

April 14, 2024

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

PRELUDE Jen Moser

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASSING THE PEACE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Erica Boyer

Leader: We serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today

People: We know that He is living, whatever foes may say.

Leader: We see His hand of mercy, We hear His voice of cheer,

People: And just the time we need Him, He's always near.

Leader: He lives!

People: He lives! Christ Jesus lives today

Leader: You ask us how we know He lives?

People: He lives within our hearts.

***HYMN** "Amazing Grace" No. 378

***INVOCATION** Erica Boyer

O God, who through the resurrection of Jesus Christ has freed us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of your love: Grant, we pray, that as by his death he has recalled us into life, so by his abiding presence he may bring us to joys eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Dr. David Wilcox

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our world with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of the Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together in that unity, which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Rev. Dr. David Wilcox

ANTHEM "Refresh Me"

SCRIPTURE Psalm 118:14-29 No. 839
Erica Boyer

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Erica Boyer No. 888

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 70

***HYMN** No. 344
"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"
Two verses

SCRIPTURE John 21:1-19

SERMON Rev. Dr. David Wilcox
"Breakfast with Jesus"

COMMUNITY OF FAITH IN PRAYER
The Sharing of Concerns and Celebrations
The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer No. 895

WE WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND GIFTS
The Offertory
***The Doxology** No. 95
***The Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN** "He Lives" No. 310

BENEDICTION

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 Invitation: The Next Men's Breakfast will be this 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. "These Are a Few of My Favorite Things." A great evening of food, fun and fellowship is planned. Bring a friend! 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 and plan to join us.

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

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 Chase Gasser and his family visiting from Denver
- *For Rev. Dr. David Wilcox as he leads us during Pastor John’s recovery
- *For the awesome miracle of the Eclipse of the Sun

Prayers

- *For patience for Pastor John as he recovers
- *For one of our Girl Scouts, who was diagnosed with cancer
- *For Wendy Rife’s granddaughter, who has bronchitis
- *For the child of Brie and Logan, who was born prematurely
- *For Doug Henshaw’s brother, Tom, as he deals with cancer
- *For the Varns’ friend, Dave, as he deals with loss
- *For Sandy Hower’s friend, Karen as she continues to heal
- *For Sandy Hower’s friend’s son, Dan, with bladder cancer
- *For improved health for Wayne Spangler
- *For Amy Reynolds’ friend, Kevin who died last week
- *For Becky’s granddaughter, Paige, who is having surgery
- *For Char Alexander, who is recovering from a fall

Thought for the Day
Prayer is asking for rain...
Faith is carrying an umbrella

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 4/14	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	<i>Together Our Reach is Beyond Measure</i>	
	Special Offering for Native American Ministries Sunday	
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Monday 4/15	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
	ACORN deadline	
Wednesday 4/17	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 4/20	Men’s Breakfast	8:00 p.m.
	Das Dutch Essenhaus, Shreve	

Looking Ahead

Sunday 4/21	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 4/22	Earth Day	
	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 4/23	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4/24	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 4/27	Girl Scout Event	8:00 a.m.



Sunday Smile
Prevent truth decay... Read the Bible daily

Those who jump to conclusions
Often make precarious landings

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Today’s Message...
“Breakfast with Jesus”