

April 12, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Proclamation (Proverbs 3:5-6) Pastor John**

Pastor: Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

People: And do not lean on your own understanding.

Pastor: In all your ways acknowledge him,

People: And he will make straight your paths.

***Apostles Creed Cindy Mykrantz**

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 Cindy Mykrantz

***Hymn "Leave It There" No. 522**

***Prayer of Assurance Cindy Mykrantz**

Father in Heaven, we often find ourselves in times of uncertainty and doubt. We question our motives, our thoughts, and our actions. Give us the guidance to follow your illuminated pathway so that we will not fall victim to life's temptations, and bring us the wisdom and clarity to live our lives according to your commandments. This we pray with great assurance in Your Incomparable Name. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord Jesus, our sinfulness brings us both regret and sorrow, but because of your abundant grace and infinite mercy, we have hope for redemption through your precious blood. Forgive us for our transgressions, and lead us not into temptation so that we may resume our efforts to be good and faithful disciples. In your Holy and Precious Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Psalm 55:22	Pg. 601	Pastor John
1 Peter 5:6-9	Pg. 1274	Cindy Mykrantz
Philippians 4:4-7	Pg. 1232	Pastor John
2 Timothy 1:6-7	Pg. 1248	Cindy Mykrantz
John 14:25-27	Pg. 1129	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 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" No. 496**

***Anthem "Come and Fill" Chancel Choir**

Message "Don't Worry About It" 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 "God Will Take Care of You" No. 130**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

The Cantate Singers

Today at 4:00 p.m. at the Cornerstone Community Church in Dalton, The Cantata Singers, a local community choir, will present "Let Justice Roll Down Like Water."

Laboring for the Lord

Oak Chapel is looking into forming a group that would provide service to others in the form of yardwork, household cleaning, and other types of half-day projects for both members of our church and those in our community. We would begin with quarterly ventures and perhaps move to every other month. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Carla or C.J. Krichbaum.

Earth Day, April 22

The very first Earth Day was April 22, 1970. People of all backgrounds and generations are called to stand shoulder to shoulder in defense of the only home we share. To lift your voice, take action, and show your love for Planet Earth. When we stand together, our planet has a future.

Spreading the Word

The local branch of Gideons is actively seeking new members to share the Gospel by distributing God's Word in public places. If you would like to learn more about this men's group, there will be an informational dinner on Tuesday, May 19. Once we learn about the time and location, we will let everyone know.

Volunteer Opportunity

The College of Wooster will once again host the East Ohio Annual Conference June 11-13. Would you like to help with VBS? If you are interested and able to serve any time slot, please contact Rev. Amy Vittorio at pastoramyv@gmail.com.



Praises and Prayers

Mighty and Majestic God, we celebrate new life through you. Your crucifixion and resurrection overcame sin and death and provided a pathway to salvation for all who believe. As we come before you again today, we ask that you will hear our voices as we lift up our praises and prayers before you at this time.

Praises

- *For Wendy Rife’s continued recovery and support
- *For the rescue of the downed pilot in Iran
- *For the presence of Jesus in our church
- *For our meal at Homeward Bound last Monday
- *For our Maundy Thursday Service
- *For the beautiful voices in our Good Friday Cantata
- *For Jen Moser’s wonderful music ministry at Oak Chapel
- *For today’s community-wide musical performance
- *For those who came before us and brought us to the faith
- *For Saturday’s square dance at the Fairgrounds
- *For our vibrant Sunday School class at Oak Chapel
- *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 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 the family of Randy Purdy, who passed last week
- *For Alma, the Preston’s granddaughter, who has cardiac issues
- *For Rodney Mitchell’s father, who is seriously ill
- *For Dick and Carol Gasser, who are dealing with health issues

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 4/12	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Monday 4/13	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 4/14	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4/15	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
	May Acorn Deadline	
Saturday 4/18	CV UWFaith Gathering	9:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 4/19	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Monday 4/20	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	UWFaith Executive Team	10:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 4/21	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 4/22	Earth Day	
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 4/23	4-H	7:00 p.m.

Save the Planet

The City of Wooster is having Electronics Recycling Day on Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 a.m.—Noon on the College of Wooster Campus. (the old tennis courts) See insert.

Last Week’s Attendance: 69 in person....48 online
Last Week \$5488

Upcoming Worship Services

April 19.....Retaliation or Reconciliation?
April 26 An Erosion of Trust
May 3.....All I Need is a Miracle
May 10 Optic White
May 17 What Goes Around Comes Around

Oak Chapel United Methodist Church



Today’s Message

“Don’t Worry About It”

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