

April 30, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (Proverbs 4:10-13) Erica Boyer

One: Listen, my son, and take in my speech,

All: Then the years of your life will be many.

One: I teach you the path of wisdom.

All: I lead you in straight courses.

One: When you walk, you won't be hindered;

All: When you run, you won't stumble.

One: Hold on to instruction; don't slack off;

All: Protect it, for it is your life.

*Hymn "For the Healing of the Nations" No. 428

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Erica Boyer
Each day is a journey with a destination that is often uncertain. Therefore, we call upon the Lord to be our guide and our protector. Let His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. In all things, let us open our heart to Him and invite him to show us the way to righteousness, justice, and equity for all. In His Blessed Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Erica Boyer
The Light of the Lord never ceases to shine. It provides a reliable and eternal source of illumination that shepherds us through the darkness. Lord, strengthen our vision and fortify our resolve as we continue to follow your light from now until you return in glory. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John
Lord of Mercy, Lord of Grace, it is with deep regret and sadness that we acknowledge our sins before you. We are sorry for our transgressions, and so we repent as we seek to reconcile, giving you thanks and praise for your boundless compassion and your unconditional love. We humbly ask that you forgive us, cleanse us, renew us, and transform us so that we may reject evil and embrace holiness, now and forever. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for God's Holy Word Pastor John

1st Scripture Reading Isaiah 58:11-12 Erica Boyer

2nd Scripture Reading Philippians 4:4-9 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 "Sanctuary" See Insert

Choral Anthem "My Savior Leads Me"

Message "After You..." Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" No. 671

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 and human-caused disasters. If you would like to provide assistance to our neighbors across the country and around the world, please visit umcmmission.org/umcor.

Joint Service

We will gather with the congregation from New Pittsburg for a joint Pentecost and Memorial Day Service that will be held here at Oak Chapel on May 28. Please join us for this special service, which will be followed by a cookout (weather permitting).

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is just over a month away (June 2-3), so planning for the event is really ramping up. If you would like to volunteer, there are information sheets in the Narthex. Also, if you know of any children in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade, please reach out to them and encourage them to participate. This year's event is a joint venture that includes congregations from Smithville, Orrville, Oak Chapel, and Church of the Cross, which will host the event. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Pastor John.

All-Daughter Banquet

Oak Chapel will hosts its annual All-Daughter Banquet on Thursday, May 18, at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome. If you would like to attend, please fill out the insert in today's bulletin. For more information, please contact Phyllis Weaver.



God of all Creation, we bow in humble adoration as we praise your Holy Name. Be with us as we seek to live holy and obedient lives. We also ask that you hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers...

Praises

- *For John Hower, who is home from the hospital
- *For Sophie from Girl Scouts, who was baptized last week
- *For efforts by our Evangelism Team to foster church growth

Prayers

- *For Kim Domer as he participates in physical therapy
- *For Hilda Wacker, who would enjoy a visit
- *For Pastor Robin following the passing of her mother
- *For the family of Donna Garrett, who passed last week
- *For Joanie as she prepares for surgery
- *For Steven, who is struggling with a variety of issues
- *For area students during this season of standardized tests
- *For traveling mercies for the Varns and Crites Families
- *For those caught in the crossfire in Afghanistan and Sudan

Upcoming Worship Services

- May 7.....Don't Step Back
- May 14.....Dumping Ground
- May 21.....Be There!
- May 28.....Pentecost Sunday
- June 4.....Bustin' Out!

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 4/30	Sunday School Classes	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 5/01	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Art & Soul	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 5/02	Retirees' Breakfast	8:30 p.m.
Wednesday 5/03	Choir	7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 5/07	Sunday School Classes	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Youth Group	6:30 p.m.
Monday 5/08	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Administrative Council	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 5/09	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 5/10	Choir	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 5/13	UMM Breakfast	7:30 a.m.



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (March 2023): \$2,218

Received last month:

03/05.....	\$2,108.05
03/12.....	\$2,901.00
03/19.....	\$1,064.00
03/26.....	\$3,128.00

As of 3/31/2023, we received about 104% of our budgeted income for March and 95% YTD. We are ahead of last year at this time, which was 93% and 76%, respectively. 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...

"After You..."