

March 17, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Phyllis Weaver

Opening Prayer Phyllis Weaver

***Responsive Reading Rosie Troutman**

One: God of mission, you remind us this morning once again to seek your kingdom first.

All: God of abundant living, you call us to steep our lives in your initiatives.

One: God of infinite provisions, you tell us not to worry about missing out, and promise us that you will take care of our everyday concerns. God of grace, you summon us back to your kingdom, as the goal and purpose of our lives.

All: God of faith, hope, and love, you fit your daughters and sons for various activities for the sake of your mission.

One: Most holy God, you call us to live out your Gospel through word and deed,

All: By public and personal witnessing, through acts of mission and works of mercy.

One: O God of mystery, we are constantly surprised by the working of your Spirit in our midst.

All: O Holy Spirit, continue to guide us, as we offer ourselves to your bidding, and commit ourselves to work for the reign of God here and afar.

One: In the name of One Eternal God,

All: Jesus the Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 557**

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

***Prayer of Assurance Pam Domer**

As we approach the climactic end to the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ, we find comfort and joy in the knowledge that his glorious resurrection has changed the entire narrative. Where at first there was the specter of certain death, there is now the promise of eternal life. Where once there was darkness and despair, there is now hope and exultation. Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Call to Confession Pam Domer

Prayer of Confession Pam Domer

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 Rosie Troutman

Scripture Passage 1 Luke 13: 1-3

Scripture Passage 2 Luke 13: 6-9

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 "Help Us Accept Each Other" No. 560**

Choral Anthem "In the Presence" Choir

Skit Parable of the Fig Tree

Message "We Live in His Community" Phyllis Weaver

Our Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts *Doxology No. 95

***Hymn "Go Make of All Disciples" No. 571**

Benediction
Postlude Jen Moser

WHAT'S COMING UP?

The Celebration Gospel Choir Performs Today

As part of our special Lenten Series we welcome this choir from Euclid OH at 4 p.m., followed by light refreshments and fellowship.

Easter Egg Hunt—Friday, March 22

Friday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. The Outreach Team will still accept candy donations until March 19 for the Easter Egg hunt for Preschoolers at Ida Sue. Call Cindy Henshaw, 330.201.2561, if you will be bringing any preschoolers to this fun event.

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, we will 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!

Calling All Sons and Daughters

Oak Chapel will host its annual All-Daughter Banquet on Thursday, May 9. All women of the church and guests are invited. On June 18 our All-Sons Dinner will return. Join us for great food, warm fellowship, and an interesting program as a local author discusses his recent book. Stay tuned for further details.



Praises and Prayers

Almighty God, we shudder at the thought of your agonizing death on the cross, but we rejoice in your glorious resurrection, which overcame sin and death and brought about the redeeming promise of salvation. Be with us today and everyday as we honor your Sacred Name and ask you to hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers

Praises

- *For the vibrant Girl Scouts’ ministry at Oak Chapel
- *For young Chase’s inspiring recovery
- *For our guests last week, Mike and Denise
- *For prayers of support for Sheri Finn’s family
- *For Dallas and his classmates in their theatrical production
- *For Pastor John’s conclusion of radiation treatments

Prayers

- *For Dale and Zoe Ring as they move into assisted living
- *For Bob Morris, who is at the Care Center after a fall
- *For Elaine Sprinkle as she transitions to Hospice Care
- *For Becky Schlund’s son and daughter-in-law
- *For Dave Zech and family following the passing of his aunt

Upcoming Worship Services

March 24 Calm Before the Storm

March 31..... Easter—Cross of Comfort

April 7..... Bits and Pieces

April 13 It’s Your Call

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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| 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—Please VOTE | 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. |

Looking Ahead

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| Sunday 3/24 | Sunday School | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Sunday Worship | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Young Adult Class | 11:30 a.m. |
| | Lenten Series/Wooster UMC | 4:00 p.m. |
| Monday 3/25 | Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Prayer Shawl Ministry | 6:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday 3/26 | Days for Girls | 2:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday 3/27 | Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday 3/28 | Maundy Thursday Service | 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday 3/29 | Good Friday Cantata | 7:00 p.m. |



Today’s Lenten Series

Our Sunday Lenten Series continues this afternoon and follows for the next two weeks. Each service will begin at 4 p.m., with refreshments and fellowship to follow. Listed below is the schedule for this Lenten season...

- TODAY Oak Chapel United Methodist Church
- Join us for an afternoon of uplifting and inspirational music
- March 24 Wooster United Methodist Church—Central Valley
- District Superintendent, Rev. Edgar Brady
- March 29 Cantata (Joint Choirs) at Oak Chapel (7:00 p.m.)

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Fellowship, and Caring*

Today’s Message...
“We Live in His Community”