

May 19, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (Proverbs 2:6-7) Pastor John

Pastor: For the Lord gives wisdom;

People: From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Pastor: He holds success in store for the upright;

People: He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless.

Passing the Peace

*Apostles Creed Bill and Tina Braucher

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, 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 "Love Divine, all Loves Excelling" Inset

*Prayer of Assurance Bill and Tina Braucher

Our covenant with the Lord brings with it an advocate in the Holy Spirit, who guides, protects, admonishes, and inspires us. This great gift is transformative and empowering, giving us a mandate to speak up and stand up for honesty, decency, integrity, and righteousness, spurring us to live a life of reverence and obedience in honor of the Great God we serve. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Great and Powerful God, our iniquities are no secret to you. Everything we say and do that goes against our covenant with you has been exposed. Still, it is important that we take responsibility for our words and our actions so that we may be cleansed and purified through your abundant grace and mercy. In Your Compassionate Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture Passage 1 Isaiah 32:14-17 Tina Braucher

Scripture Passage 2 John 14:15-21 Bill Braucher

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 "Loving Spirit" Insert

Anthem "Wherever the Wind Blows" The Choir

Message "Red Alert" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts

*The Doxology No. 95

*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

*Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" Insert

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.

Outdoor Service: United Methodist Men invite you to stay for lunch after our service today.

Jingly Buckets: Today's collection of your coins (and we accept paper money as well) will go to Change the World Day for packing meals.

Vacation Bible School: June 7-8, at Smithville UMC. 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, let Pastor John know.

Golden Agers Luncheon: Tuesday, June 11. It is our gift to those 60 and older in our community. Mark your calendars and plan to join us. Please RSVP by 6/4.

All-Sons Dinner: Tuesday, June 18. Join us for great food, warm fellowship, and an interesting program as a local author discusses his recent book. Please RSVP by 6/11.

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."

Habitat Projects: Oak Chapel is looking to re-establish its relationship with Habitat for Humanity of Wayne County. We are planning a project on July 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. If you are free that morning, we would love for you to join us. Please sign-up in the Narthex. Future details will be forthcoming.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame: Friday, July 26, as the Akron rubber Ducks take on the Bowie Baysox.



Praises and Prayers

Almighty God, we ask for your blessings on those who suffer, those who are alone, those who are in pain, and those who are lost. Hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers

Praises

- *For reunions and renewing of old acquaintances
- *For the sound of young voices in our congregation
- *For Karen Cantrell’s mother’s improving health
- *For Mark and Patti Ritchey’s 47th anniversary
- *For Patti’s Ritchey’s healing
- *For Joyce Varns’ successful surgery and healing
- *For Gene Varns’ compelling memorial service
- *For Gene Varns as he celebrates his birthday
- *For all the mothers who have influenced our lives
- *For our warm, welcoming, faithful congregation

Prayers

- *For Rosie Troutman’s sister-in-law who is hospitalized
- *For Rosie Troutman’s brother as he cares for his wife
- *For Katy Domer’s friend Ashley, whose husband died
- *For Dick Gasser as he deals with health concerns
- *For Rich Myers, who is still hospitalized
- *For Katie and David as they seek to start a family
- *For Anya Finn as she recovers from injuries
- *For Quinn Hildebrandt as she recovers from injuries
- *For the family of Barbara Jeffers who passed last week



Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 5/19	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Outdoor Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Outdoor Picnic	11:30 a.m.
Monday 5/20	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 5/21	Outreach Committee	6:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 5/26	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Tuesday 5/27	Prayer Shawl Ministry	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 5/28	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.

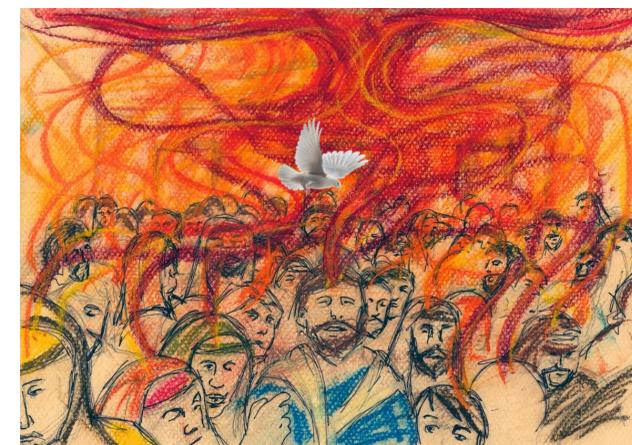
Upcoming Worship Services	
May 26.....	Memorial Day Service
June 2.....	What the Hell?
June 9.....	Commissioning a Shepherd
June 16.....	Fathers’ Day
June 23.....	I Don’t Ask Much

Pentecost: Pentecost commemorates the day when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples after the resurrection of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem. The Day of Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter in Western branches of Christianity. Services on this day are marked by the color red signifying the fiery winds of the Holy Spirit.

Peace with Justice Sunday, May 26: We are called to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict. We insist that the first moral duty of all nations is to work together to resolve by peaceful means every dispute that arises between or among them. Each Annual Conference develops local social justice ministries. Fifty percent of this offering remains in our annual conference to support these ministries.

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 through Love, Compassion,
 Fellowship, and Caring*

Today’s Message...

“Red Alert!”