

July 13, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Steve Moore

Opening Prayer Steve Moore

*Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 71:1-2) Steve Moore

Pastor: In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;

People: Let me never be put to shame.

Pastor: In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;

People: Turn your ear to me and save me.

*Apostles Creed Miriam Zech

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 Miriam Zech

*Hymn "I Surrender All" No. 354

*Prayer of Assurance Miriam Zech

Holy Lord, you endured unspeakable pain and suffering on the cross so that we could be freed from the burden of sin and the finality of death. Give us the strength and courage to battle through the difficult times in life, knowing that in the end you will rescue us and bring us home to your Father's Heavenly Kingdom. This we pray with great resolve and fortitude in your Sacred Name. Amen!

Call to Confession Steve Moore

Prayer of Confession Steve Moore

God of the Universe, you created a perfect world — a paradise meant to last for eternity. Sadly, we disobeyed

your commandments and dishonored your Sacred Word. Fortunately your grace is abundant, and your mercy is

limitless, so we ask you once again to forgive us as we confess our sins before you. In your Caring and

Compassionate Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Steve Moore

Scripture Selections from Job Steve Moore

Scripture Selections from 1 Peter Miriam Zech

Scripture Selections from Hebrews Steve Moore

Response

One: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word

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

*Gloria Patri

*Hymn "Depth of Mercy" No. 355

*Special Music Ohio Light Opera
Jenelle Williams and Jacob Bodnar

Message "Why Does God Allow Suffering?" Steve Moore

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John
The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*The Doxology

*Prayer Over Our Offerings

*Hymn "Thy Word is a Lamp" No. 601

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Welcome Steve Moore

We welcome Steve Moore to the pulpit this morning while Pastor John is on vacation. Steve will lead worship and deliver the message, titled, "Why Does God Allow Suffering?"

Texas Flood Response

Today, we invite you to participate in a special offering to support flood relief efforts in the Rio Texas Conference. 100% of your gifts will go to churches and organizations actively responding with food, shelter, rebuilding assistance, and hope. As we give, let it be more than an offering—let it be an act of solidarity, a prayer in action, a river of compassion flowing from one heart to another.

Soul Care Retreat (formerly Spa Day)

All women and girls are invited to a morning of pampering on July 26 here at Oak Chapel. A variety of relaxing activities are planned beginning at 10 a.m. Ending with a light, delicious and healthy lunch.

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.

Pastor Kyle Returns

Former Oak Chapel Pastor, Kyle Gould, will lead us and deliver the sermon on July 27, while Pastor John is away for the weekend. We are pleased to welcome Kyle back.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Stuart still has tickets for the Akron Rubber Ducks game for Friday, August 1, at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and going fast.



Praises and Prayers

Lord in Heaven, we are so grateful for your unconditional love, as well as your abundant grace and infinite mercy. As we gather before you, we ask you to hear our praises and prayers...

Praises

- *For Kim Domer’s successful procedure
- *For the support for Rosie during her hospitalization
- *For Kirsten Stiffler’s successful surgery
- *For Pastor John’s classmates, who visited last week
- *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 our warm and welcoming 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 impact of our Pantry on the community

Prayers

- *For Jean Haghiri’s father, following the death of his wife
- *For the Patton’s son-in-law, whose uncle has passed
- *For Vivian Bucha as she prepares for treatments
- *For Ken Picking, who is recovering from surgery
- *For Linda, who is dealing with a post-surgery infection
- *For traveling mercies for the Finn Family
- *For a young family going through a difficult time
- *For an end to the violence that has gripped our world
- *For the victims of flooding in Texas

Last Week’s Attendance: 48 in person..... 27 online
Last Week’s Offering: \$2,273

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 7/13	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7/15	Senior Social	1:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 7/16	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 7/20	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 7/21	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 7/22	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7/23	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 7/24	4-H	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 7/26	Soul Care Retreat	10:00 a.m.

Opportunity for Service at Oak Chapel

1. Greeters—August and November
 2. Counters’ Team
 3. Librarian
- If you would like to volunteer, see Elizabeth.

Senior Social

United Women in Faith continues our monthly gathering on Tuesday, July 15 from 1:00 to 3:00. conversation, table games and refreshments are on the agenda.

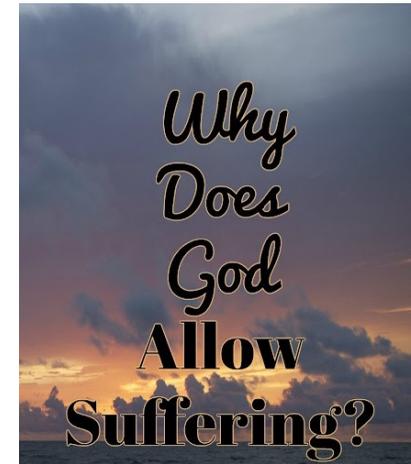
Thanks for Your Service

Your kind and thoughtful acts of service never go unnoticed. So many of you do so many things without fanfare or recognition, but please know that we are so very appreciative. Most recently, I would like to thank Blair Shallenberger for delivering mulch to the church, and Greg and Karen Cantrell for spreading it around our building. A sincere note of gratitude to all of you.

Upcoming Worship Services

July 20.....Under Construction
 July 27..... Kyle Gould

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 Fellowship, and Caring*

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