

June 15, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

**\*Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 38:21-22)** Pastor John

Pastor: Don't leave us all alone, Lord!

**People: Please, don't be far from us!**

Pastor: Come quickly and help us!

**People: You are our Lord and our salvation!**

**\*Apostles Creed** Tom Rife

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 Tom Rife

**\*Hymn** "Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing" No. 400

**\*Prayer of Assurance** Tom Rife

May God bless our earthly fathers as we give thanks for their presence and influence in our lives. We bow down and praise our Heavenly Father, who gives life, light, and love through our journey in this world and in the world to come. May we honor this great gift by living lives of honor, integrity, obedience, and compassion, now and forevermore. In His Glorious Name we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord Jesus, you are full of compassion, grace, and mercy. Despite our iniquities, you are quick to forgive, so we bow before you in humble contrition, seeking to repent, reconcile, refresh, and renew. Restore in us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls so that we might reunite with you when you return in glory. This we pray with praise and thanksgiving in Your Precious Name. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

<b>Scripture 1</b>	Deuteronomy 6:6-9	Pastor John
<b>Scripture 2</b>	1 Thessalonians 2:11-12	Tom Rife
<b>Scripture 3</b>	Luke 15:20-24	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** "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" No. 357

**\*Special Music** Ohio Light Opera

**Message** "Spare Change" Pastor John

**Our Morning Prayer** Pastor John  
**The Lord's Prayer**

**Presentation of Our Gifts** Pastor John

**\*The Doxology**  
**\*Prayer Over Our Offerings**

**\*Hymn** "Rescue the Perishing" No. 591

**Benediction** Pastor John

**Postlude** Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

**Happy Father's Day**

To all fathers — past, present, and future — a very Happy Father's Day. For those who do not remember their father or may not have had the greatest relationship remember that there is reconciliation through God the Father's only Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

**Change the World Day**

Please consider joining us on Saturday as we pack 7,000 meals for those in need in other countries. We will gather in Fellowship Hall at 8:30 a.m. for a light breakfast. The packing will begin at about 9 a.m. The project should conclude by about noon, at which time we will enjoy lunch together. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Henshaw, Beth Patton, or Pam Domer.

**Golden Agers Luncheon**

UWF invites our community who are 60+ to gather on June 24 at 11:30 a.m. We will have a picnic style lunch and enjoy a magic show by Bobby Warren. Come and enjoy the fellowship. Bring a friend. RSVP by June 17 to Elizabeth or the church office.

**Fellowship Dinner**

On June 29, we will gather to share a meal and celebrate Pastor's John's 6th anniversary in ministry at Oak Chapel. Please bring a dish (or two) to share in our winter Fellowship Dinner tradition, and your table service. Beverages will be provided.

**Men's Bible Study**

The men's Bible study continues this Wednesday at the Boyer's home (3595 Kister Rd). 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.



**Praises and Prayers**

God of Glory and Might, guide us in our daily journey. Illuminate our pathway, and help us to honor and obey your Sacred Word. As we gather today, we ask that you hear the praises and prayers that we lift 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 our newly established ministry with the jail
- \*For visits from family and friends
- \*For Joyce Varns, who continues to recover
- \*For Mark Lemon, whose health is improving
- \*For Caroline Lilburn, who has been cleared to drive

**Prayers**

- \*For Betty Alysworth, following the passing of Sonny Smith
- \*For Rosie Troutman, who is dealing with health issues
- \*For Stephanie Long, who is dealing with health issues
- \*For Stuart Mykrantz’s friend Paul, who has terminal cancer
- \*For Jeannie Highiri’s friend, John, with health issues
- \*For Becky Schlund’s son, Danny, who is struggling with life
- \*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 the Cantrells and Zechs
- \*For Tom Rife’s son as he travels to Wooster

**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 new ministry, please contact Keri Merickel or Pastor John.

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

Sunday 6/15	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship—Father’s Day	10:30 a.m.
	ACORN Deadline	
Tuesday 6/17	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 6/18	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Saturday 6/21	Change the World Day	8:30 a.m.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 6/22	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 6/24	Golden Agers Luncheon	11:30 a.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6/25	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 6/26	4-H	7:00 p.m.

**Online Directory**

Our new church directory is accessible online. We would like to add additional pictures. See Bob Troutman if we could take yours!

**Take Me Out to the Ballgame**

Oak Chapel’s annual outing to an Akron Rubber Ducks game will be on Friday, August 1, at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$15. If you would like to attend, contact Stuart Mykrantz. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Last Week’s Attendance:**.....58 in person..... 27 online

**Last Week’s Offering:** ..... \$4,328

**Upcoming Worship Services**

June 22.....	Going in Circles
June 29.....	What are You Worried About?
July 6.....	Who’s Number 1 in Your Life?
July 13.....	Force of Habit
July 20.....	No Sweat

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**Today’s Message**  
**“Spare Change”**