

June 23, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 121:7-8) Pastor John

Pastor: The Lord will keep you from all harm;

People: He will watch over your life.

Pastor: The Lord will watch over your coming and going

People: Both now and forevermore, Amen!

*Passing of the Peace

*Apostles' Creed Phyllis Weaver

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.

*Opening Hymn "Christ for the World We Sing" No. 568

*Prayer of Assurance Phyllis Weaver

As our world continues to spin out of control, and we witness death and destruction in all corners of life, we urgently call on our Lord for guidance. Through Him there is hope, but without him, there is only darkness and despair. We know that he intends for us to live in peace and harmony with one another, so today, let us reach out to our neighbors, embrace our friends, and reconcile with our enemies, so that we can hasten His Kingdom here on earth, from this day forward. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord in Heaven, the distractions and temptations of this world repeatedly take us off track and threaten to leave us in the wilderness, so we come before you this morning to confess our sins and seek your forgiveness. May you cleanse our souls and make us whole once again so that we can reconnect and restore our relationship with you. In Your Compassionate Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 1 Peter 4:7-11 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Colossians 3:12-17 Phyllis Weaver

Scripture 3 John 15:14-17 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 "Lord, Be Glorified" Insert

Special Music Ohio Light Opera

Message "Friends to the End" 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 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" No. 664

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

**=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit*

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Moving Forward: A Strategic Plan for the Next Five Years

In these uncertain, often tumultuous times, it is prudent for our church to develop a strategic plan to strengthen our physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and financial standing, and to provide for the short- and long-term well-being of Oak Chapel. With that in mind, we will introduce a Strategic Plan for the next five years at tomorrow night's Administrative Council meeting. The plan will feature at least 15 areas of emphasis including future growth, pastoral leadership, financial stewardship, and Christian education. Everyone is welcome to review the document and to offer input as we seek to fortify our foundation in faith. Please feel free to join us tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. If you are not able to attend, copies of the plan will be made available to everyone in the church.

Soul Care Retreat: United Women in Faith invites all women for a morning of self care. Saturday, July 13, at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. By seeking wellness for our whole selves, we can deepen our understanding of self and the divine. More information will be in the July Acorn.

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

Take Me Out to the Ballgame: 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 God Almighty, we come before you in search of refuge, wisdom, comfort, protection, and peace. We also take time to pray for those who walk in darkness, those who live with pain, those who are burdened with anxiety, and those who are not connected with their faith. We ask that you hear our praises and prayers as we lift them before you....

Praises

*For Bob & Rosie Troutman on their 57th anniversary

Prayers

- *For Elaine Sprinkle's family as they mourn her passing
- *For Heidi Arnold as she enters into Hospice Care
- *For traveling mercies for Rob Rastetter and family
- *For Doris Troutman as she deals with health issues
- *For Wayne Spangler as he looks to increase his strength
- *For Dave Acker, who recently had surgery

Love is Kind Reminder: Please continue to share the Love. Additional envelopes and inserts are available in the Narthex.

Words of Wisdom

It is what it is...

But it will become what you make of it



Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 6/23	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Monday 6/24	Prayer Shawl Ministry	6:00 p.m.
	Administrative Council	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 6/25	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 6/30	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7/2	Retirees' Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Thursday 7/4	Independence Day	

Special Music: Ohio Light Opera's Lauren Hinkle: We are greatly blessed to be joined this morning by Lauren Hinkle of the Ohio Light Opera Orchestra. Originally from Akron, she currently resides in Cleveland, where she recently finished her fourth year as an adjunct professor of brass at Notre Dame College. She also leads a large studio of middle and high school students across Northeast Ohio, slowly taking over the world with extremely talented trumpet players. She holds a Bachelor of Music Degree from Kent State University and a Master's in Music from Cleveland State University, where she was the winner of the 2022 Daniel Rains Solo Competition, performing the Haydn Trumpet Concerto. Please welcome Lauren to our service.

Upcoming Worship Services

June 30.	The Most Important Question in History (Steve Moore)
July 6	No Laughing Matter
July 13	Daydream Believer
July 29	Attention Getter
August 4	That's Okay

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through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship, and Caring*

Today's Message...
"Friends to the End"