

April 13, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

\*Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 37:8-9) Pastor John

Pastor: Refrain from anger and turn from wrath!

People: Do not seek vengeance. It leads only to evil!

Pastor: For those who are evil will be destroyed,

People: But those who hope in God will inherit His Kingdom!

\*Apostles' Creed Rosie Troutman

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 Rosie Troutman

\*Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" No. 203

\*Prayer of Assurance Rosie Troutman

Invincible God, your justice is impeccable, but we, your people, so often struggle to embrace your righteousness. Grant us wisdom and cultivate our fervor to do what is fair and just for others. Most importantly, instill within us a forgiving heart so that we may extend grace and mercy to all people. In your Caring and Compassionate Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Most Merciful God, we continue to trip, stumble, and fall in our earthly journey, but you are always there to lift us to our feet. Once again, we confess our transgressions and ask that you cleanse our souls and purify our hearts, so that we might be holy and pleasing in your sight. This we pray in humble contrition, now and forever. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Isaiah 61:8-9 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Zechariah 7:8-11 Rosie Troutman

Scripture 3 Luke 6:7-38 Rosie Troutman

Scripture 4 Matthew 5:6-10 Pastor John

Response

One: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word Pastor John

All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope and Joy

\*Gloria Patri

\*Hymn "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" No. 358

Chancel Choir "Blessed is He"

Message "Justice Through Jesus" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

\*The Doxology

\*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

\*Hymn "We Are Called" Insert

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Lenten Service

Our Sunday Lenten service series concludes this afternoon at Wooster United Methodist Church. District Superintendent Cara Stultz Costello will deliver the message. Please join us for her inspirational message, followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments.

### Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study of *The Man Code* continues on Wednesday at the Boyer's home, 3595 Kister Rd. A light supper will be served at 6:30, followed by the study. All men are welcome.

### Maundy Thursday

Oak Chapel will once again host an informal Maundy Thursday service on April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary to commemorate the Last Supper of our Lord and His disciples. A light supper will be served, and we look forward to another sacred service. If you would like to attend, please notify the office, so that we can get a rough head count and plan accordingly.

### Good Friday Cantata

Gifted voices from area churches will gather at Oak Chapel for our annual Good Friday Cantata on April 18 at 7 p.m. Directed by our own Jen Moser, this year's theme is "Portraits in Grace." Please plan to join us, and feel free to invite a friend or two.

### Mission Barn Trip

We have scheduled a trip to the Mission Barn for Wednesday, April 30. The site is two hours away, so we will leave the church at 7:30 a.m. and return at approximately 7:00 pm. We take a sack lunch to eat on site and then eat an early dinner in Pennsylvania before heading home. Please consider joining us as we travel to Pennsylvania to be the hands and feet of Christ in partnership the United Methodist Church.



**Praises and Prayers**

Holy Lord Jesus, as we prepare for the most sacred of all weeks, we reach out to you in love and gratitude, giving thanks for your relationship with us and humbly asking that you hear the following praises and prayers as we lift them up before you...

**Praises**

- \*For God’s presence in our church and in our world
- \*For the compassion of our caregivers
- \*For the power of prayer in our church
- \*For the legacy of those who came before us
- \*For the gifts God has given our medical professionals
- \*For Dave Zech’s good heart report
- \*For friends of the Troutman's celebrating 60 yrs of marriage

**Prayers**

- \*For Karen Cantrell’s mother, who is in Hospice
- \*For Roger Troutman, who is dealing with health issues
- \*For Connie Garg, who has medical tests this week and next
- \*For Kathy McConnell, whose recent surgery was successful
- \*For Bill Braucher as he recovers in Columbus
- \*For four-year old Michael, who is undergoing chemo
- \*For Bernie Schafrath, who is dealing with ALS
- \*For Dave Zech following foot surgery
- \*For Alison Flanagan who is dealing with personal issues

**Call to Prayer and Self-Denial**

United Women in Faith is committed to empowering women and girls around the world. In 2023, we awarded 16 economic development grants totaling \$188,100. Join us on Wednesday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m. for a sacrificial meal and program. The 2025 offering will support economic development and microenterprise projects, vocational training, life skills, and livelihood training internationally.

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

Sunday 4/13	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Palm Sunday	10:30 a.m.
	Girl Scout Leaders	2:00 p.m.
	Lenten Service	4:00 p.m.
	at Wooster UMC	
Tuesday 4/15	ACORN deadline	
	Senior Social	1:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 4/16	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 4/17	Maundy Thursday	6:30 p.m.
Friday 4/18	Good Friday Cantata	7:00 p.m.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 4/20	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	EASTER Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Monday 4/21	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 4/22	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4/23	Prayer and Self Denial	6:00 p.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 4/24	4-H	7:00 p.m.

**Donations for Wayne County Inmates**

The first delivery will be May 1. The Outreach Committee has placed a container and list of items needed in the Narthex. Thank you for your generous support.

**Last Week’s Attendance:** .....42 in person..... 51 online

**Last Week’s Offering:**..... \$3851

**Upcoming Worship Services**

- April 13 .....Lenten Service at Wooster UMC
- April 20 .....A Little Jesus Goes a Long Way
- April 27 .....United Women in Faith
- May 4..... Guilt Trip

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**Today’s Message**  
**“Justice Though Jesus”**