

May 7, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (From Psalm 37) Bill Braucher

One: Trust in the Lord and do good;

All: Dwell in the land, and enjoy safe pasture.

One: Take delight in the Lord,

All: And he will give you the desires of your heart.

One: Commit your way to the Lord;

All: Trust in him and he will do this:

One: He will make your reward shine like the dawn,

All: Your vindication like the noonday sun.

One: Be still before the Lord,

All: And wait patiently for him.

*Hymn Trust and Obey” No. 467

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Bill Braucher

Almighty God, teach us to follow your path by the lamp you have set by our feet. Inform us on our journey through the wisdom of your Word. Let us receive the Good News with open hearts and open minds so that we may prosper in the Spirit and glorify your Blessed Name through our words and our actions. This we pray with great anticipation of your mighty acts. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Bill Braucher

In times of darkness and despair, the Lord God Almighty is always nearby to shine His light and rescue us from the evil that lurks. Let us be sure to keep watch at all times so that we may steer clear of Satan’s snare and stand firm on the foundation of our faith. This we pray with great confidence in His Invincible Name. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Precious Savior, we bow in your presence, knowing that we have failed once again to keep your commandments and honor your name. Thankfully, your abounding love, compassionate mercy, and limitless grace once again flow down upon us, cleansing our soul and lifting our spirit. We give you great thanks for the opportunity to reconcile and re-establish our relationship with you. In your All-Powerful Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for God’s Holy Word Pastor John

1st Scripture Reading Proverbs 2:1-5 Pastor John

2nd Scripture Reading Mark 4:24-25 Bill Braucher

3rd Scripture: Reading John 10:27-28 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 “Be Thou My Vision” No. 451

Choral Anthem “How Great is Your Goodness”

Message “Nice Catch!” Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn “The Summons” See Insert

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

*=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit

WHAT’S COMING UP?

All-Daughters Banquet

Oak Chapel will host the All-Daughters 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.

Opportunities for Enrichment

Oak Chapel is pleased to announce two new Bible studies. The Sunday School class, which meets in the Sing-Mar room at 9:30 a.m., has just begun a study on the Parables of Jesus. The Monday Morning Bible Study group, which meets at 9:30 a.m. in The Gathering Grounds, has just begun a study on the Book of Daniel. All are welcome!

Vacation Bible School

“Babylon, Daniel’s Courage in Captivity,” is the theme for this year’s Vacation Bible School, which will be held June 2-3 at Church of the Cross in Wooster. 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. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and online by using the QR code on the insert in today’s bulletin. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Pastor John.

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).



Praises and Prayers

Great and Powerful God, we are so thankful for the opportunity to come before you with our burdens and our worries as well as our joys and blessings. Hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers...

Praises

- *For Kim Domer’s successful surgery and physical therapy
- *For Bryan, whose condition has stabilized
- *For Carol Gasser’s encouraging report regarding her vision
- *For Bruce Bloch’s encouraging medical report
- *For those who find inspiration in the midst of mourning

Prayers

- *For the Henshaw Family following the passing of Helen
- *For John and Sandy Hower as John rests at home
- *For Kathy, who continues to heal after surgery
- *For Pat, who is dealing with physical and emotional pain
- *For Joanie as she prepares for surgery
- *For Ruth following the discovery of a cancerous tumor
- *For Connie Garg’s brother, Bob, who had surgery last week
- *For Greg following complications after surgery
- *For Erica Boyer regarding some promising opportunities

Upcoming Worship Services

- May 14.....Dumping Ground
- May 21.....Be There!
- May 28.....Pentecost Sunday
- June 4.....Bustin’ Out!

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 5/07	Sunday School Classes	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 5/08	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 5/09	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 5/10	Choir	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 5/13	UMM Breakfast	8:00 a.m.

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 5/14	Sunday School Classes	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Bible Study	11:30 a.m.
	Youth Group	6:30 p.m.
Monday 5/15	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 5/16	Outreach	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 5/17	Worship Team	6:00 p.m.
	Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 5/18	All Daughters Banquet	6:00 p.m.



Financial News:

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

Received in March:

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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through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship, and Caring*

Today’s Message...

“Nice Catch!”