

July 14, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (From Psalm 47) Pastor John

Pastor: Clap your hands, all you nations;

**People: Shout to God with cries of joy!**

Pastor: For the Lord Most High is awesome,

**People: The great King over all the earth!**

\*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 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" Insert

\*Prayer of Assurance Kim Domer

Our Faith in Jesus Christ creates a dynamic relationship that refreshes and renews each time we affirm our belief in Him.

Today, in the beauty of God's creation, we openly and actively proclaim our faith as we also prepare to welcome our newest member. We ask Lord that you be with us and bless us during this sacred time, and that you continue to watch over, protect, and guide us all the days of our life. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Through Jesus Christ — and only through Him — we are lifted from the turmoil and chaos and into a safe place of refuge. Forgive us now, Lord, for all of our sins, and give us the strength, the wisdom, and the courage to faithfully follow you until you call us into the presence of your Father's Heavenly Kingdom. In Your Blessed Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture Acts 2:38 Pastor John

Scripture 1 Peter 3:21 Kim Domer

Scripture 3 Matthew 3:16 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 "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" Insert

Special Music Tony Daise, violin Ohio Light Opera

Message "Rushing Waters, Descending Doves" Pastor John

Baptism Lucas Miles Mark

Baptism Renewal Congregation

Our Morning Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts

\*The Doxology No. 95

\*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

\*Hymn "Standing on the Promises" Insert

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## The Sacrament of Baptism

Lucas Mark has chosen to "take the plunge," both literally and figuratively, so this morning, we present him for Holy Baptism, but first we ask all of you...

Pastor: Do you confess your faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ?

**People: We do!**

Pastor: Do you therefore accept the duty and privilege to live a life of godly care and to nurture Lucas in the Christian faith based on the Holy Scriptures so that he will learn to live a life of faithful discipleship?

**People: We do!**

Pastor: Will you pledge to keep Lucas under the ministry and guidance of the church as directed by the will of God?

**People: We will!**

Pastor: Lucas, do you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and put your whole trust in his grace and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church that Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**Lucas: I do?**

Pastor: Lucas, do you pledge to live a life of holiness and obedience according to the Word of God?

**Lucas: I do?**

**Baptism by Immersion**

**Closing Prayer**

*Please join us for a small submarine sandwich and a drink in the pavilion after the service.*



**Praises and Prayers**

Holy Spirit, we invite you to descend upon us this morning and fill us with your passion. Guide us and bless us as we pause for prayer, asking the Lord to hear our praises and prayers as we lift them before you....

**Praises**

- \*For the wonderful uplifting music in our church
- \*For Dave Zech's successful pacemaker procedure

**Prayers**

- \*For the Henshaw Family following Tom's passing
- \*For Ethan Bohley, who is recovering from surgery
- \*For Ryan Smith and his mission trip to Rwanda
- \*For Pastor Jon Heavilin as he recovers from blood clots
- \*For Mark Glasgo as he recovers from a stroke
- \*For Heidi Arnold, who is in Hospice Care
- \*For Wayne Spangler as he looks to increase his strength
- \*For Bob Morris, who is at the Wayne Co. Care Center
- \*For Sabrina, who is dealing with stomach issues
- \*For Susan Berger, who is recovering from surgery
- \*For the Brauchers as they travel on vacation
- \*For Tonya Houser, who fell and is recuperating

**Words of Wisdom**

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



**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...**

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

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 7/21	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7/22	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Prayer Shawl Ministry	6:00 p.m.
Friday 7/26	Rubber Ducks game	7:05 p.m.

**Habitat Project:** Our local Habitat for Humanity project is quickly approaching. 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.

**Lunch Out with Friends:** UWF invites women to join in a fun lunch out at the Lighted Lantern in Fredericksburg on Wednesday, August 7, at 11:30 a.m.

**Upcoming Worship Services**

July 21 .....	Staying Grounded
July 28.....	Highly Favored
August 4 .....	Attitude of Gratitude
August 11.....	Peripheral Vision

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through Love, Compassion,  
Fellowship, and Caring*

Today's Message...

***"Rushing Waters, Descending Doves"***