

October 15, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Bruce Bloch

*Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 140

*Opening Prayer Bruce Bloch
Glorious God, source of joy and righteousness, enable us as redeemed and forgiven children evermore to rejoice in singing Your praises. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives; so that being doers of the Word and not hearers only, we may receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Call of Confession Rev. Dr. David Wilcox

Prayer of Confession Rev. Dr. David Wilcox
Almighty and eternal God, who searches all our hearts: We acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our transgressions and help us to amend our ways; and we pray that You would direct what we should be, so that we may walk in the way of Your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance Rev. Dr. David Wilcox

Prayer for Illumination Rev. Dr. David Wilcox

Psalm 119:1-8, 33-40 Bruce Bloch

Thought for the Day...

Faith is a journey, not a guilt trip

*Affirmation of Faith Bruce Bloch
We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love. Whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth, Amen!

*Gloria Patri No. 70

Community of Faith in Prayer Rev. Dr. David Wilcox
Sharing of Concerns and Celebration
The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn "The Songs of the Reaper" See Insert

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Rev. Dr. David Wilcox

Sermon "Seeds, Soils, and Harvest" Rev. Dr. David Wilcox

Presentation of Our Gifts Rev. Dr. David Wilcox

Doxology No. 95

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Dr. David Wilcox

*Hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" No. 664

*Benediction Rev. Dr. David Wilcox

*Postlude Jen Moser, Organist

Thought for the Week..

Share the Love of the Dove from Above

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 10/15	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 a.m.
	Acorn Deadline	
Monday 10/16	Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Saturday 10/21	UWF Bazaar	10:00 a.m.

Candy Making Continues

Oak Chapel's storied tradition of candy making continues tomorrow night (Oct. 16) at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and continues through mid-November. Be sure to join us for this delicious experience and wonderful ministry.

Grief Share

Surviving the loss of a spouse and then navigating one's way through the holiday season following that loss can be arduous tasks. Shreve Community Church will address those challenges when it presents a GriefShare event on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be two sessions: one titled, "Surviving the Holidays" and the second one titled "Loss of a Spouse." For more information, phone 330-567-2051 (Ext. 117).

Youth Fellowship

Wooster United Methodist Church is inviting young people in Grades 6-12 to participate in its Youth Fellowship Group this year. The group will meet on Sundays from 4:15-5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at Wooster UMC, beginning on Oct. 22. As part of this youth group, the plan is to take a mission trip to Central Appalachia.

Praises and Prayers

Almighty God, we are so grateful for your presence in our lives and for the many blessings you have bestowed upon us. Hear our voices as we lift up the following Praises and Prayers.

Praises

*For Paula Schrader who recently celebrated her birthday

*For Chase who is celebrating his second birthday

Prayers

*For the People of Israel and for peace in that region

*For the people of Liberia following its election last week

*For Connie Reed's brother Gary

*For healing for Tina Braucher's son, Zach, who was in an accident last week

*For Cyndi Boyer's friend, Chris, for healing following a fall