

March 10, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

**\*The Apostles Creed** Rosie Troutman  
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** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” No. 103

**\*Prayer of Assurance** Rosie Troutman  
Almighty God, as conflict rages around the world, we know that peace and harmony can come through our obedience to your Word and our love for one another. Strip us of our arrogance and fill us with your compassion so that we can bring an end to our disputes and move toward reconciliation. In Your Sacred Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

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

**Prayer of Confession** Pastor John  
Blessed Savior, we regretfully acknowledge our many iniquities. Through your unconditional love and infinite mercy, we ask that you forgive us once again, but also strengthen us for the challenges we will face in the future, so that we may move forward as the faithful and obedient disciples we were created to be. In Your Eternally Benevolent Name, we pray. Amen!

**Prayer of Preparation**  
Scripture Passage 1 Matthew 26:59-61 Pastor John  
Scripture Passage 2 Matthew 26:62-63 Rosie Troutman  
Scripture Passage 3 Matthew 26:64-66 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** “Spirit of God” No. 500

**Choral Anthem** “Sacrifice of Love” Choir

**Message** Pastor John  
“Please Don’t Let Me Be Misunderstood”

**Our Morning Prayer** Pastor John  
**Lord’s Prayer** No. 895

**Presentation of Our Gifts** Pastor John  
**\*Doxology** No. 95

**\*Hymn** “Lift High the Cross” No. 159

**Benediction** Pastor John

**Postlude** Jen Moser

## WHAT’S COMING UP?

### Girl Scout Sunday

We are celebrating Girl Scout Sunday today. Join us as we lift up this wonderful ministry and support the girls as they worship with us today. Also cookies will be sold in the Narthex after the service.

### Men’s Breakfast

The next monthly Men’s Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 16, at 7:30 a.m. The location has been moved to the Hard Hat, which is located at 845 Spruce Street just south of Downtown Wooster. All men are welcome!

### United Women in Faith Sunday

UWF will lead worship next Sunday.

### St. Patrick’s Day Feasts

Next Sunday, we will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with a pair of feasts. After our Worship service, we will host our final Fellowship Dinner until fall. Please consider bringing a side dish and possibly a salad or dessert to share. If it happens to be green, all the better.

Later that day, we will welcome the **Celebration**

**Gospel Choir** for a special Lenten Series performance at 4 p.m. Afterward, we will have a reception with light refreshments. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If everyone could contribute an item, we will have plenty to share.

### Easter Egg Hunt—Friday, March 22

Friday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. The Outreach Team is collecting candy 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.



**Praises and Prayers**

Everlasting Lord, our Lenten journey brings us to the foot of the cross — site of unimaginable suffering, but also undaunted hope for salvation. As we gather today, we honor your Sacred Name and ask you 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 the support for accident victim Ezra Swartzentruber
- \*For Gene Varns’ improved health
- \*For Bruce Bloch’s successful surgery
- \*For Oak Chapel’s growing Sunday School class
- \*For Lucas Mark’s involvement in church worship

**Prayers**

- \*For April Aten’s cousin Gloria
- \*For Dale and Zoe Ring as they move into assisted living
- \*For Kevin Horst and family after the passing of cousin Anna
- \*For friends and family of Leola Webb, who passed at 102
- \*For Bob Morris, who is hospitalized after a fall last week
- \*For Jinnta McBride, who is dealing with health issues
- \*For Pastor John as he concludes radiation treatments
- \*For the Varns’ neighbor’s mother following a car accident
- \*For Phyllis Weaver’s friend, Linda, who has cancer
- \*For those in the path of severe weather in the West
- \*For those dealing with wildfires in Texas
- \*For the children growing up without spiritual guidance

**Upcoming Worship Services**

March 17.....United Women in Faith  
 March 24.....Playing it Safe  
 March 31.....Easter—Cross of Comfort

**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...**

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)	7:30 a.m.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 3/17	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 a.m.
	Lenten Series/Oak Chapel	4:00 p.m.
Monday 3/18	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	OHuddle Event at COW	6:00 p.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 3/19	Elections	5:30 a.m.
	Outreach	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 3/20	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Friday 3/22	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00 a.m.
Saturday 3/23	Chili Cook-off	5:00 p.m.



**Today’s Lenten Series**

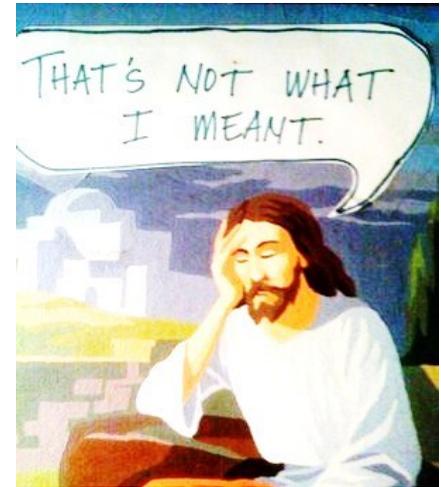
4:00—Church of the Cross—5100 Cleveland Rd.—Rev. David Rittgers from Wooster UMC will bring the message.

**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!

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United Methodist Church**

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Today’s Message...

***“Please Don’t Let Me Be Misunderstood”***