

March 22, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 41:1-2) Pastor John**

Pastor: Clap your hands all you nations.

People: Shout to God with cries of joy.

Pastor: For the Lord Most High is awesome.

People: He is the Great King over all of creation.

***Apostles Creed Jean Haghiri**

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 Jean Haghiri

***Hymn "Faith of Our Fathers" No. 710**

***Prayer of Assurance Jean Haghiri**

Loyal and Loving God, we know that you are always with us, providing light, guidance, and assurance, especially in moments of darkness and despair. We are assured that we can call on you at any time, so we continue to follow in your footsteps while pledging to live holy, upright, and obedient lives, from this day forward. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Precious Savior, your sacrifice on the cross and your resurrection from the tomb have freed us from the bondage of sin and death. Once again today, we lay our transgressions before you with contrite hearts, asking you to shower us with your abundant grace and mercy. In Your Forbearing Name we pray, Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

2 Timothy 4:3-4 Pg. 1250 Pastor John

Titus 2:11-15 Pg. 1252 Jean Haghiri

Galatians 6:4-7 Pg. 1222 Jean Haghiri

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Pg. 1197 Pastor John

Response

Pastor: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word!

People: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy!

***Gloria Patri**

***Hymn "I Surrender All" No. 354**

***Anthem "Live for the Lord" Chancel Choir**

Message "Are You Kidding Me?" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

***The Doxology**

***Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John**

***Hymn "Blessed Assurance" No. 369**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Lenten Worship Series

Our Sunday Afternoon Lenten Services continue today, here at Oak Chapel, beginning at 4 p.m. Pastor James Lance will be delivering the message. Refreshments will follow. Our final Lenten Service will take place next Sunday at Wooster United Methodist with Reverend Kimberly Arbaugh, from the Urban Mission Ministry of Steubenville, bringing the message.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Ida Sue School will take place this Friday, March 27, at 10 a.m. If you would like to volunteer that day, please let Cindy Henshaw know.

Last Supper

Please join us on Maundy Thursday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m. for a special meal in the Sanctuary commemorating The Last Supper. There is no charge for the dinner, but we need a head count, so please mark your intentions on our attendance insert or call the church office (330-264-2537). We could also use some help cleaning up after the service.

Good Friday Cantata

Oak Chapel will once again host a Good Friday Cantata, titled, "We Were There," on April 3, beginning at 7 p.m. Join us for another wonderful musical production, and invite others to experience this moving spiritual drama.

Easter Service

Our annual Easter worship service will take place on Sunday, April 5, at 10:30 a.m. Please join us as we welcome a special guest to our church.



Praises and Prayers

Heavenly Father, we bow before you in humble adoration, and we give thanks for your many blessings. We ask that you will hear our voices as we lift up our praises and prayers before you at this time.

Praises

- *For those who have reached out to help Gene Varns
- *For Chrissy, whose health is improving
- *For Brad’s wife whose health is improving
- *For Wendy Rife who is doing well after a heart procedure
- *For Bob and Rosie Troutman, who are home from Florida
- *For our Sunday afternoon Lenten Services
- *For leaders in our church family
- *For Oak Chapel’s ministry at Danbury Assisted Living
- *For Oak Chapel’s Sunday School and Bible Studies
- *For the gift of patience in times of adversity
- *For the hospitality shown to all who worship with us
- *For those in our congregation who reach out and help others
- *For the blessings of answered prayer
- *For the commitment of our prayer warriors
- *For health and healing
- *For the presence of God’s Holy Word in our church
- *For visitation by family and friends
- *For safe passage for those who travel

Prayers

- *For a peaceful resolution to the war in Iran
- *For Fran Faucet, who is dealing with leg pain and blood clots
- *For Connie Reed, who is dealing with lower-body pain
- *For Connie Garg, who is seeking relief from vertigo
- *For Kitty Boyer, who is dealing with post-surgery pain
- *For Miriam Zech as she travels to her annual 4-H Workshop
- *For Jeff and his family, who are facing financial decisions
- *For Dick and Carol Gasser, who are dealing with health issues
- *For those dealing with the recent storm damage
- *For those who are dealing with family struggles

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 3/22	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Lenten Service	4:00 p.m.
	Oak Chapel UMC	
Monday 3/23	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Ad Council	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 3/24	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
	Fill Easter eggs	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 3/25	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 3/26	4-H	7:00 p.m.
Friday 3/27	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00 a.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 3/29	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Lenten Service	4:00 p.m.
	Wooster UMC	
Monday 3/30	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 3/31	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4/1	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 4/2	Worship/Meal	6:00 p.m.
Friday 4/3	Good Friday Cantata	7:00 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunity

The College of Wooster will once again host the East Ohio Annual Conference June 11-13. Organizers are seeking individuals who would like to volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School, It will be an opportunity to share the love of Christ with our youngest disciples. If you are interested and able to serve any time slot please contact Rev. Amy Vittorio at pastoramyv@gmail.com.

Upcoming Worship Services

March 29.....	A Better Way
April 5	A Conversation with Christ

**Oak Chapel
United Methodist Church**



Today’s Message

“Are You Kidding Me?”

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*Serving God and Community
through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship, and Caring*