

April 6, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Steve Moore

Opening Prayer Steve Moore

*Responsive Proclamation (From Psalm 103) Steve Moore

Pastor: The Lord has established his throne in heaven,

People: And his kingdom rules over all creation!

Pastor: As Divine Messengers, we seek to bless the Lord,

People: And to keep His Word and obey His Commands!

*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 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" No. 110

*Prayer of Assurance Rosie Troutman

God of the Universe, we are in awe of your creation. The beauty of the mountains, the serenity of the seas, the enchantment of the forests, and the splendor of all living beings, captivates our minds and warms our hearts. As we move closer the holiest of all weeks, we call on you for guidance, direction, and inspiration, so that we might be prepared to celebrate the glory of Easter Sunday. In your Majestic Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Steve Moore

Prayer of Confession Steve Moore

Precious Lord Jesus, we deeply lament our sinful nature, but we rejoice in the knowledge that your abundant grace and infinite mercy, have wiped away our iniquities and purified our soul, so that on the day of judgment, we will be worthy to stand before you and granted admittance to you're your Father's Heavenly Kingdom. For this great and wonderful gift, we give you thanks and praise, now and forever. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Steve Moore

Scripture 1 Isaiah 9:6-7 Rosie Troutman

Scripture 2 Matthew 6:25-34 Rosie Troutman

Scripture 3 Matthew 13:44-46 Steve Moore

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 "Seek Ye First" No. 405

Chancel Choir "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Message "The Kingdom of God" Steve Moore

Our Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*The Doxology

*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

*Hymn "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" No. 79

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Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Lenten Service

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. United Methodists and friends will gather at Church of the Cross UMC (5100 Cleveland Rd.)

Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study of *The Man Code* continues on Wednesday at the Boyer's home. 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.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt at Ida Sue School

Our third annual egg hunt at Ida Sue will be Friday, April 11 at 10:00 a.m. There are flyers in the Narthex if you would like to invite preschoolers you know. Thank you for your support of this fun outreach project.



Praises and Prayers

Lord Jesus, as we draw closer to the day of your sacrifice, we mourn your pain and suffering, but we also anxiously anticipate the celebration of your glorious resurrection. In honor of our relationship with you, we come before you with confidence, lifting up the following praises and prayers...

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 Keri Merickel’s patient, who shared a God moment

Prayers

- *For Karen Cantrell’s mother, who has health issues
- *For Roger Troutman, who is also dealing with health issues
- *For the Farren Family, following Rev. Paul’s passing
- *For Connie Garg, who is still dealing with Covid
- *For Nancy Miller’s nephew Caleb, who is in Brazil
- *For Kathy McConnell, whose recent surgery was successful
- *For young Oscar as he recovers from an attack by two dogs
- *For Sheila Burckhart, who is dealing with COPD
- *For Bill Braucher as he prepares for surgery in Cleveland
- *For Tom Dilgard, who continues to deal with health issues
- *For four-year old Michael, who is preparing for chemo
- *For Bernie Schafrath, who is dealing with ALS

Acorn Society

Acorn Society will meet at the Farmstead in Berlin at 11:30 on April 9. Car pool from Fischer Auditorium at 11:00.

Last Week’s Attendance:45 in person..... 51 online
Last Week’s Offering: \$4468

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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| Sunday 4/6 | Sunday School | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Worship | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Lenten Service | 4:00 p.m. |
| | at Church of the Cross UMC | |
| Monday 4/7 | Art and Soul | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday 4/8 | Evangelism Team | 1:30 p.m. |
| | Days for Girls | 2:00 p.m. |
| | Girl Scouts | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday 4/9 | Acorn Society | 11:30 a.m. |
| | Men’s Bible Study | 6:30 p.m. |
| | Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday 4/10 | 4-H | 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday 4/11 | Ida Sue Easter Egg Hunt | 10:00 a.m. |
| | Girl Scouts | 4:00 p.m. |

Looking Ahead

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| 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 | Cantata | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sunday 4/20 | EASTER Sunday | 10:30 a.m. |

Upcoming Worship Services

- April 6Lenten Service at Church of the Cross UMC
- April 13Justice Through Jesus
- April 20A Little Jesus Goes a Long Way
- April 27United Women in Faith
- May 4..... Guilt Trip

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 through Love, Compassion,
 Fellowship, and Caring*

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Today’s Message
“The Kingdom of God”