

March 3, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

*The Apostles Creed Stuart Mykrantz

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. On the third day, He rose from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come 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 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" No. 715

*Prayer of Assurance

Lord, show us your favor as we follow in your footsteps. Affirm the faith that we have placed in you so that it will become stronger. Impart your wisdom upon us so that we can serve as trusted witnesses to others. Fortify our resolve so that we can stand firm in the presence of temptation. Guide us on the pathway of righteousness so that we will be seen as the Children of God you created us to be. In your Magnificent Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

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

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Father in Heaven, we have, indeed, succumbed to the presence of the evil that surrounds us, and so we bow before you, confessing all that we have done and all that we have failed to do. Thankfully, we are comforted by the assurance that you are a forgiving God. This gives us the confidence to admit our failings as we seek to reconcile with you. In your benevolence, we ask that you forgive our sins, cleanse our souls, and make us whole again. In your Loving Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture Passage 1 Isaiah 33:15-16 Pastor John
Scripture Passage 2 Galatians 6:7-10 Stuart Mykrantz
Scripture Passage 3 Colossians 4:506 Stuart Mykrantz
Scripture Passage 4 Revelation 3:7-8 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 "Take time to Be Holy" No. 395

Choral Anthem "What Love is This" Choir

Message "Window of Opportunity" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion No. 15

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire" No. 603

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Girl Scout Sunday

Oak Chapel will celebrate Girl Scout Sunday next week. Several members of our troop may assist in worship. They will then be selling cookies in the Narthex after the service.

Circle March 17 on your Calendar

United Women in Faith will lead our morning Worship Service Please plan to join us for a very moving and inspiring service, followed by Fellowship Lunch. Please bring a dish to share.

Join us for an afternoon of uplifting and inspirational music when the Celebration Gospel Choir performs at our afternoon Lenten Service. Bring a friend and then join us for dessert in Fellowship Hall.

Easter Egg Hunt—Friday, March 22

Friday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. The Outreach Team will be collecting candy beginning TODAY for the Easter Egg hunt with Preschoolers at Ida Sue. Kids, grandkids or friends of church members are more than welcome to attend. Reserve a spot by calling Cindy Henshaw.

Lenten Worship Series

Our Sunday Lenten Series continues this afternoon. Each session will begin at 4 p.m. with refreshments and fellowship to follow. (Except the Cantata at 7:00)
March 3 Moreland UMC
March 10 Church of the Cross UMC
March 17 Oak Chapel UMC
March 24 Wooster UMC
March 29 Joint Choir Cantata at Oak Chapel

Sunday Smile

Prevent truth decay... Read the Bible daily



Praises and Prayers

Gracious and Loving God, we are greatly privileged to be in a relationship with you. We ask that you continue to walk beside us in our journey and to hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers

Praises

- *For God’s daily blessings that are often overlooked
- *For fellow believers who encourage and inspire
- *For Greg Cantrell as he celebrates his birthday

Prayers

- *For Dale and Zoe Ring as the move into assisted living
- *For Gene Varns, who is dealing with back pain
- *For Bruce Bloch as he recovers from surgery
- *For Jodi Spelman following the loss of her mother
- *For Jinnta McBride, who is dealing with health issues
- *For Pastor John as he continues radiation treatments
- *For safe travel for the College of Wooster softball team

Upcoming Worship Services

- March 10.....Please Don’t Let Me Be Misunderstood
- March 17..... United Women in Faith
- March 24..... Playing it Safe

Thought Provoking . . .

*A well-read Bible produces a well-fed Soul
In a changing world, trust God’s unchanging Word*

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 3/3	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Lenten Series/Moreland	4:00 p.m.
Monday 3/4	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	UWF Executive Team	10:30 a.m.
	Art and Soul	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 3/5	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 3/6	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 3/10	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
	Lenten Series/CCUMC	4:00 p.m.
Monday 3/11	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Administrative Council	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 3/12	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 3/13	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Friday 3/15	ACORN deadline	
Saturday 3/16	Men’s Breakfast (Hard Hat)	8:00 a.m.
Sunday 3/17	Fellowship Lunch	11:30 a.m.



Chili Cookoff and Game Night

Our annual Chili Cookoff returns on March 23. Prepare your favorite chili recipe or simply sample the entries and vote on your favorite. Then, stay around as we reprise an Oak Chapel tradition with a good old-fashioned Game Night. Pull up to a table and play your favorite game. Everyone is welcome!

The annual **All-Daughters Banquet** will be Thursday, May 9. A great evening of food, fun and fellowship is planned. More information will follow soon.

The **All-Sons Dinner** will be back on June 18. Join us for great food, warm fellowship, and an interesting program as a local author discusses his recent book.

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*Serving God and Community
through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship, and Caring*

Today’s Message...

“Window of Opportunity”