

August 11, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 143:9-10) Pastor John

Leader: Rescue me from my enemies, Lord,

People: For I hide myself in you.

Leader: Teach me to do your will,

People: For you are my God!

*Apostles' Creed Steve Moore

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 Steve Moore

*Opening Hymn "Jesu, Jesu" No. 432

*Prayer of Assurance Steve Moore

We have seen a great light, the light of the Lord, illuminating our path and guiding us to love all of His people. May we no longer look down on or away from others in need, and may we no longer consider ourselves superior or more favored than anyone else. Instead, let us be humble and seek to serve others ahead of ourselves. In His Great and Powerful Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Merciful and Mighty God, we stand before you in a spirit of humble contrition, ashamed of our transgressions but grateful for the promise of salvation, made possible by your agonizing crucifixion, which wiped away our sins, and your glorious resurrection, which cleansed our souls. May we now embrace a newfound commitment to our foundation in faith from this day forward. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Luke 10:29-37 Steve Moore

Scripture 2 James 2:14-17 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 "When the Church of Jesus" No. 592

Message Pastor John

"Why Didn't the Samaritan Cross the Road?"

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts

*The Doxology No. 95

*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

*Hymn "Where Charity and Love Prevail" No. 549

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

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. Copies of the Plan are in the Narthex.

Thinking...and Planning...Ahead: As we look to continue our efforts to extend our reach and our impact on the community, we are considering some possible initiatives in the coming year, including...

1. A Sunday afternoon recreational/instructional session for young people in the community followed by a brief Bible lesson this fall.
 2. A partnership with nearby Liberty Prep, a school that helps to support, encourage, mentor, and educate at-risk high school students complete their degree and earn a diploma.
 3. A possible Prison Ministry in Downtown Wooster or a possible partnership with nearby Hilltop Villa veterans home.
 4. A Back-to-School Outreach project to support young people involved in such organizations as Boys and Girls Club and O-Huddle.
 5. A program to provide new pillows, pillow cases, and blankets for the homeless in our area through a new program, titled, "Shelter from the Storm."
- More details will be forthcoming. Stay tuned!

Remember...

He who Kneels before God can Stand before Anyone



Praises and Prayers

Lord in Heaven, as we look ahead to the end of summer and the beginning of fall, we turn our attention to the harvest. Where will the souls of your people ultimately reside? Our hope is that everyone may enter the glory of your Father’s Kingdom, so we pray in earnest for the salvation of all souls as we also take time to lift up the following praises and prayers before you....

Praises

- *For safe journeys for the Finn Family and all who travel
- *For Gene and Joyce Varns celebrating their 48th anniversary
- *For a successful ear procedure for Cormac Finn
- *For Bill Braucher following his cardiac appointment
- *For the many gifts that God has bestowed upon our church
- *For God’s presence in our church, our nation, and our world

Prayers

- *For Lori Hauser, who is doing rehab in Canton
- *For Dave and Phyllis Weaver on the passing of Dave’s sister
- *For the family of Heidi Arnold, who entered into God’s Kingdom
- *For the family of Bob Morris, who entered into God’s Kingdom
- *For Diane Peacock as she recovers from a fall
- *For Cathleen, who is in Intensive Care at Akron General
- *For the hungry and homeless in our community
- *For peace, calm, and civility in our nation and our world

Sunday Smile

Cars are not the only thing recalled by their maker.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Today	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Farmer to Farmer	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday 8/13	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8/14	Worship Team	6:00 p.m.
Thursday 8/15	ACORN Deadline	
Saturday 8/17	Men’s Breakfast	8:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 8/18	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 8/19	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 8/20	District Consultations	All Day
	SPRC with Dist. Sup.	7:00 p.m.

There is a greeting card in the Narthex for Lori Hauser. Please feel free to write a greeting to Lori as she recovers in Canton.

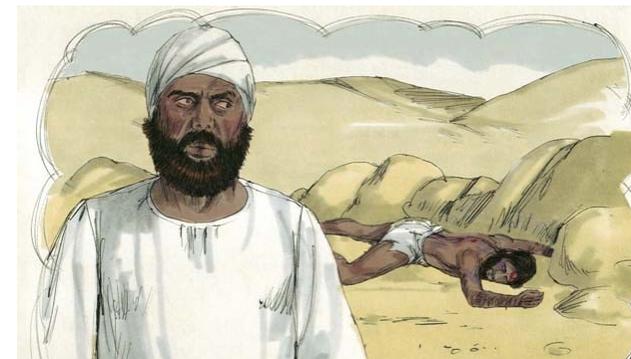
UWF has a new order of NUTS in the Narthex: Deluxe Mix, Giant Cashews, and Harvest Mix. The price is marked on each bag, and there is a jar for your donation. All proceeds go to mission projects. Thank you in advance.

Upcoming Worship Services

August 18	Pick Me Up
August 25	A Quiet Voice
September 1	The Bountiful Fruits of Labor
September 8	Staying Grounded
September 15	Outdoor Worship



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

“Why Didn’t the Samaritan Cross the Road?”