

October 8, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude	Jen Moser, Organist
Welcome and Announcements	Elizabeth Feldman
Opening Prayer	Elizabeth Feldman
*The Apostles Creed	Elizabeth Feldman
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, He arose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. From thence, he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!	
*Hymn	“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” No. 526
*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance	Elizabeth Feldman
The road to redemption and restoration begins with repentance and reconciliation, so we take time today, not only to confess our sins and seek God’s grace, but also to forgive others freely and generously as the Lord has forgiven us. In His Merciful Name, we pray. Amen!	
Call of Confession	Elizabeth Feldman
Prayer of Confession	Elizabeth Feldman
Lord God, we are humbled in your presence and deeply sorry for the ways in which we have fallen short of your glory. Fortunately, your abundant grace and infinite mercy continue to flow freely, so we take this time to confess our sins and ask for your forgiveness as we forgive others. In Your Holy Name, we pray. Amen!	
Prayer of Preparation	Elizabeth Feldman
First Scripture Passage:	Matthew 18:21-27 Elizabeth Feldman
Second Scripture Passage	Matthew 18:28-35 Pastor Wingate

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 Our Eyes” See Insert
Message	“Forgiveness” Pastor Wingate
Our Morning Prayer	Elizabeth Feldman
The Lord’s Prayer	
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen!	
Presentation of Our Gifts	Elizabeth Feldman
*Doxology	No. 95
*Hymn	“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” No. 390
*Benediction	Pastor Wingate
*Postlude	Jen Moser, Organist
<i>* An invitation to stand in Body or Spirit</i>	

Praises and Prayers

Heavenly Father, you call on us to love our neighbors and to reach out to them when they are in need. Today, we also take time to lift them in prayer, asking that you bring them peace, comfort, clarity, and healing.

*For the Feldman Family following the Celebration of Life Service for Bill

*For Cathy Shallenberger’s friend, Heidi Arnold, whose cancer has returned

*For the family of the student from Mapleton High School who died last week

*For Pastor John and Family during his recovery after surgery

*For the mother of one of our Girl Scouts who has been diagnosed with cancer

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Candy Making Commences

Oak Chapel's storied tradition of candy making returns tomorrow night (Oct. 9) at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and continues through mid-November. Please join us for this delicious experience and wonderful ministry.

While the Pastor is Away

As Pastor John recovers from his surgery, several talented clergy will fill in during his absence. Dan Wingate, emeritus pastor from West Hill Baptist Church, will lead us in worship today, while David Wilcox, emeritus pastor from Wooster United Methodist Church, will guide us the following two weeks. We are greatly blessed by these pastors. Please make them feel welcome and appreciated! If you need assistance or prayer in the meantime, please call Pastor John at 330-988-2577.

Special Halloween Event

Oak Chapel will host "The Not So Scary Hunt for Treats and Howl-O-Ween Dog Costume Contest" on Saturday Oct. 28, for children Grades 6 and under. The hunt for treats begins at 2 p.m., followed by the dog contest at 2:30 p.m. Contestants should arrive by 2:15 p.m.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 10/8	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Monday 10/9	Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 10/10	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Saturday 10/14	United Methodist Men's Breakfast	7:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 10/15	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Acorn Deadline	
Monday 10/16	Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Saturday 10/21	United Women in Faith Bazaar	10:00 a.m.