

April 21 , 2024

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

PRELUDE Jen Moser

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASSING THE PEACE

*GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Cyndi Boyer

Leader: Soar we now where Christ has led, following
our exalted Head:

People: Made like Him, like Him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

*HYMN “Come, We That Love the Lord” No. 732

*INVOCATION (Gelasian Sacramentary, 5th cent.) Cyndi Boyer
**Almighty God, through Your only Son You overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.
Grant that we who celebrate our Lord’s resurrection,
by the renewing of Your Spirit,
arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Dr. David Wilcox

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, by your love you have made us, and through
your love you have kept us, and in your love you would make
us perfect: we confess that we have not loved you with all our
heart and soul and mind and strength, and that we have not
loved one another as Christ loved us. Our selfishness has
hindered you, we have not lived by faith, we have resisted your
Spirit, we have neglected your inspirations.

Forgive what we have been; help us to amend what we are;
and in your Spirit direct what we shall be. We pray through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Rev. Dr. David Wilcox

ANTHEM “In the Quiet” The Choir

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23 No. 137
Response 2 Cyndi Boyer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Cyndi Boyer No. 887

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

*HYMN “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” No. 474

SCRIPTURE Acts 9:36-43
Revelation 7:9-17

SERMON Rev. Dr. David Wilcox
“Soar We Now Where Christ Has Led”

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. 94
*The Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN “Marching to Zion” No. 733

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Wilcox

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.

All-Daughters Banquet: 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: 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 Aged Luncheon: June 11. It is our gift to those 60 and older in our community. Mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Change the World Day: Saturday, June 22. We will be packing Lifeline meals. Your financial and volunteer donations make this possible. Save the date! Monetary donations can be labeled, “Change the World Day.”

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

Prayers

- *For the people in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia
- *For the United Methodist Churches in these countries
- *For Joan Rhett who has cancer
- *For Joyce Bigler who celebrated her birthday in the hospital
- *For Ted Zech's girlfriend's mother who was in a car accident
- *For John and Sheri Finn
- *For the family of Kent Robbin who died last week
- *For the family of Esther Franks who died on April 4
- *For patience for Pastor John as he recovers
- *For Wayne Spangler who moved to Wayne Co Care Center
- *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 Becky's granddaughter, Paige, who is having surgery
- *For Char Alexander, who is recovering from a fall

Thought Provoking . . .

*A well-read Bible produces a well-fed Soul
In a changing world, trust God's unchanging Word*

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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.

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 4/28	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Monday 4/29	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday 5/1	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

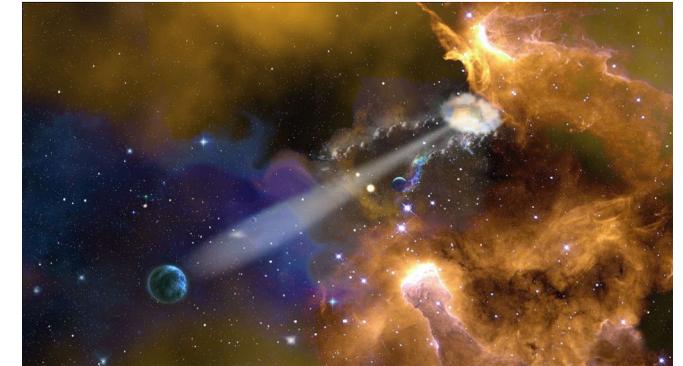


Sunday Smile

*God promises no loaves
To those who loaf*

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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