

June 30, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Phyllis Weaver

Opening Prayer Steve Moore

Responsive Proclamation (From Psalm 54) Steve Moore

Leader: Come with great power, O God!

People: Rescue us, and defend us with your might!

Leader: Listen to our prayer, O God!

People: Pay attention to our plea!

*Passing of the Peace Steve Moore

*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 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Insert

*Prayer of Assurance Phyllis Weaver

Mighty Messiah, you have the power to transform lives, and so today, we once again pledge to take up our cross and follow you. Help us to strengthen our faith and commit our lives to you, knowing that our ultimate pursuit is life eternal in your Father's Heavenly Kingdom. Bless us and forgive us as we seek to bless and forgive others so that your name may be glorified, now and forever. Amen!

Call to Confession Phyllis Weaver

Prayer of Confession Phyllis Weaver

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 Steve Moore

Scripture 1 Mark 8:27-38 Steve Moore

Scripture 2 Mark 9:1-8 Phyllis Weaver

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 "Awesome God" Insert

Special Music Ohio Light Opera

Message Steve Moore

"The Most Important Question in Human History"

Our Morning Prayer Phyllis Weaver

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts Steve Moore

*The Doxology No. 95

*Prayer Over Our Offerings Steve Moore

*Hymn "Jesus, Name Above All Names" Insert

Benediction Steve Moore

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Soul Care Retreat: United Women in Faith invites all women for a morning of self care on Saturday, July 13, at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. By seeking wellness for our whole selves, we can deepen our understanding of self and the divine. More information is in the July Acorn.

Habitat Project: Our local Habitat for Humanity project is quickly approaching. 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 regarding the location 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.

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 introduced a Strategic Plan for the next five years at Monday night's Administrative Council meeting. The plan features 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.

Words of Wisdom

*Drowning in life's challenges?
Don't worry; our lifeguard walks on water!*



Praises and Prayers

Lord God Almighty, we bow before you on this sacred day, proclaiming you as our Savior and our Friend. As we gather, we pause to remember those less fortunate, and we pray that their pain, anxiety, and loneliness will be eradicated by your comforting presence and your gentle touch. Hear our praises and prayers as we lift them before you....

Praises

- *For the wonderful life of Elaine Sprinkle
- *For the Mission Team that worked in Michigan
- *For Dave Acker, who has returned home after surgery

Prayers

- *For Janie Poland, whose husband died last week
- *For Eva, whose father passed last week
- *For Dave Zech, who had his pacemaker replaced
- *For Pastor Jon Heavilin, who is hospitalized
- *For Jeff Merickel, who is awaiting test results
- *For Heidi Arnold as she enters into Hospice Care
- *For Doris Troutman with a variety of health issues
- *For Wayne Spangler as he looks to increase his strength

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

Food for Thought...

Inhale Faith...Exhale Works!



Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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	

Looking Ahead

Sunday 7/7	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7/9	UWF Executive Meeting	12:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Saturday 7/13	Soul Care Retreat	10:00 a.m.

Special Music: Please welcome Cameron Randall from the Ohio Light Opera Orchestra. He will perform during worship this morning. Now in his second season with the company, Cameron is based in Chicago, where he recently completed his Master's in Music at DePaul University. He also holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Oberlin Conservatory. Hailed for his versatility, Cameron's performing career has taken him across the Midwest, having performed with the Festival City, Fox Valley, Evanston, and Firelands symphonies, among others, on alto, tenor, bass, and contrabass trombones, tuba, euphonium, and bass trumpet. Aside from his career as a freelance musician and educator, Cameron works as a stage manager at DePaul and in the greater Chicago area.

Upcoming Worship Services

July 7	Dependence Day
July 14	Daydream Believer
July 21	Attention Getter
July 28	No Laughing Matter
August 4	Highly Favored

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through Love, Compassion,
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Today's Message...

***"The Most Important Question
in Human History"***