

May 25, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

\*Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 57:1-2) Pastor John

Pastor: Save me, O God, by your name;

People: Vindicate me by your might.

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O God;

People: Listen to the words of my mouth.

\*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.

Passing of the Peace Dick Wiley

\*Hymn "America the Beautiful" No. 696

\*Prayer of Assurance Dick Wiley

God of Grace and Splendor, we give you thanks and praise for the incomparable gift of life. With each passing breath, we realize how blessed we are. We know that you are always with us, and that you will be until the end of time when we begin a new life in Your Heavenly Kingdom. And so we bow in humble reverence as we extol your glorious name, today and always. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord Jesus, we have been admonished for our many transgressions, yet we rejoice in the cleansing power of your grace and mercy. Forgive us for our sins and purify our hearts as we bow before you in humble contrition. May we be reconciled and renewed through the healing power of your cleansing blood. This we pray with great optimism and anticipation always and forever. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Psalm 90:12-17 Pastor John

Scripture 2 I Thessalonians 5:8-11 Dick Wiley

Scripture 3 Mark 13:32-37 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 "Take My Life, and Let It Be" No. 399

Chancel Choir "It Is Well with My Soul"

Message "Time Passages" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

\*The Doxology

\*Prayer Over Our Offerings

\*Hymn "Battle Hymn of the Republic" No. 717

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### 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. We would like to add additional pictures. See Bob Troutman if we could take yours!

### Change the World Day — Saturday, June 21

Join us at 8:30 for a lite breakfast before we begin to pack 5000 meals to be distributed through Lifeline Christian Mission to those in need. The process is easy and rewarding! Once the work is complete, a lite lunch will be provided. This project is made possible through monetary donations from the Oak Chapel congregation. Please label donations intended for this effort as "Change the World." We'll be lighting a candle for each \$100 raised and hope to have 18 candles glowing brightly by June 21. Questions about this project can be addressed to Pam Domer, Cindy Henshaw, or Beth Patton.



**Praises and Prayers**

Great and Powerful God, when we are weak, you are strong. Give us the strength, guidance, and inspiration to carry on and do your will by serving others. We also ask that you 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 Joyce Varns’ successful surgery
- \*For our newly established ministry with the jail
- \*For the very successful All-Daughter Banquet
- \*For Phyllis Weaver’s grandson and Tom Rife’s friend, Tony, who were spared injury in the storm

**Prayers**

- \*For the family of student Max Mendez, who died tragically
- \*For Rosie Troutman, who is dealing with back pain
- \*For Evan Aten, who is recovering at home
- \*For Bill Braucher, who will be having surgery in Akron
- \*For Joyce Varns, who had surgery last week
- \*For Ishwar Harris, who is in Hospice care
- \*For four-year old Michael, who is undergoing chemotherapy
- \*For Bernie Schafrath, who is dealing with ALS
- \*For traveling mercies for Cindy and Dan Henshaw

*Thought for the Day*

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

**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 Keri Merickel or Pastor John.

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

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.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 6/1	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 6/2	Art & Soul	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 6/3	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	UWF Executive Team	1:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6/4	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 6/5	4-H	7:00 p.m.
Sunday 6/8	<b>Pentecost</b>	<b>Wear RED</b>

**Memorial Day Tribute**

Even in the hinterlands of Wayne County, courageous men and women have answered the call to serve God and country for centuries. Today, we pause to recognize all who have served, particularly those who paid the ultimate price. We also recognize those who are currently serving to preserve the freedoms we so greatly cherish. May God bless you and watch over you, now and forever. Amen!

**Last Week’s Attendance:** ..... 39 in person..... 28 online

**Last Week’s Offering:** ..... \$4217

**Upcoming Worship Services**

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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**Today’s Message**  
*“Time Passages“*