

June 29, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

**\*Responsive Proclamation (From Psalm 77) Pastor John**

**Pastor:** You are the God who works wonders;

**People:** You demonstrated your strength to all people.

**Pastor:** With your mighty arm you have redeemed us!

**People:** You are a great and glorious God!

**\*Affirmation of Faith Tom Rife**

We believe in the one God. Creator and sustainer of all things. Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen

Passing of the Peace Tom Rife

**\*Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" No. 529**

**\*Prayer of Assurance Tom Rife**

God of Love and Grace and Mercy, we pause to give you thanks for your awesome presence. Regardless of how difficult our journey, you are always with us to light, to guard, to rule, and to guide. As we walk with you, we know that we have nothing to fear, so we move boldly forward in faith and devotion, now and forevermore. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord Jesus, you gave everything for us, pouring yourself out as a sacrifice for our transgressions. Unfortunately, we continue to struggle with the lure of temptation and the forces of evil. Grant us peace and forgive us for our iniquities so that we might be freed from the burden of sin. In your Mighty and Merciful Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 John 2:7-9 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Matthew 8:14-15 Tom Rife

Scripture 3 Mark 1:32-34 Pastor John

Scripture 4 Luke 8:22-24 Tom Rife

Scripture 5 Mark 6:45-51 Pastor John

Scripture 6 Matthew 19:26 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 "Be Still, My Soul" No. 534**

**\*Special Music Ohio Light Opera**  
Emily Grissing and Jeffrey Anderson

Message "Do You Believe in Miracles?" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John  
The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

**\*The Doxology**

**\*Prayer Over Our Offerings**

**\*Hymn "My Hope is Built" No. 368**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Fellowship Dinner

Please join us for our Fellowship Dinner immediately following today's service. Enjoy a great meal and catch up with our fellow congregants and guests.

### 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.

### Guest Preachers in July

Pastor John will be away two Sundays in July. Steve Moore will lead worship and bring the message on July 13, and former Oak Chapel Pastor, Kyle Gould will lead us and deliver the sermon on July 27. We look forward to welcoming Steve and Kyle to the pulpit on those days.

### Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Oak Chapel's annual outing at an Akron Rubber Ducks game will be on Friday, August 1, at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and going fast. If you would like to attend, contact Stuart Mykrantz.

### 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 also like to add new pictures. See Bob Troutman to add yours.

### Christ Candle

Perhaps you have been wondering about the third candle on the altar. We call it the Christ Candle, and it represents the presence of Jesus in our worship service. We are grateful for this symbol of the Lord with us each Sunday and in our daily lives as well.



**Praises and Prayers**

Lord Jesus, your yoke is easy and your burden is light. As we gather on this sacred day, we ask that you will hear our 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 the beautiful voices in our congregation
- \*For the Ohio Light Opera performers
- \*For the return of Jennifer, Bill, & Rosie
- \*For Kim Domer’s successful procedure
- \*For the safe return of Elizabeth’s son and daughter-in-law
- \*For the safe return of the Varns’ granddaughter from Europe
- \*For the safe return of the Zech Family from Costa Rica

**Prayers**

- \*For an end to the violence that has gripped our world
- \*For Stephanie Long, who is dealing with health issues
- \*For Nancy Miller’s sister, Gloria, who had heart surgery
- \*For Ishwar Harris, who is in the latter stages of Hospice Care
- \*For Sheila Burckhart, who is dealing with respiratory issues
- \*For Breean, who is dealing with neck issues
- \*For Cyndi Boyer’s friend, who is dealing with trauma
- \*For Rich and Cyndi Boyer who are celebrating 29 years of marriage
- \*For a young family going through a difficult time
- \*For Connie Garg who is dealing with neuropathy

**Acorn Society**

On July 9, at 11:30 a.m. the Acorn Society will meet at Brick Street Kitchen, 226 W Market St, in Orrville.

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

Sunday 6/29	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Dinner	11:45 a.m.
Tuesday 7/1	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7/2	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Friday 7/4	Independence Day	

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 7/6	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7/8	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7/9	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 7/10	4-H	7:00 p.m.

**Golden Agers**

Thanks so much to members of United Women in Faith who planned, organized, and hosted another outstanding Golden Agers Luncheon. It was a “magical” event with magician Bobby Warren providing the entertainment. The food was excellent and the opportunity to catch up with our friends and neighbors was even better.

**Mission u 2025**

“Practicing Hope Together” July 18-20 at The University of Mt. Union. This annual, multi-generational event is open to all women and girls 6-18. See Elizabeth Feldman for details.

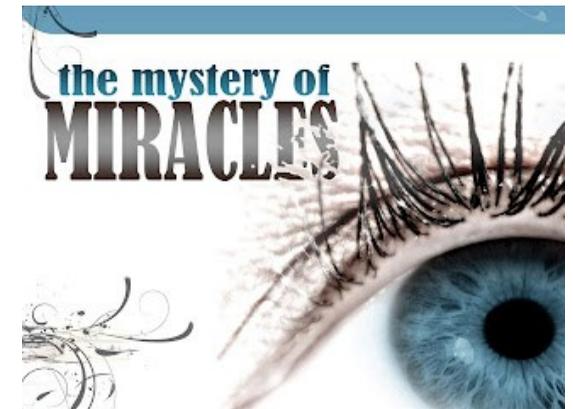
**Last Week’s Attendance:**.....53 in person..... abt. 30 online

**Last Week’s Offering:** ..... \$6,906

**Upcoming Worship Services**

July 6.....	Who’s Number 1 in Your Life?
July 13 .....	Steve Moore
July 20.....	No Sweat
July 27.....	Kyle Gould

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through Love, Compassion,  
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**Today’s Message**  
**“Do You Believe in Miracles?”**