

May 18, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 150:2-3) Pastor John**

Pastor: Praise God in his sanctuary;

People: Praise him in his mighty heavens.

Pastor: Praise him for his acts of power;

People: Praise him for his surpassing greatness.

***Apostles Creed Dick Wiley**

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.

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Passing of the Peace Dick Wiley

***Hymn "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" No. 731**

***Prayer of Assurance Dick Wiley**

God of all that is Good, your radiance brings us profound hope and encouragement. Guide us out of the darkness and into your light so that we can move forward with great confidence. Empower us to proclaim our faith and reinforce our covenant with you so that we can be a beacon for others. This we pray with unceasing devotion to your Great and Glorious Name. Now and forever. Amen!

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Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord in Heaven, we bow before you in humble contrition, acknowledging our transgressions and seeking your divine absolution. May your abundant grace and infinite mercy flow freely upon us, cleansing our souls and purifying our hearts, so that we may be acceptable in the sight of your Father. In you Compassionate Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Isaiah 60:1-5 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Isaiah 60:18-22 Dick Wiley

Scripture 3 1 John 1:5-7 Pastor John

Response

One: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word

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

***Gloria Patri**

***Hymn "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" No. 480**

Chancel Choir "God Will Be Exalted"

Message "Go Ahead, Make My Day!" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

***The Doxology**

***Prayer Over Our Offerings**

***Hymn "Shine Jesus Shine" On Screen**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Jingly Buckets

Don't you just hate it when your wallet and pockets are full of change? We have the solution! We will pass the buckets and collect all those pesky, heavy, noisy coins weighing you down! (We will gladly accept "quiet" money, too.) United Women in Faith will choose the mission project/agency to benefit from your generosity.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Our Monday morning Bible Study concludes tomorrow as we wrap up our study of Leviticus. All are welcome to join us for a very interesting exploration of this storied Old Testament book. Our Bible study will resume in September with an exploration of the Book of Numbers.

Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study continues this Wednesday at the Boyer's home (3595 Kister Road). We are discussing a book, titled *The Man Code*. A light supper will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the study from 7-8 p.m. All men are welcome.

Communion Preparers Needed

The church is in need of a few folks who would like to assist with communion preparation and serving on the first Sunday of the month. If interested, please contact Phyllis Weaver, Joyce Varns, or the Cantrells. Many Thanks!

Online Directory

Our new church directory is also accessible online. If you would like to be able to find this information on your phone, tablet, or laptop, please contact Elizabeth Feldman for details. It's fast, it's easy, and it's so convenient.



Praises and Prayers

Almighty and Eternal God, we rely on for strength, guidance, and inspiration. Hear our praises and prayers as we lift them before you today...

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 the Ritcheys as they celebrate 48 years of marriage
- *For our newly established ministry with the jail
- *For the installation of Pope Leo XIV

Prayers

- *For Evan Aten, who is recovering at home
- *For Bill Braucher, who is waiting for next steps
- *For Joyce Varns, who had surgery last week
- *For Pat and Dave Kotasik following the passing of their son
- *For four-year old Michael, who is undergoing chemotherapy
- *For Bernie Schafrath, who is dealing with ALS
- *For traveling mercies for Mark and Patti Ritchey

Annual Conference

East Ohio’s Annual Conference will be held next month (June 11-14) at The College of Wooster. If you would like to participate or volunteer, please let Elizabeth Feldman or Pastor John know.

Jail Ministry

Oak Chapel is partnering with the Wayne County Jail to provide spiritual support and encouragement for the inmates. If you are interested in becoming part of this ministry, please contact Steve Moore or Pastor John.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 5/18	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 5/19	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 5/20	Senior Social	1:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach	6:30 p.m.
	Trustees Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 5/21	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 5/22	4-H	7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 5/25	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 5/26	Memorial Day	
Tuesday 5/27	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 5/28	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

Lifeline Ministry

Oak Chapel will once again pack meals for Lifeline ministries on Saturday morning, June 21, in Fellowship Hall. Please consider participating in the project and, if possible, helping to cover the cost of the meals.

Thought for the Day

*If you want to cast a big shadow,
Try standing in God’s Light.*

Last Week’s Attendance: 49 in person..... 27 online

Last Week’s Offering:\$4247

Upcoming Worship Services

May 25.....	Does It Really Matter?
June 1.....	No Deficiency in His Sufficiency
June 8.....	Basics of Faith
June 15.....	Dear Ol’ Dad
June 22.....	Spare Change
June 29.....	Going in Circles

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through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship, and Caring*

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Today’s Message
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