

August 13, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Elizabeth Feldman

***Responsive Reading** Phyllis Weaver

One: Children are a blessing from the Lord;

All: A gift to be cherished and loved.

One God will instruct and teach them;

All: He will counsel and watch over them.

One: There is no greater joy in this world

All: Than to watch children walking in the truth.

One: We are to teach them diligently,

All: And mentor them carefully.

One: The Lord has created each of them uniquely,

All: And He knows the plans he has for them!

***Hymn** "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" No. 277

***Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance** Rosie Troutman

Children are a great and wonderful gift from God. He has entrusted us to love, teach, and mentor them on the Pathway of Righteousness. We pray the Lord's blessings upon them and ask that we may set an example of faith and obedience for them to follow all the days of their life. In His Magnificent and Majestic Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Phyllis Weaver

Call to Confession Phyllis Weaver

Prayer of Confession Phyllis Weaver

Lord Jesus, we have failed in our efforts to keep your commandments and remain faithful to your Word, but we know that you are a just and compassionate God who loves unconditionally, so we confess our sins as we seek your forgiveness. This we pray with great gratitude in your Precious and Holy Name. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Elizabeth Feldman

First Scripture: Isaiah 54:13 Rosie Troutman

Second Scripture: Mark 10:13-16 Elizabeth Feldman

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** "Jesus Love Me" No. 191

Message "Operation Christmas Child" Stevie Jackson

Our Morning Prayer Elizabeth Feldman

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Elizabeth Feldman

***Doxology** No. 95

***Hymn** "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" No. 605

Benediction Elizabeth Feldman

Postlude Jen Moser

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Outdoor Service

Oak Chapel's annual outdoor service will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17, at Grossniklaus Lake (155 Cherry Lane), just off of Old Lincoln Way. Invite a friend, and bring a lawn chair as well as a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Movie Night

We will show the movie, "Jesus Revolution," at Oak Chapel on Sunday, Sept. 24, in the late afternoon or early evening. Details to follow.

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.

Something to Ponder

*The Cross of Christ is a Plus Sign
For a Negative World*

Thought for the Day

*A Turtle Only Makes Progress
When it Sticks Out Its Neck*



Praises and Prayers
 Father in Heaven, we give you great thanks and praise for your guidance as we journey through life. We also ask you to hear our voices as we lift up the following...

- Prayers**
- *For Sandy Hower and Family following John's Passing
 - *For Gene Varns' friend, Mike, who recently had surgery
 - *For Sandy Treece's friend, Pat, who is in Hospice care
 - *For the Zech Family after the passing of Aunt Roberta
 - *For Heather Finn's Uncle Tom, who has health concerns
 - *For the children who died in a house fire in Pennsylvania
 - *For Doug Henshaw's friend, Steve, who is in need of prayer
 - *For Elaine Sprinkle, whose health is declining
 - *For Phyllis Weaver's friend, Frankie, whose husband passed
 - *For Cameron and Erica Boyer as they travel
 - *For Rosie Troutman's sister, who suffered a rib injury
 - *For Carrie, who is dealing with loss and depression
 - *For Connie Reed's brother who is dealing with an infection
 - *For Jay Hauser's continuing treatments
 - *For Connie Garg's brother Bob who is in Hospice care
 - *For a number of private, unspoken concerns

Upcoming Worship Services	
Aug 20.....	Pie in the Sky
Aug 27.....	Stronger Through Surrender
Sep 3.....	Living in the Moment
Sep 10.....	Head in the Sand
Sep 17.....	Never Too Late

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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	Hower Memorial Service	11:00 a.m.
	Worship Team	6:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 8/20	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 8/21	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 8/27	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.



Financial News:
 Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (June 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 Spotlight...
United Women in Faith Sunday