

July 30, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (From Psalm 61) Kim Domer

One: Hear our cry, O God;

All: Listen to our prayer.

One: From the ends of the earth, we call to you,

All: We call as our heart grows faint;

One: Lead us to the rock that is higher than us.

All: For you have been our refuge;

One: A strong tower against the foe.

All: I long to dwell in your tent forever,

One: For you, God, have heard our vows;

All: May you reign in our hearts and souls forever!

*Hymn "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me No. 361

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Kim Domer

In times of trial and tribulation, our God reminds us to lie down in green pastures and rest beside still waters so that He may restore our soul and guide us in the paths of righteousness. Through our covenant with Him, we know that no matter how crazy or chaotic our lives may become, He is always there to provide an escape route, a safe passage, and a place of refuge. For His ever-present assurance and guidance, we lift up His Holy Name, today and always. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Call to Confession Pastor John

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Gracious and Loving God, we deeply regret our failure to honor your word and obey your commandments, so we come before you in humble contrition, seeking to repent, reconcile, and renew our relationship with you. We are so grateful for your grace and mercy that provides an opportunity for a fresh start, and so we pledge to honor your benevolence by forgiving others as you have forgiven us. In Your Holy Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

First Scripture: Isaiah 43:13-19 Kim Domer

Second Scripture: II Timothy 2:22-26 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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" No. 452

Message "The Great Escape" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "This is a Day of New Beginnings" No. 383

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

WHAT'S COMING UP?

An Invitation to Join Us

If you have been worshipping with us recently and would like to enter into membership at Oak Chapel, we would be honored and blessed to have you. Just let Pastor John know, and he will make arrangements to officially welcome you into our church at one of our Sunday services.

Annual Buy-Way Sale

The annual Lincoln Highway Buy-Way Sale is fast approaching. This is always an enjoyable event and an opportunity to share our faith with those who stop by. We need volunteers to help set up and work the event, which runs August 10-12. If you are able to participate, please contact Elizabeth Feldman at 330-465-5782.

Election Day

Remember that there will be a special election on Monday, Aug. 8. The church will once again serve as a polling place that day.

Bulletin Humor

If the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence, maybe it's time to start fertilizing yours

Thought for the Day

Life is Fragile...
Handle with Prayer



Praises and Prayers

Almighty God, we rejoice in the many blessings that we so often take for granted. We ask that you continue to watch over us and guide us, and we also ask you to hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers...

Praises

- *For Becky Schlund as she celebrates her 80th birthday
- *For Rich Boyer, who also celebrated a birthday last week
- *For the joys and blessings of family gatherings

Prayers

- *For Connie Reed’s brother, Gary, who has an infection
- *For Evelyn Silver’s son-in-law as he continues treatments
- *For the toddler who was tragically killed two weeks ago
- *For others who lost their lives in recent traffic accidents
- *For Bob Troutman as he heals from a leg injury
- *For Aaron and Katy and Family as they travel to Texas
- *For Joyce Varns’ brother, Dave, who has an infection
- *For Jay Hauser’s continuing treatments
- *For John and Sandy Hower as John is in Hospice care
- *For Ron Dailey, who is recovering from surgery

Upcoming Worship Services

- Aug 6.....God Only Knows
- Aug 13.....United Women in Faith
- Aug 20.....Pie in the Sky
- Aug 27.....Stranded
- Sep 4.....Laboring for the Lord

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 7/30	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 8/01	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 8/06	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 8/07	Art & Soul	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 8/08	Election Day	
Thurs.-Sat. 8/10-8/12	Highway Buy-Way Sale	
Saturday 8/12	UMM Breakfast	7:30 a.m.



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (Jun 2023): \$3,470

Received in June:

06/04.....	\$1,706.00
06/11.....	\$2,356.00
06/18.....	\$1,146.39
06/25.....	\$1,345.00

As of 06/30/2023, we received about 47% of our budgeted income for the month of June and 92% YTD. We are ahead of last year at this time, which was 73% and 81%, 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...

“The Great Escape”