

August 6, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (From Psalm 139) Steve Moore

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

All: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

One: You discern my thoughts from afar.

All: You search out my path and my lying down.

One: Even before a word is on my tongue,

All: Behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

One: Search me, O God, and know my heart!

All: Try me and know my thoughts!

One: See if there is any grievous way in me,

All: And lead me in the way everlasting.

*Hymn "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Insert

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Steve Moore

Today is a new day, and with it comes the opportunity for a fresh start, so we ask the Lord our God to continue guiding us in our journey that we may be honest and genuine in all that we say and do, May our words and our actions bring honor and glory to the one who reigns supreme over all of creation. In His Great and Powerful Name, we pray from this day forward. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord God, we bare our heart and soul to you, confessing our sins and seeking your forgiveness so that we might reconcile, reconnect, and rejoice with you. We deeply regret our sinfulness, but we are so grateful for your grace and mercy, which assure us that our souls will be redeemed and our pathway to salvation will be clear. For this generous gift, we give you great thanks and praise, now and forever. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

First Scripture: Daniel 2:20-23 Steve Moore

Second Scripture: 1 John 1:5-10 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 "Just As I Am Without One Plea" (v 1,2,6) No. 357

Message "Total Transparency" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 103

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

WHAT'S COMING UP?

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. In order to ensure a successful event, 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.

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 join our congregation. Just let Pastor John know, and he will make arrangements to officially welcome you into our church during one of our Sunday services.

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.

Something to Ponder...

*When Fear Calls,
Let Faith Answer*

Thought for the Day...

*What on Earth are You Doing...
For Heaven's Sake?*



Praises and Prayers

Lord in Heaven, as summer begins to wane, we look forward to the fall when we celebrate the harvest of the crops with which we have been so graciously blessed. We also turn our attention to harvesting of souls, knowing that the days are short and that we should not put off the opportunity to get right with you. We give you great thanks and praise for your presence with us as we also ask you to hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers...

Praises

- *For Gene & Joyce Varns as they celebrate 47 years of marriage
- *For Evelyn Silver's son-in-law, Phil, who continues to improve
- *For Jen Moser's successful trip and safe passage

Prayers

- *For Connie Reed's brother, Gary, as he prepares for surgery
- *For Joyce Varns' brother, Dave, who has tests coming up
- *For Joyce Varns' cousin, Donna, who is hospitalized
- *For Mike's wife, Sharon, is had surgery last week
- *For Carol Gasser's friend, Eileen, as she recovers from a stroke
- *For Sandy Treece's friend, Pat, who had a difficult week
- *For April Aten's cousin, Gloria Ennis, who experience a-fib
- *For Jay Hauser's continuing treatments
- *For John & Sandy Hower as John continues in Hospice care
- *For Ron Dailey, who continues to recuperate from surgery
- *For Connie Garg's brother Bob who is in Hospice care
- *For Ruth as she recovers from surgery to remove a brain tumor
- *For those who are trying to repair broken relationships

Upcoming Worship Services

- Aug 13.....United Women in Faith
- Aug 20.....Pie in the Sky

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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.
	Election Set Up	
Tuesday 8/08	Election Day	
Thursday 8/10	Highway Buy-Way Sale	9:00-5:00
Friday 8/11	Highway Buy-Way Sale	9:00-5:00
Saturday 8/12	Highway Buy-Way Sale	9:00-5:00
	UMM Breakfast	11:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 8/13	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Tuesday 8/15	Acorn Deadline	
Wednesday 8/16	Worship Team	6:00 p.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...

"Total Transparency"