thanks to the Lord!

One: This is the Lord's gate;

All: Those who are righteous enter through it.

One: I thank you because you answered me,

All: Because you were my saving help.

One: The stone rejected by the builders...

All: Is now the main foundation stone!

One: This is the day the Lord acted;

All: We will rejoice and celebrate in it!

\*Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" No. 302

\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Erica Boyer

Lord Jesus, we lift your name in admiration, adoration, and appreciation on this great and glorious Easter morning. You have risen, and your covenant with humankind is now complete. We are alive in you because you are alive in us. Bless us on this special day so that we may continue to live a life of faith that brings honor and glory to your precious name, today and all the days that follow, Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Erica Boyer

The darkness that shrouded the cross on Calvary has given way to the brilliant glow of the empty tomb. The world looks inside while the faithful look above, rejoicing in the glory of the Messiah, who has come to take away the sins of the world. Let us give thanks as we proclaim a new beginning in Christ our Lord, now and forever. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Almighty God, you so loved the world that you sent your only Son, so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. On this glorious Easter morning, we once again proclaim our belief in and love for you, while admitting our sinfulness and prayerfully asking for your grace and mercy. In your Holy Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for God's Holy Word Pastor John

Easter Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-8 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 "Take My Life, and Let It Be" No. 399

Choral Anthem. "Jesus is Risen"

Message "He's Not Here" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Hymn "The Day of Resurrection" No. 303

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### UMCOR Relief Opportunities

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is the humanitarian relief arm of our denomination, providing assistance for natural or human-caused disasters, including famine, hurricanes, tornadoes, war, flooding, and fires. 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).

### Church Work Day

Our church is planning a work day at the home of Paul and Janet Kauffman on Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (or for as long as you can stay). Their address is 1931 East Britton Road in Creston. We will be doing some landscaping and planting. If you would like to join us that day, please contact Pastor John.

### 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.



**Praises and Prayers**

Glorious God, on this, the most sacred of days, we marvel at your majesty and praise your Holy Name. Lift us up, inspire us, and hear our voices as we submit the following to you...

**Praises**

- \*For improved treatment of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernias
- \*For the Patton’s granddaughter, who is improving after surgery
- \*For God’s calming of the winds and the storm
- \*For those who restored power following the high winds

**Prayers**

- \*For the Tennessee shooting victims and their families
- \*For Bill Braucher, who had cataract surgery last week
- \*For Mike, following successful surgery and future treatments
- \*For Abby and Angie during their pregnancies
- \*For Kim Domer, who is dealing with back and mobility issues
- \*For Helen Henshaw & Marilyn Meigs, who are in Hospice Care
- \*For Darrell Moser’s friend, Brian, who is on life support
- \*For Cindy Mykrantz, who continues to recover from CoVid
- \*For John Hall, who had a heart procedure last week
- \*For Bob Troutman, who was under the weather last week
- \*For Joanie, who is preparing for gallbladder surgery
- \*For John & Bobby Mulbach, who are dealing with health issues
- \*For the victims of severe storms in the southern states

**Upcoming Worship Services**

April 16.....Life Support  
 April 23.....Forgive and Forge Ahead  
 April 30.....After You!

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

Sunday 4/9	Sunday School Classes	9:30 a.m.
	Easter Sunday Worship	10:30 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	

**Looking Ahead...**

Sunday 4/16	Sunday School Classes	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Youth Group	6:30 p.m.
Monday 4/17	Revelation Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 4/19	Choir	7:00 p.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!

# Oak Chapel United Methodist Church

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

Today’s Message...  
**“He’s Not Here”**