

July 9, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

\*Responsive Reading (From Psalm 30) Kim Domer

One: I will exalt you, Lord,

All: For you lifted me out of the depths.

One: Lord, my God, I called to you for help,

All: And you healed me.

One: You brought me up from the realm of the dead;

All: You spared me from going down to the pit.

One: Sing the praises of the Lord, his faithful people;

All: Praise his holy name.

One: For his anger lasts only a moment,

All: But his favor lasts a lifetime.

\*Hymn "My Hope Is Built" No. 368

\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Kim Domer

The presence of the Lord remains a mystery, even to those who follow Him. How can He be everywhere with everyone at the same time? This is the essence of His Divine Nature and the foundation of our faith. We may never fully understand, but we will always believe because we know that His Covenant with us is everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips say in haste and what our hearts feel in angst. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be transformed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

First Scripture: Jeremiah 23:23-24 Kim Domer

Second Scripture: Hebrews 4:13-16 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 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" No. 454

Message "Here, There, Everywhere" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Hymn "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" No. 382

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Jesus Revolution

We are planning to show the new movie, "Jesus Revolution," sometime this summer at Oak Chapel. The movie, which critics are calling a "surprise hit," tells the story of the real life "Jesus Freak" movement through the eyes of youth minister Greg Laurie in the late 1960s and 1970s. Stay tuned for more information about when the movie will be shown.

### Volunteer Opportunity

If you have a heart for children and want to share God's Word in our community, you are invited to join "The Rock," an organized school-release time for Bible Education in the Wooster City Schools for students in Grades 1-4 from Cornerstone, Kean, Melrose, and Parkview Elementary Schools in Wooster, beginning this fall. Volunteer opportunities include teachers and classroom helpers as well as bus/van drivers. In addition there is a need for lesson supplies and snacks. If you are interested, visit [therock.org](http://therock.org).

### Bulletin Humor

God answers Knee-Mail

### Thought for the Day

"Listen" and "Silent" are spelled with the same letters



**Praises and Prayers**

Heavenly Father, we pray that we may find respite and peace during this summer season as we seek to clear our minds and soothe our hearts. We also ask you to once again hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers...

**Praises**

- \*For the opportunity to answer God’s call to help others
- \*For the youth ministry at Oak Chapel
- \*For the mission commitment at Oak Chapel
- \*For the faithful congregation at Oak Chapel

**Prayers**

- \*For Connie Reed’s brother, Gary, who is having tests
- \*For Joyce Varns’ brother, Dave, who has an infection
- \*For Mike, who is preparing for cancer surgery
- \*For Connie Garg’s brother, Bob, so he can return home
- \*For Jay Hauser’s upcoming tests and treatments
- \*For John & Sandy Hower as John continues in Hospice care
- \*For Ron Dailey, who is recovering from surgery
- \*For Shelby Davenport as she deals with Multiple Sclerosis
- \*For Sammy’s parents as they recover from storm damage
- \*For safe travels for Joseph
- \*For the Varns as they prepare to travel with friends
- \*For the victims and families of a fatal accident in Columbus
- \*For the millions of people affected by the fires in Canada
- \*For Lucas’ cat who is recovering from a broken leg

Upcoming Worship Services	
Jul 16.....	Picture Perfect
Jul 23.....	Pie in the Sky
Jul 30.....	God Only Knows

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

Sunday 7/09	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
	Youth Group	5:30 p.m.
Monday 7/10	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7/11	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 p.m.
Saturday 7/15	Acorn Deadline	

**Looking Ahead...**

Sunday 7/16	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 7/17	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7/18	Outreach	6:30 p.m.
Friday 7/21	Rubber Ducks Game	7:05 p.m.



**Financial News:**

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (May 2023): \$2,633

**Received in May:**

05/07.....	\$1,739
05/14.....	\$1,660
05/21.....	\$1,757
05/28.....	\$4,105

As of 05/31/2023, we received about 88% of our budgeted income for the month of May and 104% YTD. We are ahead of last year at this time, which was 92% and 83%, respectively. 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...

**“Here, There, Everywhere”**