

July 20, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 27:1) Pastor John**

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

People: Whom Shall I Fear?

Pastor: The Lord is a fortress protecting my life.

People: Should I be frightened of anything?

***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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 92**

***Prayer of Assurance Miriam Zech**

When darkness comes, we have a light that illuminates our pathway. When discouragement threatens, we have an advocate who brings comfort. When illness or injury cause suffering, we have the great healer by our side. When loneliness causes heartache, our Lord fills the void. For these gifts and countless others, we give Him great thanks and praise, now and forever. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Everlasting God, King of all creation, you could have discarded us and left us to wallow in eternal despair, but instead, You sent your only Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as an atonement for our sins. So once again, we seek your grace and mercy as we confess our iniquities and vow to live a more holy and obedient life. In your kind and caring Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture Philippians 1:6, 9-11 Pastor John

Scripture II Corinthians 5:17-19 Miriam Zech

Scripture II Peter 2:1-5 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 "More Love to Thee, O Christ" No. 453**

Special Music Ohio Light Opera

Lauren Hinkle, Cameron Randall, and Isaac Morton

Message "Under Construction" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

***The Doxology**

***Prayer Over Our Offerings**

***Hymn "Jesus is All the World to Me" No. 469**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

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.

Work Day Rescheduled

The work day at the home of Bill and Tina Braucher has been rescheduled for Monday, July 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. We will paint, move furniture, and prepare the living room for new carpeting along with other possible odd jobs. If you would like to participate, email Pastor John at jfinn@wooster.edu.

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.

Pastor Kyle Returns

Former Oak Chapel Pastor, Kyle Gould, will lead us and deliver the sermon next week while Pastor John is away for the weekend.

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.

Remembering Paul Kaufman

It is with considerable sadness that we announce the passing of Paul Kaufman. He and his wife, Janet, attended both Oak Chapel and St. Mary's for many years. Paul was a kind, gentle, thoughtful, and faithful man. While we mourn his passing, we rejoice in his entry into God's Heavenly Kingdom, where he joins the "great cloud of witnesses!"



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 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 beautiful voices in our congregation
- *For the Ohio Light Opera performers
- *For the impact of our Pantry on the community

Prayers

- *For Sheri Finn’s friend, Becky, experiencing health issues
- *For the family of Paul Kauffman
- *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 a young family going through a difficult time
- *For an end to the violence that has gripped our world
- *For the victims of flooding and first responders in Texas

Thought for the Day

*If God is All You Have
Then You Have All You Need*

Last Week’s Attendance: 43 in person..... 39 online
Last Week’s Offering:\$6,161

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 7/20	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 7/21	Work day at the Brauchers	9:00 a.m,
	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.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 7/27	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7/29	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7/30	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.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.

Buy-Way Yard Sale—Thursday and Friday, August 7 and 8
 Food will be served from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. How can you help? Ask Joyce. Would you like to rent a space for a personal sale? Ask Joyce.

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.

Upcoming Worship Services

July 27..... Kyle Gould
 August 3 What Are You Worried About?
 August 10..... Force of Habit

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 Fellowship, and Caring*

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Today’s Message
“Under Construction”