

July 7, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (From Psalm 49) Pastor John

Pastor: Hear this, all you peoples;

People: Listen, all who live in this world!

Pastor: My mouth will speak words of wisdom;

People: The meditation of my heart will give you understanding!

*Passing of the Peace

*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.

*Opening Hymn "Sing Praise to God" No. 126

*Prayer of Assurance Kim Domer

Our Dependence on the Lord actually makes us stronger and liberates us from the bondage of sin. Let us recommit to Him and allow ourselves to fall into His everlasting arms, for it is there that we will find peace, protection, comfort, wisdom, and love. May we forever praise His Mighty Name and share our testimony of faith with others so that they will hear, see, and believe. This we pray with humble adoration. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Almighty and Everlasting God, we bow before you in humble contrition as we acknowledge our repeated failure to honor your word and obey your commandments! Shower us with your abundant grace and bless us with your infinite mercy so that our souls may be cleansed, our minds purified, and our hearts restored. In Your Blessed Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture Psalm 121:1-8 Pastor John

Scripture Matthew 6:25-26 Kim Domer

Scripture 3 John 15:5 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 "Children of the Heavenly Father" No. 141

Special Music Ohio Light Opera

Message "Dependence Day" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion No. 15
(Sung Responses on back inside cover of the Hymnal)

Our Morning Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts

*The Doxology No. 95

*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

*Hymn "His Eye Is On the Sparrow" Insert

Benediction Pastor John

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.

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 Five-Year Plan.

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 last week'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.



Praises and Prayers

Father in Heaven, we are so grateful for the freedoms we enjoy in this great nation of ours. Independence is, indeed, a great gift. But it is also important for us to remember that Dependence also has its advantages, especially when we depend on you. Today, we once again come before you in prayer, asking that you hear our praises and prayers as we lift them before you....

Praises

- *For Bob Troutman as he celebrates a birthday milestone
- *For the wonderful uplifting music in our church
- *For Shannan’s friend’s baby who is home from the NICU
- *For safe travels for Emily Moore Smith and her family
- *For Beau Gaubatz and his baseball team
- *For safe travels for Pastor John and Sheri

Prayers

- *For Pastor Jon Heavilin, who is recovering at home
- *For Heidi Arnold, who is in Hospice Care
- *For Wayne Spangler as he looks to increase his strength
- *For safe travels for Mark and Patti Ritchey and Family
- *For safe travels for Megan and her family

Words of Wisdom

Discipline is the bridge between a goal and an achievement



Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 7/7	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7/8	UWF Executive Cte	12:30 p.m.
	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Saturday 7/13	Soul Care Retreat	10:00-12:00

Looking Ahead

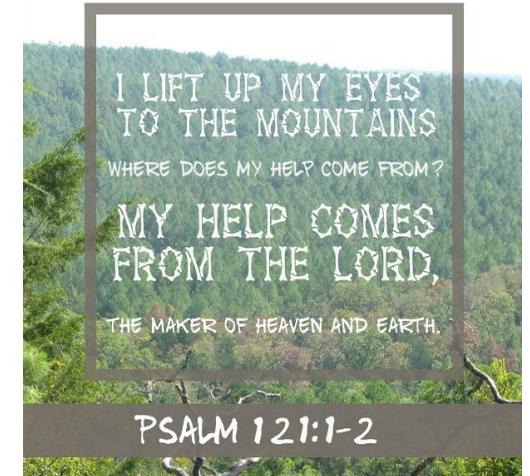
Sunday 7/14	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7/15	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
	ACORN deadline	
Wednesday 7/16	Outreach	6:30 p.m.
Thursday-Sunday	Mission u	Mt. Union
Saturday 7/20	Habitat for Humanity	9:00-12:00

Baptism on the Banks: Please join us for a very special service next Sunday at the former Grossniklaus Lake (185 Cherry Lane). We will be baptizing Lucas Mark into the Body of Believers during our service. All are welcome! The service will take place rain or shine, so dress very casually and enjoy the sacred moment as we welcome Lucas into church membership. We are also anticipating a guest appearance by Jesus himself, so this is one service you don’t want to miss. In addition, we will provide an opportunity for everyone to recommit to their faith, and after the service, we invite you to break bread with us over a very light lunch.

Upcoming Worship Services

July 14	Daydream Believer
July 21	Staying Grounded
July 28.....	Highly Favored
August 4	Attitude of Gratitude

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Today’s Message...
“Dependence Day”