

March 24, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Passing the Peace 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 "All Glory, Laud and Honor" No. 280

\*Prayer of Assurance Rosie Troutman

Lord Jesus, as this Lenten season reaches its peak, you remind us to stand strong in the face of persecution and even death. We know that our faith fortifies our foundation and keeps us loyal to you, despite the forces of evil that conspire to separate us from you. Bless us, guide us, and protect us as we work to strengthen our covenant with you. In Your Mighty 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	Psalm 1:1-3	Pastor John
Scripture Passage 2	John 12:12-19	Rosie Troutman
Scripture Passage 3	Revelation 7:9	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 "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" No. 277

Choral Anthem "Ride On, King Jesus" Choir

Message "Calm Before the Storm" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" No. 155

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

**Sunday Lenten Series** concludes this afternoon at 4 p.m. at Wooster United Methodist Church. District Superintendent Edgar Brady will bring the message.

**Maundy Thursday Service - 6:00 p.m.** Join us as we break bread together in the Sanctuary.

**Our Annual Cantata** on Good Friday is "A Journey to Hope," beginning at 7 p.m.

**Our Easter Sunday Service** will be held Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. and feature a special dramatic skit.

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

**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.

**Vacation Bible School** Congregations from Oak Chapel, Smithville, Church of the Cross, Wooster, New Pittsburg, Orrville, and Rittman will come together again this year to host a joint Vacation Bible School, June 7-8, at Smithville United Methodist Church. This year's VBS will have an Olympic theme to coincide with the upcoming Summer Olympics in Paris. If you would like to help in any way, just let Pastor John know.

**Golden Agers Luncheon** is June 11. It is our gift to those 60 and older in our community. Mark your calendars.

**Talkin' Baseball:** Oak Chapel's annual outing at an Akron Rubber Ducks game will be on Friday, July 26, at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$12. If you would like to attend, contact Stuart Mykrantz.



**Praises and Prayers**

Lord in Heaven, we are so thankful for your unconditional love, your abundant grace, and your infinite mercy. We ask once again that you to hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers ....

**Praises**

- \*For Carol Gasser’s helpful Good Samaritan
- \*For Keri Merckle’s uplifting encounter
- \*For Dallas Kauffman and his Wizard of Oz castmates
- \*For the visit by Connie Garg
- \*For the Celebration Gospel Choir Concert
- \*For the successful O-Huddle Event
- \*For the successful Easter Egg Hunt at Ida Sue School
- \*For our “Love is Kindness” initiative
- \*For the church’s support of the Lenten Service reception
- \*For another wonderful Fellowship Dinner

**Prayers**

- \*For the family of Dr. Knapic following his passing
- \*For Char Alexander, who was injured in a fall
- \*For Karen Iannarelli, who is dealing with health issues
- \*For Heidi Arnold, who continues to deal with cancer
- \*For those impacted by last week’s storms
- \*For Ishwar Harris as he deals with Parkinson’s

**Upcoming Worship Services**

March 31 .....Easter—Stick to It  
 April 7 .....Bits, Pieces, and Bread Crumbs  
 April 14 .....It’s Your Call  
 April 21 ..... Divine Visitation  
 April 28 .....Take Care

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

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

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 3/31	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	EASTER Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 4/1	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	UWF at West View	2:00 p.m.
	Art and Soul	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 4/2	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 4/3	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.



Our Cantata on Good Friday is “A Journey to Hope,” beginning at 7 p.m. “This major sacred work is musically inspired by traditional spirituals and tells of the ministry, passion and resurrection of Jesus.” Please make plans to join us, and invite a friend.

**Thought Provoking . . .**

*Give Satan an inch and he’ll be your ruler*

*The longer we carry a grudge  
the heavier the grudge becomes*

*“God’s Grace: One size fits all”*

**Oak Chapel  
United Methodist Church**

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**PALM SUNDAY**

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Fellowship, and Caring*

Today’s Message...  
**“Calm Before the Storm”**