

July 28, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (From Psalm 19) Kim Domer

Pastor: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: The testimony of the Lord makes the simple wise.

Pastor: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

People: The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever!

*Apostles' Creed Kim Domer

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.

*Passing of the Peace Kim Domer

*Opening Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads" No. 213

*Prayer of Assurance Kim Domer

Compassionate and Loving God, we acknowledge the presence of the many conflicting signs in this world, but we know that the guidance you provide through your Sacred Word is invincible. Help us to discern the difference between your undeniable truth and the wide-ranging deceit that prevails in this world as you guide us on the pathway of righteousness from this day forward. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Benevolent Savior, we bow before you in humble contrition, lamenting our many failures while rejoicing in your abundant grace, which cleanses, purifies, and makes us whole once again. As we give thanks for your boundless mercy, we also pledge a more disciplined approach to avoiding temptation and shunning the evil that pulls us away from you. In Your Sacred Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Hebrews 2:1-4 Pastor John

Scripture 2 II Timothy 3:1-5 Kim Domer

Scripture 3 Matthew 24:3-14 Kim Domer

Scripture 4 Luke 21:25-28 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 "I Love You, Lord" 2x On Screen

Special Music Gray Smiley, French horn OLO

Message "I Saw the Sign" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer No. 295

Presentation of Our Gifts

*The Doxology No. 95

*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

*Hymn "Only Trust Him" No. 337

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Lunch Out with Friends: UWF invites women to join in a fun lunch out (Dutch Treat, no agenda) at the Lighted Lantern in Fredericksburg on Wednesday, August 7, at 11:30. Please RSVP by August 4. We are naming this group 'The Acorn Society.' All nuts welcome! ☺

Lincoln Highway Buy-Way Sale: Once again Oak Chapel will participate in the Buy-Way Sale, although greatly scaled back. We will offer lunch and respite from the weather with air conditioning and restrooms on Thursday and Friday, August 8 and 9, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Phyllis Weaver or Joyce Varns.

Moving Forward: A Strategic Five-Year Plan: In these uncertain, often tumultuous times, it is prudent for our church to develop a strategic plan 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 the last Administrative Council meeting. Everyone is welcome to review the document and to offer input as we seek to fortify our foundation in faith moving forward.

The North Central Jurisdiction Committee on the Episcopacy has assigned Bishop Hee-Soo Jung to be resident bishop of the new Ohio Episcopal Area, serving as bishop of both the East Ohio Conference and the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church. Jung has served as resident bishop of the Wisconsin Conference for the past 12 years. Bishop Malone will be moving to the Indiana Conference.



Praises and Prayers

Gracious God, lead us and guide us to be obedient and to do your will so that we may live in peace with one another. We ask now that you hear our voices as we lift up our praises and prayers before you....

Praises

- *For the church’s support of the Henshaw Family
- *For Dick & Carol Gasser on their 65th anniversary
- *For Caroline Lilburn’s guests, Tim and Suzanne
- *For God’s presence in our church and our nation

Prayers

- *For Cortney, who is dealing with Wegener’s Disease
- *For Ethan Bohley, who is recovering from surgery
- *For Cathy and Linda, who are dealing with cancer
- *For Heidi Arnold, who is the late stages of Hospice Care
- *For Wayne Spangler as he looks to increase his strength
- *For Bob Morris, who is at the Care Center
- *For Susan Berger, who is recovering from surgery
- *For safety for Patrick Finn, who is in India
- *For safety for Sheri Finn as she travels to Syracuse
- *For Shanna and Quinn Hildebrandt traveling to Syracuse
- *For the family of Zach Weber, who died suddenly
- *For peace, calm, and civility in our nation

Remember...
You are on Heaven’s “Most-Wanted” List!



Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Today	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Looking Ahead		
Sunday 8/4	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 8/5	UWF Executive Team	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 8/6	Retirees Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 8/7	The Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
	The Lighted Lantern	
Thursday 8/8	Buy Way Sale	10:00—2:00
Friday 8/9	Buy Way Sale	10:00—2:00
Thursday 8/15	ACORN Deadline	

Mission Witness: “Every year, the United Women in Faith in Sierra Leone converge together at a Mission u event, facilitated by the regional missionary for women. It is a time to meet old friends and make new ones, a time to share joys and challenges, and a time to build friendships, they study social issues impacting them that may be resolved through friendship. They learn about other nations and, above all, seal their friendship with Jesus as they study a spiritual growth topic.” Elmira Sellu, Regional Missionary, East and West Africa.

Remember...
Seven Days without prayer makes one “weak.”

Upcoming Worship Services

August 4	Highly Favored
August 11.....	Attitude of Gratitude
August 18.....	Don’t Worry, Be Happy
August 25	A Quiet Voice
September 1	The Bountiful Fruits of Labor

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Today’s Message...
“I Saw the Sign”