

March 31, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation

Pastor: Jesus Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

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 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" No. 302

\*Prayer of Assurance Rosie Troutman

No longer shall we fear, for the Lord Jesus Christ has risen today. No longer shall we fall victim to the darkness because his light shines brilliantly, and nothing can overcome it. As we bask in his splendor, we also rejoice in his grandeur, proclaiming Him as the long-awaited Messiah and sharing the Good News for all to hear. In His Glorious Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord Jesus, your sacrifice on the cross has vindicated us and wiped out our many transgressions, while your resurrection has purified us and provided a pathway to salvation. We bow in humble adoration as we lift up your glorious name. Today, we celebrate a new beginning, another chance, a final redemption, so let us celebrate the abundant grace and infinite mercy of our Savior. In His Compassionate Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture Passage 1 Isaiah 11:2-6 Pastor John

Scripture Passage 2 Revelation 21:1-4 Rosie Troutman

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 "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done" No. 306

Choral Anthem "Great Day! The Lord is Risen!" Choir

Message "The Lion and the Lamb" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Hymn "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" No. 702

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

\*=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

**Love is Kind Reminder:** please add a post-it note to our poster to share your experience about the *Love is Kind* initiative with the congregation. Additional envelopes and inserts are available in the Narthex.

**Breakfast Invitations:** Our next Retirees Breakfast will be Tuesday, April 2, at 8:30 a.m. at Buehler's Towne Market. Please join us for a time of great food and fellowship. Also, the next men's breakfast will be on Saturday, April 20, at Des Dutch Essenhaus in Shreve at 8 a.m. All men are welcome.

**All-Daughters Banquet** will be Thursday, May 9. A great evening of food, fun and fellowship is planned. All women and girls are invited.

**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:** Oak Chapel, Smithville, Church of the Cross, Wooster, New Pittsburg, Orrville, and Rittman UMCs 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**

As we celebrate the Lord’s glorious resurrection, which brought renewed hope and light into our lives, we give Him thanks for His magnanimous sacrifice that provided a pathway to eternal life in His Father’s Glorious Kingdom. May He once again hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers ....

**Praises**

- \*For the blessings that come with Holy Week
- \*For our uplifting Maundy Thursday service
- \*For our wonderful Cantata on Good Friday
- \*For the glory of Easter Sunday
- \*For our Chili Cookoff and Game Night Fellowship
- \*For our Outreach team’s “Love is Kind” initiative

**Prayers**

- \*For Wendy Rife’s granddaughter who has bronchitis
- \*For the child of Brie and Logan who was born prematurely
- \*For Miriam Zech’s nieces as they heal from illness
- \*For Becky Schlund’s granddaughter who is having surgery
- \*For Pam Domer’s friend, Mike, who had hip surgery
- \*For Stuart Mykrantz’s sister, Rita, who had hip surgery
- \*For Char Alexander, who is recovering from a fall
- \*For Michelle Mosley as she deals with a health issue

Upcoming Worship Services	
April 7 .....	Total Eclipse of the Heart
April 14 .....	Bits, Pieces, and Bread Crumbs
April 21 .....	Peripheral Vision
April 28 .....	Divine Visitation

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

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.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 4/7	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Monday 4/8	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Total Eclipse of the Sun	3:15 p.m.
Tuesday 4/9	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4/10	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Sunday 4/14 *Together Our Reach is Beyond Measure*  
Special Offering for Native American Ministries Sunday

Monday 4/22 Earth Day



**Thought Provoking . . .**  
*Jesus rose with outstretched arms  
 so that we could all run into them*

*Nothing distorts the truth like stretching it*  
*It’s hard to stumble when we’re down on our knees*

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## EASTER SUNDAY

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

Today’s Message...  
**“The Lion and the Lamb”**